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Kimberly 26th Oct
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My dear Mr Chesson

I have just received your note of the 1st inst. The "Times" referred to has not yet come to hand.

As to Donald White & the Aborigines Protection Society - I saw only one statement which he made in a Colonial paper. I spoke to Mr White on the subject - I showed how wrong it was to "pit" respectable Colonists versus the Society - inasmuch as the Society did not oppose Colonists but lawlessness & filibustering & occasionally the unequal carrying out of laws. He is identifying himself with Waverley at the

last was very significant.
In private Mr White expressed
himself ~~strongly~~ in the strongest
terms in behalf of the natives.
The popularity of the Aborigines
Protection Society has never
quater in South Africa than
at present.

Mr White's reference to
the Society which I saw was
a very poor very thin -
parent attendance & coming
favoured with what is commonly
called the "Dutch" party.
Before many years are over
people will get a surprise
with reference to this same
Dutch party. You are

average that the best Dutch
numbers were great friends
of Saul Solomon. They would
be so still, but there is alas
no Saul Solomon at present
in the House.

I deeply regret to see
^{from your note} from the papers that Mr Forster
continues incarcerated.

In a fortnight after you
get this I hope to be in England.

I have had a letter from
Mr Wardlaw Thompson in
which he says the Directors
of the Missionary Society will not
be able to regard me as being
on the list of their paid mis-
sionaries, but I understand

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been to say that many Directors
are willing to assist in their private
Cahoon's.

In my circumstances I
shall be glad of such assistance;
from those interested in the
field; but have no fear
of being able to pull thro
somehow. If it comes that
in a place like London I can
surely earn some money & do
my South African work also.

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Dear yours sincerely

John Muckley