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Mr. Chairman:

Miss de Graeff, Mr. de Jager, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have been asked to speak ~~to you today~~ on behalf of the parents

on this very great occasion - the EXHIBITION OF STANDARD VL NEEDLE-  
WORK.

First of all let me say how grateful I am to you for asking me to come along and visit you and also to witness this Exhibition. It is a pleasure I assure you to see this fine work that is displayed before us today, to see and meet the teachers, parents and friends on this occasion and also to meet the organisers and people who <sup>are</sup> sacrificing their lives in order that education may be brought to the African people of <sup>+ Chadrew S.A.</sup> ~~this country.~~

This is a significant and impressive day. This is, I believe, the first event of its kind held in this beautiful new edifice of which we as a people are justly proud. In such a lovely building <sup>as</sup> this Industrial Centre, we <sup>as parents</sup> have the assurance that our children will get an opportunity to learn certain phases of industrial work that will fit them for life's service when they have ~~passed out from~~ finished their courses here.

All of our children cannot be teachers, preachers, doctors, farmers and the like. Some are inclined towards industry. They are eager to become industrial workers and it is for these children that this Centre has been provided.

Industrial training is a step in the right direction towards a technical education. What we see here today is an indication of what given an opportunity African children can do. This is all we parents ask for for our children , an opportunity. to develop their God-given talents.

And so the great question each child who enters this Industrial Centre must ask himself, 'How shall I make the most of myself in the courses that I am taking here'? The first thing necessary to the doing of good work is that the student who does it shall love his work. Lasting work means loving work. Fall in love with your work - that is the first rule of doing well. Fall in love with your work and your and your labour will bring you ~~may~~ joy as well as money. The second rule for ~~for~~ doing good work yourself is to form good habits. Habit is the most powerful influence in human life. Good habits are the physical basis of good work just as the love of work is its soul.

~~I would that I had the brain and tongue to give proper expression to my heartfelt appreciation to the organizers of the Exhibition of St. VI Needlework.~~

~~Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the parents, I thank all of you, teachers, students, organizers as well as friends here today for attending this Exhibition.~~

~~Mr. Chairman, Miss de Graff, ladies & gentlemen,~~

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*Mr. Chairman*

Exhibitions like the one we see today always inspire the parents of the children as much as they inspire the children who have done the work and received the prizes. Mothers' and fathers' hearts are filled with pride and joy because of the efforts the children have put forth in achieving success. If each parent had an opportunity today to express his or herself all expressions would be of gratefulness and appreciation.

My mind goes back to the time when friends of mine in America said to me prior to my sailing for South Africa, "When you get to S.A. you are going to see some very fine needlework made by the African people." My friends, I see that very fine needlework today and for it I am very proud. I hope as the years come and go we shall see more and more of this type of work done by the children, our children. We hope and trust that this is the forerunner of greater things to come for the African people.

*Miss de Graff  
Mr. de Jager*

And now on behalf of the parents I wish to express our appreciation to all of you have help to make this Exhibition a success.

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