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## SOME FACTS—

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The late Dr. C. T. Loram  
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## MEMBERSHIP

Over 3,600; 75 organisations affiliated, including 25 leading municipalities.

## RESEARCH

Farm labour; costs-of-living; industrial relations; juvenile delinquency; evidence to Commissions; racial attitudes.

## MAKING FACTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Monthly and quarterly publications; Memoranda; Handbook on Race Relations; Information Bureau; Reference Library; conferences; public meetings; study circles; winter schools.

## PRACTICAL MEASURES

Legal Aid Bureaux; Joint Councils of Europeans and Non-Europeans; First National Nutrition Conference, 1939, leading to State Nutrition Council; First National Penal Reform Conference, 1945; Literacy for adult Non-Europeans; Training for Non-Europeans; Investigations.

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Dear Mr. Paton,

### Hoernlé Memorial Lecture

As you are aware, the Institute established a Memorial Lecture in memory of the life and work of the late Professor R.F. Alfred Hoernlé, Professor of Philosophy at the University of the Witwatersrand. During the last fifteen years of his life Professor Hoernlé was increasingly concerned with the racial difficulties of the Union and the problems of its Non-European peoples. He turned his mind to the analysis of the situation, published as "South African Policy and the Liberal Spirit" and "Race and Reason" and devoted much of his time to every day practical help. He helped to found and build up the Institute and he won the respect and admiration of European and Non-European alike.

The Lecture, which is delivered each year, is intended not only as a tribute to his memory, but also as a means towards keeping alive in South Africa the spirit and approach of Hoernlé by asking some distinguished authority in the field of culture contact to make some positive contribution to knowledge through it. The Executive Committee of the Institute will be very grateful if you will deliver the 1954 Hoernlé Memorial Lecture. The Lecture is usually delivered at the time of our Council meetings which will be held in Port Elizabeth in January of 1954. As 1954 will be the Institute's "Silver Jubilee", the Executive might wish to have the Lecture delivered at another centre or have it repeated in other centres, but this has not been decided as yet.

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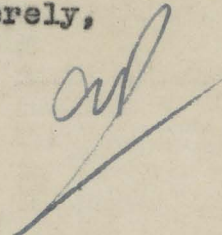
Dear Mr. Whyte,

Hoernle Memorial Lecture :

Thank you for your letter of September 2, which was received by hand from Mrs. Hoernle in Johannesburg on the 22nd.

It would be a great honour to join the ranks of those who have delivered the Memorial Lecture, and what is more, I would not like to seem unwilling to accept the honour. I am, however, pledged to finish a book on South Africa for American High Schools by November 1, and I doubt my ability to have the lecture ready within two months of the date of its delivery. Furthermore, a lecture of this kind should be produced slowly and with deliberation. My real reason for hesitating is that I do not think that I shall have time enough to produce something worthy of the occasion and of the man in whose memory the Lecture was founded. With this uncertainty in my mind, I feel that I should not accept the honour, that I should apologise for not accepting it, and that I should hope perhaps to be invited on some future occasion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C. J. ...', written over a horizontal line.

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