

- in the lowlands, in the foothills and in the mountain areas.

Remember that we and our families subsist from the land of Lesotho, which is the property of the nation as a whole. And it is therefore the responsibility of us all - the nation as a whole - to protect this, our property, from being eaten away by soil erosion. We must shoulder this responsibility ourselves, and if we show that we are willing to do this, I can see no reason why - if approached - our neighbours could not help us to help ourselves in combating our problem of soil erosion, which if left as it is, will also affect them detrimentally in one way or another - for example, in the silting up of their rivers and dams with our soil.

It is my Government's great desire also to improve what we are already doing to promote Village Industries in all your areas. Let me show you a rug that has been produced here in Lesotho by Basotho men and women, made of the mohair of our goats at the Thabana-Li'mele Village Industries Development Organization Centre. Actions speak louder than words. While members of the Opposition groups are going up and down in your villages feeding you with political slogans, untruths and empty promises, your Government on the other hand is not interested in any kind of empty talk but prefers to show by action what we can do for you. The Village Industries Development Organization at Thabana-Li'mele is just the beginning and the kind of work that it is achieving will spread from there to the foothills and into the mountain areas so that - while we are at the same time busy establishing light industries in the urban areas - you too, in the foothills and the mountain areas, shall have the benefit of Village Industries. It is our aim that development shall take place throughout the country and not merely in one or two places.

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Sethabathaba Fund to meet the cost of higher education. I cannot see any reason why they should not once again apply themselves to the task rather than see this University stagnate - when it should, on the contrary, now be growing from strength to strength, to the extent where it can provide all the facilities necessary for this country's development. The performance of this University deserves such consideration. It has turned out men of standing in the African society of today. To mention but a few, I would name the first pre-independence Prime Minister of Uganda, Mr. Benedict Kiwanuka, who is today the Leader of the Opposition in that country's Parliament; Mr. John Tembo, the Minister of Finance in the Government of Malawi is the product of our University and so is Mr. Masinde Muliro, a Minister in the Republic of Kenya. These men represent praiseworthy achievements for which we must be proud of our University and particularly grateful to those friends of the University who have assisted so far in its establishment and development. The United Kingdom, over and above the grant-in-aid to Lesotho, makes a special contribution towards the maintenance of the University; the Americans and the Canadians have in a number of ways also extended a helping hand. Here I would like to express a special word of thanks to Canada, because the establishment of our University was the direct result of the work of missionaries of Canadian extraction.

Like all emerging countries in Africa, we are faced with many problems. We are no exception to the rule that education needs to be adapted to the changing requirements brought about by development. It will require hard work and great effort - but I am positive that the response of all sectors of the population to this appeal which I and my Government are launching will bear wholesome fruits. We shall then go on to build properly for the future on a clear-cut policy which will lead to success.