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- (By. â\200\234Oui Special Representative) _

PE understand !â\200\235.
heâ\200\231 said, â\200\230with
that gentle

patience of: Africa that
clothed his â\200\230youth, his
inexperience;' his _puzzle-
ment at the World, as. wit
is, with a great â\200\230andâ\200\231 age-
less dignity.
understanâ\200\230d Â°
humanity â\200\230Wehind aM
that -hurts?* tisâ\200\231 ohâ\200\235 â\200\230the:
white race,â\200\234 We" haveâ\200\231 â\200\230
had grent sorrow, : _ We.
have learned â\200\234to see it.
as it is. We are angry? |
No, no! We could â\200\230not =
be angry, for that would *
be to fall short.-' Sorrow *
must be borne, not
hated. We, too, are
men.â\200\231? 3 ;
Mr. Ernest Mancoba ,
is a Bantn..sculptor..
He is very young, but .
already heâ\200\231: fins pro: +
duced some:sof; the. mosâ\200\231 sÃ©etiniswork â\200\234at,
re-born Africa: 5 The: histhryoe 3 his? Carving,
â\200\234however, miist-trait, for lies: inthe: chistoty#
of his life. â\200\234 this isthe storyâ\200\235 â\200\234that â\200\234he }
told me, a-true â\200\230saga â\200\234of? today~of Africa
of slavery,- of" Rhe-riew life int â\200\234Christianity!
of the heavy. -burden that, the. Â«coming of
civilization hasâ\200\235 laid o on. Africanâ\200\231 â\200\234shoulders.: -

Christianity Comer: to: Africa. ; ?

â\200\230* My people,â\200\231â\200\231 he said; â\200\230were a â\200\230peaceful
people. They* migrated sto â\200\234the : Transkei,
where theyâ\200\231 were. enslaved: by theâ\200\231 â\200\230Thore..war-
like Xosas.;".-So itâ\200\231 wasâ\200\231 that riyy,â\200\231 â\200\230grandfather
herded cattle -and sheepâ\200\231 for â\200\230his Jord,.til one
day a greatâ\200\230storm, swept over the: â\200\230Jang, and:
-he was driven to.a cave for shelter. . Soon a
snake camo aut of the darkness. My â\200\230grand-'
father, snatching the piece of skin that hung
on-his shoulder, flung it over the head of the
snake and killed it with his own hands.

Then, as is the custom in my country
when a brave man is found, he was made
great and given lands and cattle and many
wives. Christianity came to the country,
and my grandfather received it and obeyed!
It, even when it taught that a man may have
only one wife. And so my grandmother,
who was not his principal wife, had to leave
his house, and though plans were made that
she should have a piece of land and cattle,

these, through, jealousy, were never given:

So it was that my father and mother -
were left without land and without cattle.
And Unat, = hse and with a gentle and patient
smile, is how my father said to mother; young

: Christian: peoples: came to the: locations of

as the gold-mines in Johannesburg. - We were

pose. The conditions of things were
as poor as 700 whites: dad Vive ta Voie
land, could... not understand, My: father~

worked and worked. but the money which he*

: 0, caused his family to
(" go short of; proper
| Heron and. they were

forced to drink - water

|. boiled.. with but a few!
| grains. of mealies. At

: | Grace Dieu his ability.
. d8'an artist & soon became,

apparent. He copied
Pictures from maga-
gines, though he did not

in \ the = least. compre-
hend; what- these. Eng!

lish publications meant.
Sister Pauline of Grace

Dieu gave. him a. piece:

of wood and taught him;

; | to use a knife, and go on

, he..was eestatically carv-!
ing patterns and animals
and heads on the
handles of paper knives.â\200\231
It'-was for the chapel
of - Grace Dieu â\200\224 that