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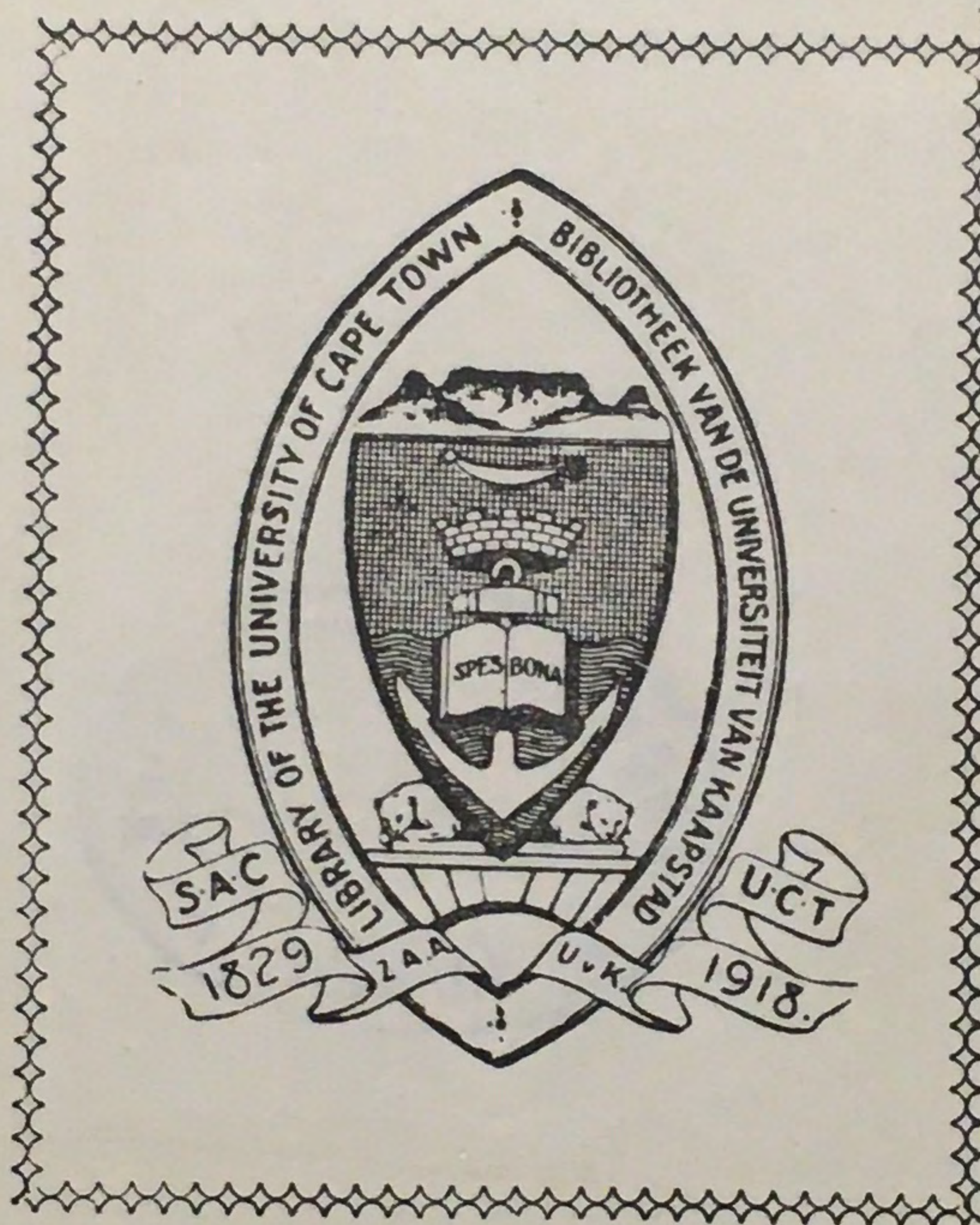
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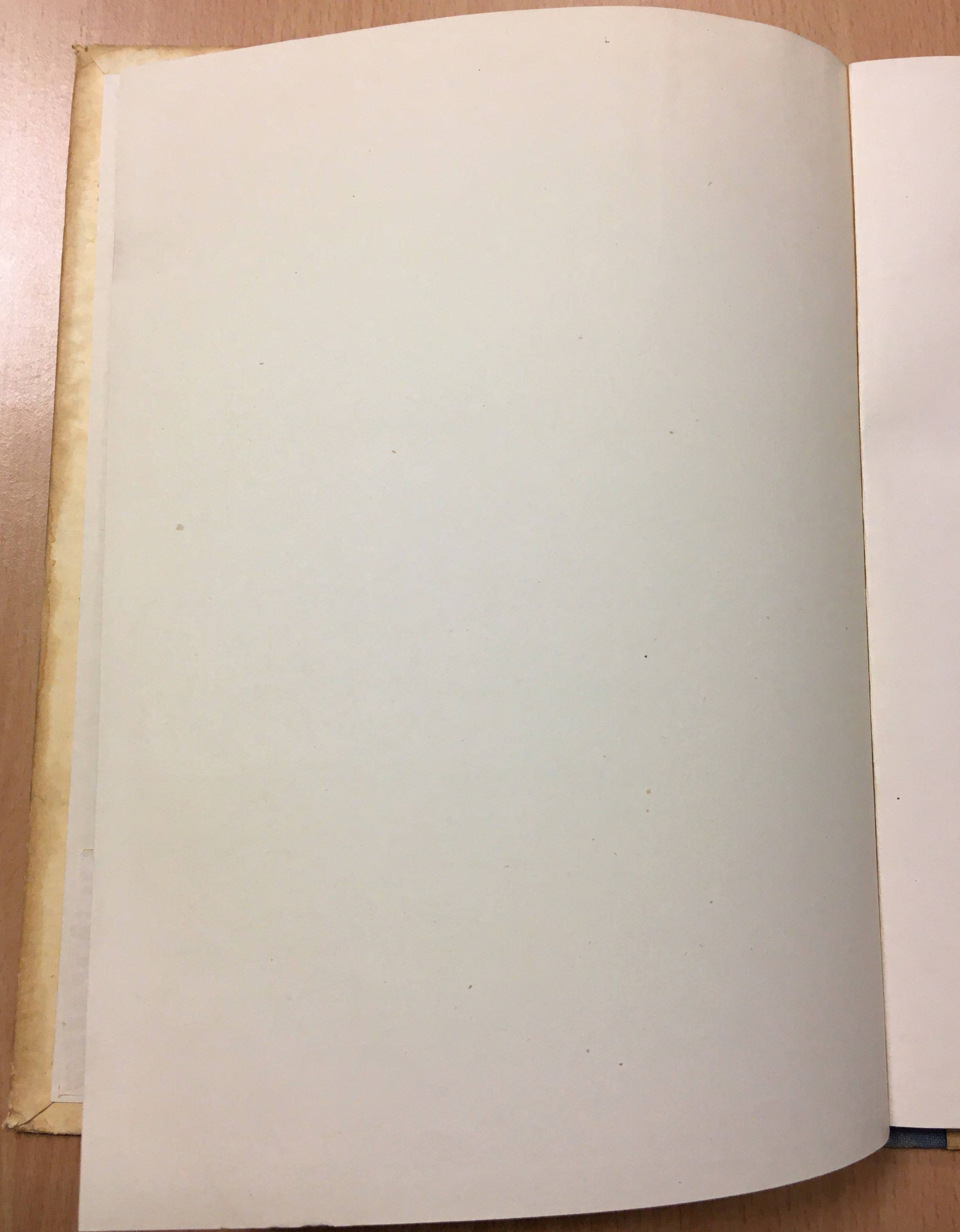


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INTRODUCTION

THE MANUSCRIPT here edited appears as item no. 1204 of Bleek's catalogue of the Grey Collection. As the entry shows, the author later used short extracts from this manuscript for his article entitled "*Researches into the Relations between the Hottentot and Kafir Races*" which appeared in consecutive numbers of *The Cape Monthly Magazine*, for April 1857 (Vol. I, nos. 4 and 5). The extracts are referred to in my footnotes to Chapter VII.

Summaries with dates of the main facts and events in the life of this great pioneer are at hand,¹ and as we have Bleek's own statement that his material was collected in the summer of 1855-56 it becomes an easy matter to relate the manuscript to its place in the chronological sequence. In 1854, while accompanying an expedition to the Niger he was attacked by fever and returned to London where he met his later patron, the governor Sir George Grey, and Bishop Colenso. With the latter he set out for South Africa and arrived in May, 1855. He spent the first year and a half in doing work for the Bishop and in devoting himself to study and research in Zululand and Natal. This then was also the period during which he gathered the material incorporated in his *Zulu Legends*. In the published records that have become available there is no direct reference to this, although in a letter written to his parents early in 1856 he mentions Zulu texts on marriage and other customs which had been dictated to him by native informants.

Bleek frequently made excursions to native kraals and he also visited several of the missionaries. In the above year he spent some time at the head kraal, between the Ilovo and the Umkomazi rivers, of Siyingela, chief of the Embo tribe. In May of the same year he removed to Mpande's kraal at Nodwengu where he remained until August; thereafter he returned to Natal. At the end of October he sailed for Cape Town where he saw Sir George Grey himself; his appointment as Interpreter to the High Commissioner followed soon after this.

As his Notes show his sources for all unwritten information were for the most part members of the Embo, some of whom are not named; he also obtained from the Rev. Callaway an account taken down from a non-Embo informant, and from the Rev. Robertson part of a dialogue, presumably in writing. If there were other sources these have not been named. Translations of the different texts, in so far as these were not already available, followed, and in his Notes the author repeatedly refers to "the dictionary" by which he probably means that of the Rev. Döhne which was published

¹ See Haeckel's preface to BLEEK, *Ueber den Ursprung der Sprache* (Weimar: 1868), but especially DOKE, "*Growth of Comparative Bantu Philology*" (*African Studies*, March 1943). For all additional information used PETERMANN'S *Mittheilungen* (1855-58) was the only source.

in 1857. Bleek undoubtedly had access to the MS. for shortly after his arrival in South Africa he visited this missionary and wrote home to say that he was not entirely in agreement with the "etimological principles" followed by him. It also stands to reason that he soon became acquainted with the existing Zulu and Xhosa publications, which included those of Schroeder, Boyce, Davis and Perrin, and that these were accessible to him.¹

Analysis

Even when scant allowance is made for the fact that Bleek had only lately set foot on African soil, and that his ear still had to become attuned to sounds that were unfamiliar, his *Zulu Legends* is still a noteworthy document and one that is even to-day eminently readable for the information it gives us. It is important both for an assessment of the author's knowledge at that stage of his notable career, and as a means of comparing the Zulu language of a century ago with that of the present time. The Zulu of the text may not always be of the purest but that does not necessarily detract from the value of such a comparison.

(1) A constantly recurring feature which, amongst others, shows that the MS. was only intended to be a record, or that in its existing form, publication was never meditated, is the inconsistent hyphenating of words and word groups. We thus find *UN-kulunkulu* (I; II 4; III 1, 4; IV 1; VI 1; VII 1, 9) and *UNkulunkulu* (II 1, 2; III 5; V 1, 7; VII 6, 12; VIII 1; IX 1, 2); *emhlabeni* (I) and *em-hlabeni* (II 1); *en-hleleni* (XVIII 5) and *e-n-hleleni* (III 3); *u-noaba* (II 2), *u-nywaba* (III 2), *lu-nwaba* (III 2) but *unywaba* (III 4); *inkomo* (IX 1) and *in-komo* (VIII 5); *nem-pimbo* (XIII 10), *no-mu-ntu* (X 3), *naba-kiti* (XI 2), *nezimvu* (IV 4); etc. Sometimes the hyphen too is missing: *aba-nga-fi* (II 2) but *aba-nga fi* (II 4); *aba ntu* (II 5); *u nwaba* (III 4).

(2) Omission of the nasal of nasal compounds, as in the formative *nga-*, in the concord of the 1st pers. sing. and in copulative forms, was a common mistake of the time. Bleek thus writes *gase-mva*, *gesikati*, *gokuba* (III 4); *gumu-ntu* (IV 2), *gu-Tshaka* (XXIX 3), *gi-ti* (XI 2), *ga-ti* (XVIII 1). Exceptions occur, as *nges-andhla* (XIII 12), *ngengubo* (XX 2), *ngu-bani* (XXIX 1), etc.

(3) The implosive and the explosive *b* have a single symbol, and this leads to the confusion seen in Chapter I (*-beka*). An exception is *-nyonyobha* (XV 1) where *bh* stands for Zulu *b*.

(4) All types of lateral sounds are represented by *hl*, thus also the voiced fricative and the voiced affricate: *o-lwanhle* (IV 3), *i-hlozi* (IX 1, 2; X 1, 2), *izin-hlu* (VII 3), *in-hlala* (VIII 2), *nezin-hlebe* (XIII 6), *i-hlisue* (XVIII 7), etc. *Dhl* occurs, though only in the verb for *to eat*: *uku-dhla* (VII 1, 8), *lu-dhla* (III 3), etc.

¹ Already in December 1855 Bleek had sent to Dr. A. Petermann a parcel containing in addition to sundry books, calendars, maps and periodicals, also works of Colenso, Perrin and Posselt.

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(5) The radical explosive velar is written *g*, as in *gaku-hlatshua* (X 1), *gaba-kehle* (V 7), *ga-si-hambe*, *ga-si-lale*, *ga-ku-tshone*, *ga-ku-pume* (XII), *ga-si-be* (XIII), *ga-te* = *kade* (XXI 2, XXII 2), *genga-li-bone* (X 2). Conversely *k* is written for the voiced sound as in *kaMakeba*, *kaKumede* (see Notes). The verb *to wash* is variously written *geza* (XIX 5) and *keza* (XIV 7); *kesisa* (XVIII 9).

- (6) (i) *d = t* in *ga-te* (XXI 2, XXII 2); *o-ka-tu-zi-dhla* (IX 4); *i-cetue* (XVIII 7); *Zwite* and *Situebe* (see the Notes and elsewhere);
(ii) *z = s* in *ma-u-ngi-sekele* (XXIX 8), *ka-Sihlanhlu* (see Notes), *kesisa* = *gezisa* (XVIII 9); *ba-ka-Mkise* (XI 2); conversely *s = z* in *zoku-suka* (XIV 11);
(iii) *q = c* in *i-cetue* (XVIII 7);
(iv) *gq = q* in *uku-qoka* (III 3), *abe-qoke* (V 3);
(v) *xh = q* in *nama-qama* (XVIII 1);¹
(vi) *x = q* in *ba-qoqa* (XIV 17);
(vii) *l* occurs as *n* in *gesi-nxene*, *sesi-nxene* (XVIII 1);
(viii) *nj = ndzh* in a single example (*bandzhe*, XXVI 4).

(7) Aspiration is not indicated, yet note *ku-Bophopa* (II 2) next to *u-Bopopa* (Note I).

(8) The labial semivowel is variously written *o*, *u* and *w*.² Passive forms mostly have *u* or *w*: *bincue* (V 4, 5, 6), *ma-ba-tengue* (VII 10), *i-hlatshue* (XXI 1), *ku-tatwe* and *ku-tatue* (XXV 3), but *um-qomiso* (XIV 17), *a-qonyoe* (XIV 16). Other forms: *isilaloanyazane* (II 2), *u-noaba* (II 2), *umuene* (VII 11), *en-hluini* (XVIII 15, etc.), *utshuala* (XXII 4), *ku-azi* (VIII 2), *uku-enza* (XXIX 4), *ku-enziwa* (XXIX 9), *ezi-twele* (XVIII 13), *ubu-longwe* (XXIII 1).

(9) Vowels:

- (i) *i = e* in *pambile* (XVIII 4, etc.), *um-nqwaze* (VII 12);
(ii) *e = i* in *aMa-tshingasi* (VI 25), *kwe-zwi* (IV 4), *aMa-qwabi* (VI 16);
(iii) *u = o* in *izi-bamo* (VI 1), *ome-gana* (XVII), *aMa-Foze* (VI 35);
(iv) *o = u* as in *aBa-Mbu* (VI 12); *ka-Sihlanhlu* (in the Notes).

(10) Underlining of vowels occurs in limited instances and is confined to *e*, apparently to indicate a closed vowel: *si-tshele* (VIII 5), *u-ya-keta* (XVIII 6), *aBa-tembu* (VI 31). The vowel sometimes has the acute accent over it, presumably to show stress: *a-kuleke* (XIV 3), *yebo* (XXIX 9).

(11) Nouns: The Vocative sometimes has, and sometimes is without the initial vowel: *um-kwenyana* (VII 2), *um-gane* (XIV 3), *ama-banhla* (XXVI 4); *ba-lamu* (VII 12), *mu-lungu* (XI 1), *nkosi* (XXIX 8). The Locative shows the usual prefixes and suffixes; *uhlanga* has *ohlanga* and *ohlangeni* (VI 2, III 1, VI 2). The Locative infix is absent in *e-z-emacaleni* (VIII 5), *na-en-hluini* (unless a contraction from *naye endlwini*), *na-esi-bayeni*, (XVIII 2).

¹ For *c = nc*, *ngc = nc* and *nx = x*, see footnote to Chapter VI.

² For Zulu diphthongs, cf. DOKE, *Zulu Grammar*, 4th ed., p. 6.

(12) Verbs: Of frequent occurrence is the Indicative Present form *ku-ya-za* which is translated *then, afterwards*: *ku-ya-za zi-ya-goduka* (XVIII 10); this mood may also replace the Subjunctive.¹ The Subjunctive Present often wrongly has the suffix *-a* (*gaku-hlatshua*, X 1; etc.). In "compound" tenses with auxiliary *se-* the final vowel may be *-e* where the context indicates that the Participial Present be used (*se-zi-pume*, *se-zi-wa-qome*, XIV),² etc. But rarely does an *-e* also occur with the Potential and Indicative (*ga-zale*, XVI; *si-ya-ku-nye*, XIII 12). A form resembling the Temporal Mood of Xhosa is illustrated by . . . *ba-pumese in-tombi ba-ku-sina* (XVIII 4), *ku-ya-za ama-banhla a-ku-hlangana kona* (XXVI 3), although for the 3 pers. sing. *wa-* in *wa-m-tabata unina wa-ku-m-tukusa* (XXIX 8).

(13) The vocabulary has many characteristic forms, some of them reminiscent of Xhosa and Swazi; thus *-anyisa*, to suckle a child (Z. *-ncelisa*), *-zeka* pass. *-zekwa*, to marry (in that meaning not unknown to Zulu), *inhloko*, the human head (Z. preferably *ikhanda*), *impumulo*, human nose (Z. preferably for animals); *pambile*, *endlwini* (*e-n-hluini*), and *-ncinane* which are well-known Xhosa forms; etc.

The Revised Version

Having regard to the simple language, the repetitions and the large amount of vocabulary which refers to everyday life, the MS. could be a valuable aid to European learners of the language. This prompted me to attempt a modernized version of it, although, in doing so, many difficulties were encountered as there is a good deal in the text that is not perfectly clear. I have found it necessary to excise certain portions, and to change or tone down some words and expressions used. The sequence of tenses involved in consecutive construction is very often at fault; in remedying this I have allowed myself considerable freedom; and as my primary aim was to present a readable text, the author's translation has frequently been ignored.

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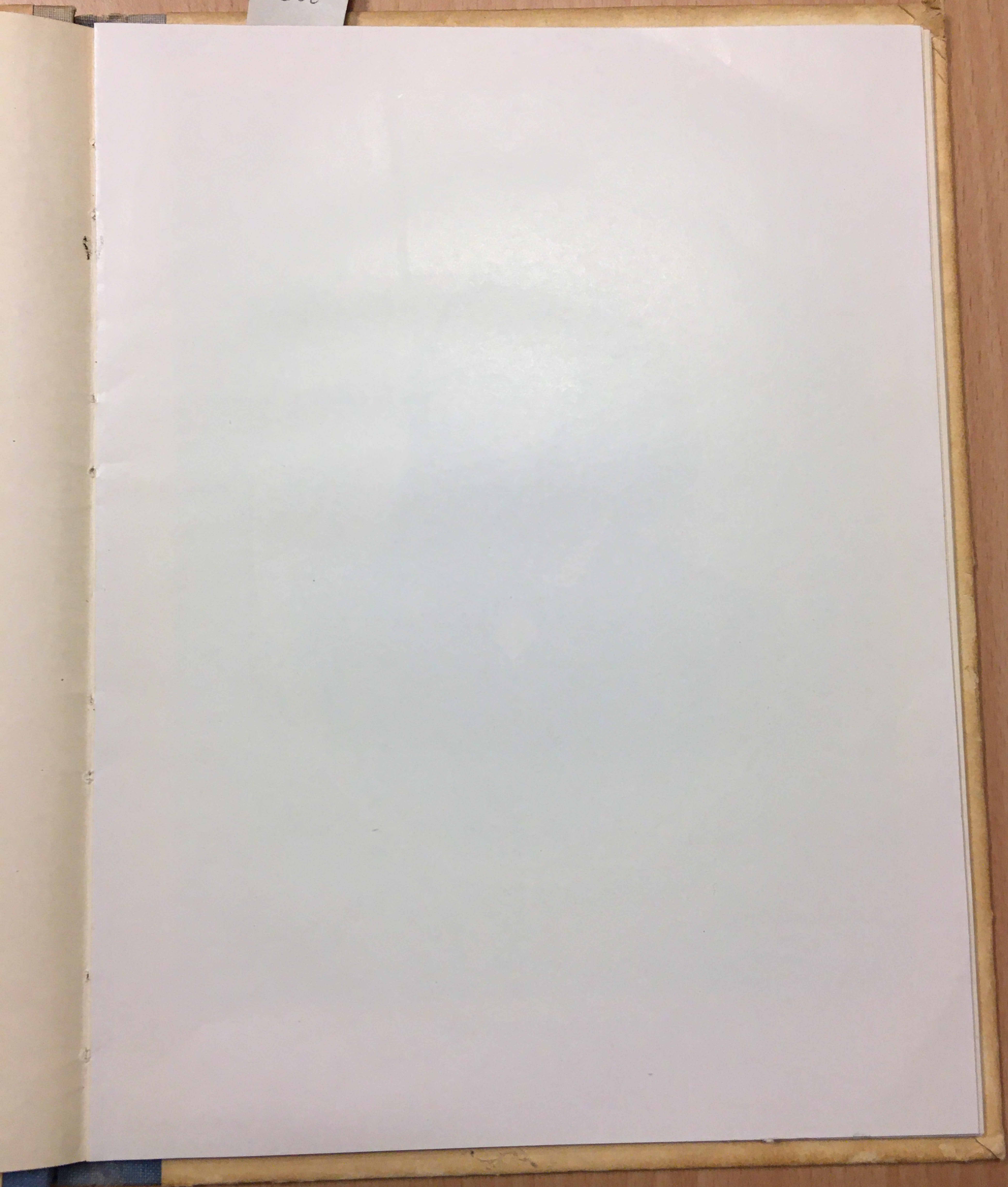
Permission to copy and eventually publish the MS. was given by the Chief Librarian of the South African Public Library. Professor H. Gonin of the Pretoria University kindly consented to provide Latin translations for certain passages,³ and I am indebted to the Union Department of Native Affairs for assistance in identifying some of the tribes mentioned in Chapter VI. Publication of the MS. was made possible through a grant awarded by the Council for Social and Humanistic Research. I am also indebted to other sources, both European and Native, which in devious ways have been of help to me.

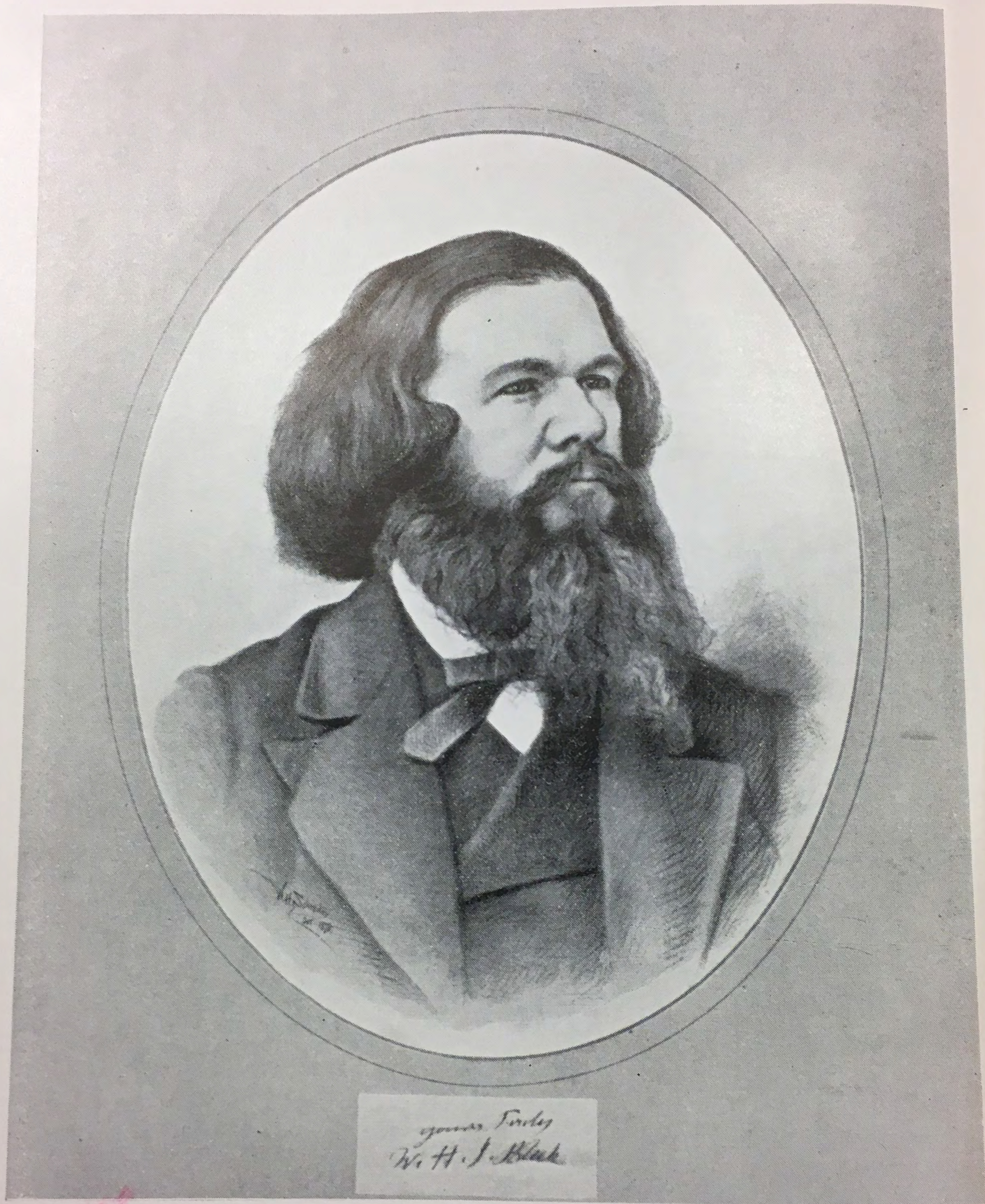
¹ Namely when the mind of the narrator reverts back from hypothetical instance to actuality: *ku-gula* (X 1), etc.

² That this is the Subjunctive *-e* is shown by forms involving the use of the 3rd person sing. as *se-a-zi-meme* (XIV 4).

³ These passages had been left untranslated by the author.

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These recollections

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tude.

The *Zulu Legends* were mostly collected in Natal during the summer 1855 — 1856.

Their language may not be the pure Zulu, as spoken at Mpande's court; but it is that of tribes who were formerly Zulu subjects, and still consider the Zulu language as their standard language.

The collector had frequently no opportunity of revising the text with the help of his native authorities; and for this reason some passages were not quite clear to him. They have been marked as such either in the text, or in the notes.

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I

UN-kulunkulu wa-puma emhlabeni gapansi;¹ wa-puma ne-langa, wa-puma ne-n-nyanga, wa-beka pezulu;² wa-ti: "i-langa li-hambe e-mini;" wa-ti "i-nyanga i-puma ku-sihlwa."

I

The Great-great-one came out of the earth beneath; he came out with the sun and with the moon, and placed (them) on the heaven; he said: "the sun may walk in the day-time, and the moon come out in the evening."

II

1. Kwe-suka uNkulunkulu, wa-puma em-hlabeni, wa-veza aba-ntu, wa-veza izi-nto, wa-veza in-komo, wa-veza abe-lungu, wa-veza izim-buzi, wa-veza izim-vu, wa-veza izin-ja, wa-veza in-nyamazane e-za-hlale³ e-hlatini.
2. Wa-ti uNkulunkulu: lu-hambe u-noaba⁴ (isi-loa-loanyazane),⁵ lu-yo-ku-ti: "aba-ntu aba-nga-fi; lu-yo-ku-tsho ku-Bophopa." Lwa-hamba ka-ncinane.⁶

II

1. There came the Great-great-one out of the earth, he brought forth men, he brought forth things, he brought forth cattle, he brought forth white men, he brought forth goats, he brought forth sheep, he brought forth dogs, he brought forth game that lives in the bush.
2. The Great-great-one said: "the chameleon (an unclean small animal) may go, it shall say: men must not die; it shall say so to Bopopa." And it went on slowly.

¹ For all references to spelling see Introduction.

² *wabeka phezulu*, he went to the heavens. Only in exceptional instances will the author's translation be commented upon—For *i-puma* read *i-pume* (*iphume*).

³ *ezihlala*.

⁴ appears also as *unywaba* and *unwaba* (Chap. III). Zulu *unwabu* or *unwaba*.

⁵ Zulu has other diminutive forms like *isilwanyana*, *isilwanyakazane*, *isilokazane*, etc.; the above form is unknown.

⁶ This is like the Xhosa form; Zulu *kancane*, *kancinyane*. See also II 4, III 3 and elsewhere.

3. "Kwe-suka in-tulwa⁷ iyoku-ti: aba-ntu aba-fe, ku fe abe-lungu ku-fe aba-ntu aba-minyama,⁸ ku-fe izin-komo, ku-fe izim-vu, ku-fe izin-ja, ku-fe in-nyamazane, ku-fe konke."
4. U-Nkulunkulu wa-e-ti: "aba ntu aba-nga fi, ku-hambe naba-ncinane."
5. Kwa-gijima in-tulwa,⁷ ya-ti: "aba-ntu aba-fe, b-onke aba ntu aba sem-hlabeni, z-onke izilo ezi-se-mhlabeni."

III

1. Si-zwa u-ku-ba ku-tiwa, u-Nkulunkulu wa-dabula izi-zwe o-hlangeni.⁹
2. Ku-tiwa wa-tuma u-nywaba, wa-ti: "hamba lu-nwaba! u-ye u-yoku-ti: aba-ntu ma-ba-nga-fi."
3. Lu-hamba u-nwaba, lu-hamba ka-ncinane; lwalibala e-n-hleleni; lwalhamba lu-dhla umu-ti o-i-gama l-a-wo ku-yibukwebezane.¹⁰
4. Wa-za u-Nkulunkulu wa-tuma in-tulo ga-

⁷ Perhaps an older form, elsewhere the regular form *intulo*.

⁸ Relative derived from the plural of *um(u)nyama*, darkness.

⁹ Zulus to-day generally use *uhlanga* for mealie-stalk; here they would therefore prefer *emhlangeni* (from *umhlanga*). Where tribal conditions still obtain the reed is an object of respect, and it is only cut after word has gone round that the time to do so has arrived. People would also refrain from hitting one another with a reed.

Chapter III has been included almost verbatim in Callaway's *The Religious System of the Amazulu*; vide Bleek's Notes (III).

¹⁰ *ogama(igama) lawo (k)ubukhwebezane (libukhwebezane, etc.)*

3. "Then the Intulo (a species of lizard) shall say: men must die, there shall die the white people, die the black people, die the cattle, die the sheep, die the dogs, die the game, there shall die everything."
4. The Great-great-one said therefore: "men must not die, also the little ones may live."
5. There made haste the intulo, and said: "men must die, all men that are on earth, all beasts that are upon the earth."

III

1. We hear that it is said, the Great-great-one created the nations out of the reed.
2. It is said, he sent the chameleon, and said: "go, oh, chameleon! and thou shalt say: men must (not) die."
3. The chameleon walks, it walks slowly; it delayed on the road; it walked eating a shrub the name of which is Bukwebezane.
4. The Great-great-one sent then the Intulo after

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semva u nwaba.¹¹ Se-lu-
hambile gesi-kati
esi-pambile¹² unywaba,
ya-hamba in-tulo. Ya-
gijima, ya-tshetsha ka-
kulu; gokuba u-Nku-
lunkulu e-ti-ze: "intulo,¹³
u-fike u-ti: aba-ntu
aba-fe."

5. I-ya-hamba-ke in-tulo;
wa-ti uNkulunkulu: "u-
tshetshe." Ya-tshetsha ya-fika.

IV

1. Wa-dabula u-Nkulunkulu
wa-zala in-tombi yo-m-lungu,
wa-zala in-doda yo-m-lungu.
Wa-ti: "a-zeke¹⁴ in-tombi
yo-m-lungu"; wa-zala nabe-
lungu.
2. Wa-dabula in-tombi
yo-mu-ntu wa-dabula in-
doda yomu-ntu. Wa-ti:
"in-tombi i-zekwe¹⁴ gu-
mu-ntu o-minyama;"¹⁵ wa-
zala aba-ntu aba-
minyama.¹⁵
3. Wa-ti: "abe-lungu ba-hlale
pakati kwama-nzi,

the chameleon. The chameleon
had already proceeded,
before the intulo started.
The latter ran, and made
great haste; because the
Great-great-one had
nakedly said: "oh,
Intulo, arrive thou,
and say: men must
die."

5. Now, the Intulo is about to
proceed; and the Great-
great-one said: "make thou haste."
It made haste and arrived.

IV

1. The Great-great-one created
and begot a white man's girl,
and begot a white man's man.
And said: "he shall marry
the white man's girl;" and he
begat also white men.
2. And he created a man's girl,
and created a man's man. And
he said: "the girl be married
to the black man;" and
he begat the black
people.
3. He said: "the white
men may live in the midst

¹¹ ngasemuva konwabu.

¹² esiphambili. For other suggested improvements see Revised Version.

¹³ ntulo; see footnote³⁰.

¹⁴ Cf. Introd. §13. Even well-informed natives are most reluctant to commit themselves on the question of Embo influence in their language, or do so only by inference and elimination. A few only mentioned -zeka (Swazi -teka) as an example of this. — Intombi yomlungu, as a Descriptive Possessive, means "a European girl", and indoda yomlungu "a European man (male)."

¹⁵ See footnote⁸.

o-lwanhle."¹⁶ *Wa-ba-nika*
*uku-qoka.*¹⁷

4. *Wa-ti*: "aba-ntu aba-
minyama¹⁵ ba-hambe pakati
kwe-zwi¹⁸ la-ke, ba-l-ake,
b-ake imi-zi, ba-fuye izin-
komo, ba-fuye izim-buzi
nezimvu, ba-beke izi-nya,¹⁹
ba-ze ba-zingele."

V

1. *UNkulunkulu wa-ti*:
"abe-lungu aba-pate
izi-bamo."²⁰
2. *Wati*: "aba-ntu aba-pate
imi-konto."
3. *Wati*: "abe-lungu abe-
qoke."²¹
4. *Wa-ti*: "aba-ntu aba-mi-
nyama aba-bincue²² imi-tsha."
5. *Wa-ti*: "aba-fazi aba-bincue²²
izin-gubo ze-zin-komo."
6. *Wa-ti*: "ama-doda a-
bincue²² in-nyamazane ne-
zim-vu."
7. *Wa-ti uNkulunkulu*: "aba-

fazi gaba-kehle."

of the water, in the
sea." He gave them
clothing.

4. He said: "the black
people shall live
within his land, they shall
inhabit it, and build kraals,
they shall be possessed of cattle, be
possessed of goats and sheep, they shall
put on bladders, then they shall hunt."

V

1. The Great-great-one said:
"the white men shall carry
guns."
2. And he said: "the men
(Bantu) shall carry spears."
3. He said: "the white men
shall-wear clothes."
4. And he said: "the black
people shall be girded round
with pieces of skin."
5. He said: the married women
shall be girded round with garments
of ox (-skin)"
6. And he said: "the men shall be girded
round with (the skins of) game and
[sheep.]"
7. He said: "the married women shall
[wear
red tops on their heads."

¹⁶ The comma after *kwama-nzi* should be deleted.

¹⁷ *ukugqoka*.

¹⁸ *kwezwe*.

¹⁹ Most likely however *babeke izinja*, (and breed dogs).

²⁰ *izibamu*; cf. Introduction (9 iii).

²¹ *abegqoke* (*abagqoke*).

²² *ababince*; *abince*.

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8. *Wa-ti*: "ama-doda a-tunge izi-coco."

8. And he said: "the married men shall sew headrings."

VI²³

1. *U-Nkulunkulu wa-dabuka pansi.*
2. *wa-puma o-hlanga (o-hlangeni)*
3. *wa-dabula aBa-ntu,*
4. *wa-dabula aBe-lungu,*
5. *wa-dabula aBe-sutu,*
6. *wa-dabula aMa-hloenga,*
7. *wa-dabula iZi-cwe,*
8. *wa-dabula aMa-swazi,*
9. *wa-dabula aMa-zulu (ka-Mpande),*
10. *wa-dabula aMa-mpondo,*
11. *wa-dabula aMa-xosa,*
12. *wa-dabula aBa-mbu,*
13. *wa-dabula aMa-qadi,*
14. *wa-dabula aMa-nyuswa,*
15. *wa-dabula aMa-ncolosi,*
16. *wa-dabula aMa-qwabi,*
17. *wa-dabula aMa-nhlovu,*
18. *wa-dabula E-nati,*
19. *wa-dabula aMa-xamalala,*
20. *wa-dabula aMa-cunu,*
21. *wa-dabula aMa-bomvu,*
22. *wa-dabula aMa-kuze,*
23. *wa-dabula aMa-bombo,*
24. *wa-dabula aMa-langa,*

VI

1. The Great-great-one he broke out from beneath.
2. he came out of the reed.
3. he created the (black) people,
4. he created the white men,
5. he created the Ba-suto,
6. he created the Ma-hloenga,
7. he created the Bushmen,
8. he created the Ma-swazi,
9. he created the Zulus (under Panda).
10. he created the Ma-mpondo,
11. he created the Ma-xosa,
12. he created the Ba-sembu,
13. he created the Ma-qadi,
14. he created the Ma-nyuswa,
15. he created the Ma-ncolosi,
16. he created the Ma-qwabi,
17. he created the Elephant-people,
18. he created the E-nati,
19. he created the Ma-nxamalala.
20. he created the Ma-cunu,
21. he created the Red-people,
22. he created the Ma-kuze,
23. he created the Ma-bombo,
24. he created the Sun-people,

²³ Most of the tribal names mentioned in this chapter appear in Petermann's table and map of 1856, of which photostat copies have been included in this volume (see Appendix). Apparently most of the information concerning name and position of these divisions was supplied by Bleek who also forwarded maps and other material.

For *aMa-hloenga*, *aBa-mbu*, *aMa-ncolosi*, *aMa-qwabi*, *aMa-nhlovu*, *E-nati*, *aMa-xamalala*, *aMa-tshingasi*, *aMa-ncele*, *aMa-foze* and *aMa-ndwandwa* read *amaNhlwenga*, *abaMbo* (*abaseMbo*), *amaNgcolosi*, *amaQwabe*, *amaNdllovu*, *abaseNadi* (*abaZondi*), *amaNxamalala*, *amaNtshangase*, *amaCele*, *amaFuze* and *amaNdwandwe*.

25. *wa-dabula aMa-tshingasi,*
26. *wa-dabula aMa-kabela,*
27. *wa-dabula aMa-nganga,*
28. *wa-dabula aMa-ncele,*
29. *wa-dabula aMa-kuze,*
30. *wa-dabula aMa-ngwane,*
31. *wa-dabula aBa-tembu,*
32. *wa-dabula aMa-kanya,*
33. *wa-dabula aMa-pumulo,*
34. *wa-dabula aMa-foze,*
35. *wa-dabula aMa-pepeta,*
36. *wa-dabula aMa-ndwandwa.*

VII

1. *U-Nkulunkulu wa-ti: "ku-vela²⁴ ama-nzi, kona abantu be-ya ku-puza ama-nzi; ku-vela²⁴ um-lilo, kona abantu be-ya ku-peka uku-dhla."*
2. *Wa-ti:²⁵ "ma-ku-lime aba-fazi."*
3. *Wa-ti: "ama-doda 'ake izin-hlu, a-gaule imi-ti, a-cabe ku-linyue amabele."*
4. *Wa-ti: "ama-doda a-fune ama-geja, a-pisele em-pinini, a-nike aba-fazi, ba-lime."*
5. *Wa-ti: "aba-fazi ma-be-ya-ku-lima, ba-pate im-beu,*

25. he created the Ma-tshingasi,
26. he created the Ma-kabela,
27. he created the Ma-nganga,
28. he created the Ma-ncele,
29. he created the Ma-kuze,
30. he created the Ma-ngwane,
31. he created the Ba-tembu,
32. he created the Ma-kanya,
33. he created the Ma-pumulo,
34. he created the Ma-foze,
35. he created the Ma-pepeta,
36. he created the Ma-ndwandwa.

VII

1. The Great-great-one said :
"there comes forth water, there the men shall drink water ; there comes forth fire, there the men shall cook (their) food."
2. He said : "there shall dig the women."
3. He said : "the men shall build the huts and cut down trees that corn may be planted."
4. He said : "the men shall seek picks (hoes), put a handle in, and give them to the women that they may dig."
5. He said : "the women, when they go to dig, they shall take seed in

²⁴ Possibly misheard for *kuvele* (let there come forth). The function of *kona* (= *khona*) as a conjunctive is not recognized, hence the faulty translation of this paragraph.

²⁵ §§2-8 quoted by Bleek (with some alterations) in his article *Researches into the Relations between the Hottentots and Kafirs* (Cape Monthly Magazine, April 1857), as follows :

Unkulunkulu wati, makulime abafazi, amadoda 'ake izinhlul a-gaule imiti, acabe kulinyue amabele. Wati: amadoda afune anageja, apisele empinini, anike abafazi balime. Wati: abafazi mabe-ya-kulima, ba pate imbeu, qaze badhlaele sic!] kona kuyakumila. Wati Unkulunkulu: abafazi mabagaye utshuala. Wati: abafazi mabateze izinkuni ehlatini. Wati: abafazi maba-peke ukudhla, gaba pekele amadoda.

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ba-ze ba-hlwayele ; kona
ku-ya ku-mila."

6. *Wa-ti uNkulunkulu :*
"aba-fazi ma-ba-gaye
u-tshwala."
7. *Wa-ti :* "aba-fazi ma-ba-
teze izin-kuni e-hla-
tini."
8. *Wa-ti :* "aba-fazi ma-ba-
peke uku-dhla,
aba-pekele ama-doda."
9. *Wa-ti u-Nkulunkulu :*
"ama-doda a-tshaye
aba-fazi ab-ona-yo, um-
fazi o-nga-lungisi-yo."²⁶
10. *Wa-ti :* "aba-fazi ma-ba-
tengue²⁷ ge-zin-komo
ku-yise."
11. "U-yise kona e-ya ku-tela
um-kwenyana (umuene),
a-koke in-gqutu (in-komo),
a-yi-nike u-nina."²⁸
12. *Wa-ti uNkulunkulu :*
"Uma umu-ntu e-zeke
in-tombi yo-munye umu-
ntu, ku-te um-kwenyana
a-hlonitshue. U-nina
we-n-tombi a-twale
um-nqwaze,²⁹ a-hlonipe
um-kwenyana. A-te u-yise

their hands, they shall then sow
and it will grow up."

6. The Great-great-one said :
"the women must grind (the corn
for making) the beer."
7. He said : "the women must
collect the firewood in the
bush."
8. He said : "the women must
cook the food, they must
cook for the men."
9. The Great-great-one said :
"the husbands shall beat
the wives that sin, a woman
that is not righteous."
10. He said : "the wives shall
be bought for cattle from
the father."
11. "The father then shall
surrender to the son in law an
Ingqutu (cow) to give to the
(bride's) mother, an Ingqutu that
will bear."
12. The Great-great-one said : "When
a man marries another man's
daughter, it shall be that the Hlonipa-
custom is practised towards the son in
law. The mother of the girl shall wear
a headdress, to appear bash-
ful before the son-in-law. The
father of the girl shall say :

²⁶ *Umfazi ongalungisiyo*, a wife who does not tidy up or put things in order. This passage too is quoted by Bleek on p. 207 of his aforementioned article.

²⁷ *mabalotsholwe*.

²⁸ See Revised Version. *Umuene* is held to be an Embo form. The *ingquthu* is a beast given by the son-in-law to his wife's father and he in turn gives it to his wife. It is supposed to be given when the bride is intact.

²⁹ This is also the Xhosa form, viz. *umnqwazi*. For other examples where the final vowel of words has been misheard see Introd. § 9.

wen-tombi : sa-ku-bona
 um-kwenyana !³⁰ Zi-ti
 izin-tombi : sa-ku-bona
 um-kwenyana wetu !³¹ A-ti
 um-kwenyana : sa-ni-bona
 ba-lamu ba-mi, e-tsho
 e-zin-tombini."

VIII

1. *Wa-ti uNkulunkulu :*
 "Agoti³² a-nga-fa o-mu-nye
 um-na wa-ke a-zeke³³
 aba-fazi bo-mu-nye o-file-
 yo, ba-nga-zekwa³⁴ umu-
 ntu we-zi-zwe (ezi-nye).
2. "Kona e-ya ku-azi uku-
 londa aba-ntu aba-ke,³⁵
 a-londe in-komo za-ke ;
 aba-ntu aba-ke³⁵ ba-dhle
 zona, izin-komo za-ke,
 ba-nga-fi in-hlala."
3. Kona be-ya ku-kula
 be-dhla in-komo zi-ka-
 yise, a-ba-shiya na-zo
 mese-file,³⁶ ba-dhla ama-
 fa ka-yise.³⁷
4. *Ba-ti ma-se-be-kulile*
*ba-bize ama-fa ka-yise,*³⁷

we see thee, son-in-law ! The

daughters say : we see thee, our
 son-in-law ! The son-in-law
 he shall say : we see you, my
 sisters-in-law, thus addressing
 the daughters."

VIII

1. The Great-great-one said :
 "In case some one should die,
 his younger brother shall
 marry the wives of the deceased,
 so that they be not married by
 a man from other tribes.
2. "If he shall know to
 preserve (keep) his people,
 he shall keep his cattle,
 so that the people who are his
 may inherit his cattle, that
 they should not suffer starvation."
3. If those who inherit the
 cattle of their father, have
 still to grow up, then those with
 whom he left them (the cattle) when
 he died, shall take their father's
 [inheritance.
4. Then, when they are grown up,
 they shall claim their father's

³⁰ *mkhwenyana*, cf. *intulo* for *ntulo* (III 4), *ungane* for *mngane* (XIV 3), but correctly *ba-lamu* (VII 12), *nkosi* (XXIX 8). See *Introd.* § 11.

³¹ or shortened to *mkhwenyawethu*, *mkhwenyethu*. Vide ³⁰.

³² *akothi*.

³³ Substitute *angene*, this being the proper term when a (younger) brother raises up seed for the deceased husband.

³⁴ *bangathathwa* (*bangangenwa*).

³⁵ The contracted form *abant(w)abakhe* (for *abantwana bakhe*) is meant ; lit. "his children".

³⁶ from *uma esefile*. Contractions with this Conjunctive assume various forms : *ume-file* (IX 1), *ume-se ihlozi* (IX 2) or *ume-se-i-hlozi* (X 3) ; *me-za-ku-zala* (XIX), *mese-kasa* (XXI), *mesekulile* (XXII 5), *mese-file* (XXIV 1) ; *ma-se-be-kulile* (VIII 4), *ma-e-s-i-ku-enda* (XVIII), etc.

³⁷ The singular *ifa likayise* is preferable.

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uku-ti: "si-nike in-komo
zi-ka-baba o-ka-tu-zi-dhla³⁸
si-se ba-ncinane."

5. Ba-ti: "si-tshele ezin-nye
e-z-ema-caleni,³⁹ si-o-zi-biza⁴⁰
ku-labo-ba-ntu aba-zi-
dhla-yo; si-za-o-hamba⁴¹
na-bo, si-ye en-kosini,
si-yo-ku-ti: ba-zi-dhla
in-komo zi-ka-baba."

IX

1. Wa-ti uNkulunkulu:
"umu-ntu ume-file abe
i-hlozi."
2. Ku-tsho uNkulunkulu,
wati: "umu-ntu a-bo-
ngue ume-file goku-
hlatshua⁴² inkomo,
ume-se ihlozi."

X

1. Ama-hlozi ké!
Ku-gula⁴³ umu-ntu, ku-ye⁴⁴
en-nyangeni; in-nyanga
i-ti: "u-bulawa i-hlozi,
li-ti: gaku-hlatshua⁴⁵
in-komo, kona e-zaku-
sinda. I-hlatshue
in-komo, a-telue gen-

inheritance, saying: "give us
our father's cattle, which we
inherited when we were young."

5. They said: "tell us of the
others (cattle) which are sued
for; we shall claim them from
those people who took them; we
shall proceed with them to go
before the chief, we shall say: "they
are eating our father's cattle."

IX

1. The Great-great-one said:
"when a man has died, he
shall be a spirit."
2. The Great-great-one spoke
thus, saying: "when a man has
died, he shall be adored by
slaughtering cattle, for he
is a spirit."

X

1. The ancestral spirits then!
There is a man ill; one goes to
the doctor, the doctor says:
"He is killed by the spirit that
says: there must be slaughtered
an ox, then shall he recover.
An ox be slaughtered, he be
stuck up with the gall-

³⁸ *okade uzidla* (which previously, up to now you had the use of).

³⁹ *ezisemacalemi; ezingamacala.*

⁴⁰ *siyozibiza.*

⁴¹ *sizauhamba.*

⁴² *ngokuhlatshelewa.*

⁴³ Cf. Introduction § 12, and footnote.

⁴⁴ This form is compatible with the impersonal (locative) construction and there can be no doubt that this is what Bleek heard. To-day only the Passive would be used (*kuyiwa*, or *kuyiwe*; else *besekuyiwa*).

⁴⁵ (*k*)*akuhlatshe*; see Introduction § 12.

nyongo (umu-ntu) a-
sinde."

2. Umu-ntu a-pupe⁴⁶ i-hlozi,
a-pupe gobu-suku
e-lele. Ku-ya-za⁴⁷ ku-sasa
se-tshela aba-ntu uku-
ti: "genga-li-bone⁴⁸
i-hlozi li-kuluma li-ti,
li-bize in-komo, li-ti:
ga-i-hlatshue."
3. B-onke aba-ntu aba-
fa-yo ba-ng'a-ma-hlozi;
no-mu-ntu o-gwaziwe-yo
u-ya-bonakala ume-se-i-hlozi.

XI

1. Si-bonga ama-hlozi njalo
mu-lungu!
2. Gi-ti mina: "Eti⁴⁹ la-
ngi-timula-yo,⁵⁰ naba-kiti,
ba-ka-Mkise, ba-ka-Kupe-
la, ba-ka-Mhlalo, ba-ka-

Situebe, ba-ka-Nom-
hlonga wezin-nyoni,
ba-ka-Qwabe, ba-ka-
kupéla-ké."⁵¹
3. Ku-ti omu-nye um-fana:
"Eti⁴⁹ naba-kiti, ba-ka-

bladder, to recover."

2. A man when dreaming
of the spirit, he dreams
at night, lying down.
Then in the morning he tells
(it) the people saying: "I
think, I saw the ancestral
spirit, that spoke,
saying that he claims an ox,
saying that it should be slaughtered".
3. All men who die become
spirits; and a man who has
been (killed by) stabbing,
(re-)appears as a spirit.

XI

1. We invoke the ancestral
spirits in this manner, o white man!
2. I myself say: "Hail, oh
(ancestral spirit) of me who
am sneezing, and (you) our own
(people), they (who were people) of
[Mkise,
of Kupela, of Mhlalo, of Sitwebe,
of Nomhlonga of the birds, of
Qwabe, (and) of the
rest."
3. There says another boy:
"Hail you, also (people) of ours,

⁴⁶ The translation is at fault and suggests *uma ephupha*.

⁴⁷ This ever-recurring form (vide Introduction § 12) has occasionally been replaced by *kuyasa* in the Revised Version though with some doubt. For *z = s* see Introduction § 6.

⁴⁸ < (ngi)ke ngalibona (I once saw)?

⁴⁹ *yethi*, or *etsi* (*etsi-i-i*), of sneezing, a greeting to the ancestral spirits. See author's Notes (XI). For *Kupela* read *Gubela*, for *Mkise* read *Mkhize*, and for *Mhlalo* read *Mdlala*.

⁵⁰ or else *lapho ngithimulayo* (when I sneeze).

⁵¹ *baka kuphela-ke* (that is the end). For other corrections consult footnotes to author's Notes plus the Revised Version.

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Tshezi ba-ka-Sokela,
baka-kiti."⁵²
Bala lokwa-ke!⁵³

(you people) of Tshezi, of Sokela,
(you people) of ours."
Pray, write this!

XII⁵⁴

Li-ka-dume i-zulu,
li-ka-mkanyisi, li-ka-
cibi nom-cwazi na-
nga pe-zulu, li-ka-ku-
qabatele, li-ka-baba
wetu o-wa-s-enza-yo
o-wa-si-pa ama-bele,
o-wa-si-pa um-pefumlo
(umoya), o-wa-si-pa z-onke
i-zin-to ezi-semhlabeni,
si-ya-bonga ku-yena,
in-kosi yetu, o-wa-ti ga-
si-hambe pansi; o-wa-ti,
ga-si-lale, ku-ze si-vuke
ku-sasa; wa-ti ga-ku-
tshone i-langa, ga-ku-
pume i-langa.
Ku-péla-ke!

XII

(Oh, spirit) of (him who) thunders,
of (him who) makes light,
of these
above,
of our father who makes
us, who gives us
corn, who gives us the
breath (spirit), who
gives us all things
which are on earth,
we pray to him, our
lord, who said, that we
should walk beneath; who
said, that we should sleep,
till we awake in the morning, said
that there should go down the
sun, that there should come out
the sun. Please, it is at end.

XIII

1. Wa-ti ga-si-be ne-z-anhla,
2. ga-si-be nam-ehlo,
3. ga-si-be nem-pumulo,
4. ga-si-be nom-lomo,
5. ga-si-be nama-zinyo,
6. ga-si-be nezin-hlebe,
7. ga-si-be nezin-nyao,⁵⁵

XIII

1. He said, that we should have hands,
2. that we should have eyes,
3. that we should have a nose,
4. that we should have a mouth,
5. that we should have teeth,
6. that we should have ears,
7. that we should have feet,

⁵² bakithi.

⁵³ lokhu, or else lokhuya.

⁵⁴ Vide author's Notes on this. For -kuqabatele read -Guqabadele, another name for UNkulunkulu.

⁵⁵ nezinyawo.

8. *ga-si-be nen-hliziyo,*
 9. *ga-si-be nenhloko,*
 10. *ga-si-be nem-pimbo⁵⁶ ye-
 uku-gwinya⁵⁷ uku-dhla.*
 11. *Wa-ti ga-si-hlafune.*
 12. *Wa-ti uku-dhla ga-
 si-ku-khe nges-anhla,
 si-ku-yise em-lonyeni,
 si-ku-hlafune, si-ku-
 gwinye; ku-ya-za ku-sasa
 si-ya ku-nye,⁵⁸ a-inye⁵⁹
 umu-ntu asi-ndabe-
 ke(?), a-buye, a-ye
 e-kaya.*
 13. *Wa-ti, ga-si-tunde
 um-tondo.*
 14. *Wa-ti ga-si-tsheke⁶⁰
 aba-fazi, ga-ba-zale
 aba-ntwana.*

XIV

1. *Ku-te ku-inhla, ama-
 soka⁶¹ a-hambe ayo-
 hlobonga⁶² emu-zini
 wo-mu-nye umu-ntu
 umu-ntu om-kulu.⁶³*
 2. *A-fike ku-si-hlwa,*

⁵⁶ *nomphimbo.*

⁵⁷ An isolated grammatical form having no parallel elsewhere in the text.

⁵⁸ *siyakunya, siyokunya.*

⁵⁹ *anye.*

⁶⁰ *hlonipha* for *kasihlangane (nabafazi).*

Translation (§§ 12-14): . . . deinde mane ventrem exoneratum imus, alvoque ita purgata anum ut sibi quisque detersit, reversus domum redire solet. Nobis ut mingeremus praecepit. Praecepit ut cumberemus cum uxoribus quae parerent.

⁶¹ *Kuthi ekwindla*; the name *amasoka* implies young men who have already been chosen by their girls. In the Revised Version *insizwa* has been substituted.

⁶² really to have external (carnal) connection. Informants take exception to the use of the term here in that it gives the impression that this is the express object of, instead of being merely incidental to the visit. For this visit and apparently also for that described in XV the term *ukuzola* is used by some.

⁶³ *ummumzane.*

8. that we should have hearts,
 9. that we should have heads,
 10. that we should have a throat
 for swallowing the food.
 11. He said, that we should
 grasp the food with the hand,
 we should bring it to the mouth,
 we should chew it, and swallow
 it ;

XIV

1. It be at harvest-time that the
 Ma-soka (unmarried men) go for
 a courting to the kraal of
 another man, a great
 man.
 2. They shall arrive in the

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- i-langa li-ya-tshona.*⁶⁴
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| <p>3. <i>A-fike a-kuléke kum-num-zana a-ti: "eti um-gane!"</i>⁶⁵</p> <p>4. <i>A-be ese-suka umu-ntu om-kulu, se-a-zi-meme</i>⁶⁶
<i>izin-tombi, zi-ze kua-ba-ntu ama-soka.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Se-zi-fike</i>⁶⁷ <i>izin-tombi</i></p> <p>6. <i>Ku-ya-za ku-sasa ama-soka se-a-ya ku-geza</i>⁶⁸
<i>em-fuleni</i></p> <p>7. <i>A-se-keza, e-buya e-kaya</i></p> <p>8. <i>A-puma</i>⁶⁹ <i>ama-soka a-sine.</i></p> <p>9. <i>Se-zi-pume</i>⁷⁰ <i>izin-tombi, se-zi-wa-qome</i>⁷¹</p> <p>10. <i>Se-zi-m-shiye</i>⁷² <i>omu-nye, se-zi-ti: "buya</i>⁷³ <i>e-kaya!"</i></p> <p>11. <i>Zoku-suka</i>⁷⁴ <i>ama-doda naba-fazi, be-ti: "bu-ya!"</i></p> <p>12. <i>Ba-m-hleka, ba-ti: "uobo! umu-ntu omu-bi! o-shi-yiwe izin-tombi!"</i></p> <p>13. <i>U-ya-fika, se-ya-ku-hlanza.</i></p> <p>14. <i>Se-fikile, u-nina se-kala, u-yise se-kala, u se-dhla uku-dhla ye-dwa.</i></p> | <p>evening, when the sun is going down</p> <p>3. They shall arrive, shall make their obeisance to the gentleman and say: "hail, friend!"</p> <p>4. When the great man rises, then he will call the girls, that they may come to the men, the Masoka.</p> <p>5. The girls have arrived.</p> <p>6. Then early in the morning, the Ma-soka shall go to the river to wash themselves.</p> <p>7. After they had their wash, they return home,</p> <p>8. the Masoka go out to dance,</p> <p>9. Then the girls come out, and choose them.</p> <p>10. They leave one behind, saying: "return home!"</p> <p>11. Then shall the men and the women say: "return!"</p> <p>12. They laugh at him and say "wobo! what an ugly fellow! who is left behind by the girls!"</p> <p>13. He returns home and goes to wash himself.</p> <p>14. When he is arrived, his mother cries, his father cries, he eats (his) food [alone.]</p> |
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⁶⁴ *lishona; liyoshona or seliyoshona.*
⁶⁵ *mngane.* The proper form of address would be *mmumzane.* For *ethi* see⁴⁹.
⁶⁶ *azimeme; usemema.* See Introduction § 12 note⁶.
⁶⁷ *zifike; besezifika.* See Introduction § 12 and note.
⁶⁸ *aseyokugeza.* Vide⁶⁶ and⁶⁷.
⁶⁹ Vide Introduction, § 12 note⁵.
⁷⁰ -⁷² References and alternate forms as for⁶⁷.
⁷³ *buyela.*
⁷⁴ *sokusuka.*

15. *A-se-fika e-kaya 'ku-bo
ama-nye ama-soka
ku-sasa a-qonyoe
izin-tombi.*
16. *Ama-soka a-qonyioe
panhle, a-ngene
en-hluini nezin-tombi.*
17. *Zi-bize um-qomiso,
ba-qoqa, ba-kuluma.⁷⁵*
18. *Aba-nye ba-lala⁷⁵ na-zo
izin-tombi.*
19. *Aba-nye, izin-tombi zi-
kulume,⁷⁶ zi-ti "si-xakile";⁷⁷
ezin-nye izin-tombi a-lale
na-zo.*
20. *Ku-ya-za ku-sasa, zi-ya-
wa-pelagazela, ba-ku-
luma⁷⁸ na-zo.*

XV

1. *Gō-suku in-tombi i-ya
ku-nyonyóbha e-sokeni
la-yo.*
2. *A-fike, i-soka la-i-nika
imi-konto.⁷⁹*
3. *I-ya-lala (in-tombi)
int-suku za-m-bili,⁸⁰
i-ya-tata imi-konto
i-ya-buya la-ku-bo.⁸¹*

⁷⁵ *baxoxe bakhulume; balale.*

⁷⁶ insert *nabo*. As in §§ 17 and 18 the concords should really be those of Cl. 3 pl.

⁷⁷ *sixakekile* (we are in a difficulty).

⁷⁸ *bakhulume (akhulume).*

Translation (§§ 16–20): . . . they enter the hut with the girls. They (the girls) call the chosen one, they talk and hold conversation. *Pars cum puellis concumbunt. Quod ad alios pertinet, puellae loquuntur et "Haeremus" inquit (menstruas purgationes significantes) dum cum aliis puellis iuvenes concumbunt.* Early the following morning they (the girls) accompany them and the young men speak to them.

⁷⁹ *Ifike, isoka liyinike imikhonto.*

⁸⁰ *ezimbili, zibembili.*

⁸¹ *kwelakufo;*

15. They arrive at their homes, the other Ma-soka, on the morning, who are chosen by the girls.
16. After the Masoka have been chosen outside,

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4. A-fike in-tombi
i-nike imi-konto
um-ne wa-bo, omu-nye
ya-u-nika⁸² u-yise.
5. Ya-buya, 'yaya (= ya-lala) e-sokeni, ya-ku-hlobonga.⁸³
6. I-soka ala-belisa (?),
yi-nika um-konto
in-tombi.⁸⁴

XVI

I-ti in-tombi ga-zale⁸⁵
umuntu, lapa 'endele⁸⁶
kona. A-ti umntwana
wentombi gumalume,
e-tsho kuboga (?)
in-tombi⁸⁷ e-ya-m-zala-yo.

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XVII

U-ya-ti um-fana ome-gana⁸⁸
in-tombi, u-yise e-ng-azi,
a-tukutele, a-yi-kipe
in-tombi, a-yi-yise ku-
yise wa-yo. I-buye
futi in-tombi i-ze
kum-fana lo, a-buye

XVII

If a boy marries a girl
without his father's knowledge,
he will be angry, turn the
girl out and bring her to
her father. The girl may
return again and go to
this boy, the father will

⁸² for *iyawunika*; say, *iwumikele*.

⁸³ see Revised Version.

⁸⁴ *Isoka alibe lisayinika umkhonto intombi*.

Translation of XV: On a certain day the girl surreptitiously goes to her young man. When she arrives the young man presents her with some spears. The girl sleeps there two nights, then she takes the spears and returns to her home. On her arrival the girl gives the spears to her elder brother, another she gives to her father. Deinde ad iuvenem redit ut iterum concumbatur verum citra vaginam inter femora tantum. The young man does not again give the girl a spear.

⁸⁵ *ingazala*.

⁸⁶ *yendele*. The pause following after *khona* does not warrant a full stop.

⁸⁷ *kubo kantombi*. The sense of the whole passage, of which the Zulu is poor, is that when a girl (young wife) gives birth to a child at the home of her husband the child refers to the home of the mother who bore him as *kumalume*. The correct grammatical form is *kwamalume* (at the place of the maternal uncle) but the correct idiom is *ekhabomama* (at my mother's home).

⁸⁸ = *uma egana*. Correct form *uma eganwa*.

u-yise, umfana a-
vume; u-yise a-ti:
"i-zeke!" A-tshaye
in-komo 'endengayo
ekweni (?) lomuntwana-
ke.⁸⁹

XVIII

1. Ga-ti⁹⁰ in-tombi i-te
ma-e-s-i-ku-enda⁹¹ a-bince
in-gubo gesi-nxene,⁹²
u-yise wa-si-nika isi-
nqe,⁹³ i-si-pate gesa-
nhla in-tombi; i-be
nen-nyongo yem-buzi
en-hloko, nen-nyongo
yen-komo es-anhleri
sesi-nxene,⁹⁴ a-be
nama-qama⁹⁵ (izi-bamba)
ma-ningi⁹⁶ gapezulu
kwen-gubo.
2. U-yise u-ya-pata
um-twana ges-anhla
a-pume na-en-hluini,
na-esi-bayeni, na-
ye, a-m-pelagazela,
a-m-beke en-hle
a-buye, a-zo-lale
e-kaya u-yise.⁹⁷

return, and the boy
agree; the father shall
say: "marry her!" He
shall slaughter an ox.

XVIII

1. I say, when a girl is going
to her wedding, she shall gird
(her) garment to the left side; the
knife which her father gave,
the girl shall take in (her)
hand; she shall have the
gall-bladder of a goat on
her head, and the gall-bladder
of an ox in her left hand,
she shall have many
girdles over her
garment.
2. The father takes
the child by the hand,
he goes out of the house,
out of the cattle-fold with
her, he escorts her on the
way, brings her outside
(of the kraal), returns
home and then sleeps
at home (the father).

⁸⁹ Ashaye inkomo ende ngayo ekhweni lomntwanakhe. The passage is not too clear and the Zulu not of the best; enda (go to marry) is used for the female.

⁹⁰ ngithi.

⁹¹ uma isiyokwenda.

⁹² ngesinxele. An unmarried woman drapes the *ingubo* round both her shoulders; one to be married drapes it round the left, and a married woman round the right shoulder.

⁹³ word not generally known; cf. *nqe*, ideophone for cutting apart (DOKE, *Zulu Dict.*). Usual word *isinqindi* = *isijula*, a short assegai.

⁹⁴ see ⁹².

⁹⁵ *amaxhama* are decorations or girdles with beads over the *ingubo*.

⁹⁶ *amaningi*.

⁹⁷ For suggested improvements see Revised Version.

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3. *Ku-ya-za-ke,*⁹⁸ *u-ya-puma*
u-yise u-ya kumu-ntwana,
se-hamba nen-kabi
*zim-bili (i-tshoba)*⁹⁹
*nem-buzi i-shumi,*¹⁰⁰
nobu-hlalu, naba-ntu
ba-ningi, nen-tombi
zi-li-shumi. Ba-pete
aba-ntwana, ba-pete
ama-r'au, nemi-konto,
*ba-pumese*¹⁰¹ *in-tombi*
*ba-ku-sina.*¹⁰²
 4. *In-tombi se-i-hambile*
pambile, nama-doda
ama-nye, in-sizwa,
nen-tombi ezin-nye ;
ezin-nye in-tombi zi-
ya-fika ku-sasa.
 5. *Ba-hlabelela en-*
*hleleni.*¹⁰³
 6. *Ba-fikile e-kaya*
lom-yeni, um-yeni
*u-ya-keta.*¹⁰⁴
 7. *Ku-ya-za ku-sasa*
a-hlabe in-komo a-
hlabise, in-tombi
*i-hlisue, i-cetue.*¹⁰⁵
 8. *A-tate um-hlubulo*
in-tombi en-nye, i-

3. Afterwards the father goes out, he goes to his child, taking with him two oxen (with a bush on the tail), and ten goats, and beads, and many people, and ten girls. They take at their hands the children, they carry in their hands shields, and spears, they lead out the girl, then they dance.
4. The girl has already gone in advance, with some men, young unmarried fellows, and with some girls; the other girls arrive early in the morning.
5. They sing on the way.
6. When they have arrived at the bridegroom's home, the bridegroom chooses (the bride).
7. Then early in the morning he slaughters an ox, he gives it to be slaughtered that the girl may be fed, it being taken secretly.
8. Some other girl shall take the ribs of the meat, and go

⁹⁸ Vide footnote⁴⁷.

⁹⁹ The *ishoba* consists of one head of cattle and is driven in company with another to the scene of the marriage ceremony, hence *nenkabi (e)zimbili*.

¹⁰⁰ meaning either *nembuzi eziyishumi* (and ten goats), or *nembuzi, ishumi* . . . (and a goat, ten shillings, . . .).

¹⁰¹ *phumesa*, cause or help to leave. The events are not always described in their correct chronological order.

¹⁰² Cf. Introd. § 12 i.v. Temporal Mood.

¹⁰³ *bayahlabelela* or else *bahlabelele*.

¹⁰⁴ See Revised Version. *Khetha* here means to dance a wedding dance and this is performed by the whole party (*ikhetho*) of the bridegroom.

¹⁰⁵ see Revised Version; *i-hlisue* for *ihlinzwe* and *i-cetue* for *iqedwe*.

- hambe na-wo e-kaya
'ku-bo.¹⁰⁶
9. Ku-ya-za zi-ya-m-
kesisa,¹⁰⁷ zi-hlabe im-buzi.
10. Ku-ya-za zi-ya-goduka ;
in-tombazana, en-nye
i-ya-hlalisa um-
lobokazi.
11. Ba-y'eza aba-ku-bo,
ba-m-letela uku-dhla,
ba-m-letela ama-si,
ba-m-letela u-tshwala.
12. U-ya-hlalahlala,
u-ya-hamba, a-ye 'ku-bo,
a-yo-gega in-hloko.
13. U-ya-buya um-lobo-
kazi kum-yeni,¹⁰⁸ se-bu-
twele u-tshwala,¹⁰⁹
e-za nen-tombi ezin-nye
ezi-twele u-tshwala,¹⁰⁹
ezi-pete i-geja, eza-¹¹⁰
lima nga-lo.
14. Se-za-ku-fika e-kaya
lom-yeni, se-za-ku-
m-nika ama-si
ake um-yeni a-wa-
dhle-ke.
15. A-se-ba um-fazi
wa-kona e-kaya, se-
be-mu-nika umu-ntw-
ana wo-mu-nye um-
- with it to her own
home.
9. Then they shall wash her
well, and slaughter a goat.
10. Then they return home ;
some other girls let the
bride stay (with
her).
11. Her own people come and
bring her food, they bring
her sour milk, they bring
her beer (made of Kafir-corn).
12. She stays a good while,
then she walks off, she goes to
her own place, she then shaves (her)
[head.
13. The bride returns to the
bridegroom carrying beer
on her head, and coming
with other girls who
carry beer on their heads, and
in the hand a pick, with
which they will dig.
14. She will arrive at (her)
bridegroom's home ; the bride-
groom will give her of his sour
milk that she may
eat it.
15. If there is already a wife
in the kraal, they give her
the child of another
wife which is little

¹⁰⁶ = kubo kamakoti.

¹⁰⁷ ziyamgezisa.

¹⁰⁸ i.e. ekhakhakhe. For u-ya-buya read uyabuyela.

¹⁰⁹ called the umbondo.

¹¹⁰ azolima.

fazi omu-ncinane,¹¹¹
 se-be-m-nike in-komo
 umu-ntwana,¹¹² se-wake¹¹³
 in-hlu ya-ke, se-gaye
 u-tshwala en-hluini
 ya-ke, se-m-pe um-yeni
 en-hluini ya-ke,
 se-m-pe uku-dhla,
 e-se-pe umu-ntwana
 a-m-nike yena uku-
 dhla.¹¹⁴

(the child), they give the
 child cattle; she
 must build her hut,
 grind beer in her
 hut, and give (it) to the
 bridegroom in her hut,
 she must give him
 food; for, he gave her
 the child that she
 should give him
 food.

XIX

1. Um-fazi u-ya-ti¹¹⁵ me-za-
 ku-zala, a-bize aba-
 nye aba-fazi be'ze ku-
 m-beletise.
2. A-bambe izin-tingo,
 aba-nye aba-fazi ba-
 m-bambe esi-suini,
 aba-nye aba-fazi ba-kongo-
 zele umu-ntwana uma-
 nga-wi¹¹⁶ pansi.
3. Se-be-m-pata, se-be-
 funa izi-bi, se-be-nika
 u-nina e-se-hlala¹¹⁷ ku-
 zona.
4. Aba-nye aba-fazi se-be-
 gāya uku-dhla, ba-m-

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¹¹¹ Useba umfazi wakhona ekhaya sebemnika . . . (she now becomes a married woman of that place and they give her . . .).

¹¹² see Revised Version.

¹¹³ usakhelwa, usewakhelwa.

¹¹⁴ See Revised Version.

¹¹⁵ < uye athi.

¹¹⁶ ukuba angawi.

¹¹⁷ besehlala; ahlale.

- nike um-fazi o-zele-yo,
o-se-dhla.¹¹⁸
5. A-se-muka em-fuleni
ese-geza um-zimba,
e-se-buya.
 6. E-se-hlala e-kaya,
ama-doda a-nga-ngeni
en-hluini.
 7. Um-fazi u-ya-tshisa
izi-bi, ama-doda a-
ngene.

XX

1. Ba-ti aba-fazi: "a-lungise
in-kaba yo-mu-
ntwana um-fazi
o-ku-azi-yo."
2. I-ti um-hla-engu
umqayo (?),¹¹⁹ a-tshise
izi-bi, ku-ngena¹²⁰
aba-ntu bonke.
I-ti in-gane 'ambese
ngen-gubo, a-m-fihle,
a-nga-i-bone ama-doda,
i-bonue aba-fazi
b-odwa.¹²¹

XX

¹¹⁸ abesedla, so also abeseya (for a-se-muka § 5); abesehlala (§ 6).
Translation of XIX: When a married woman is about to be delivered of a child she calls other married women to come and assist at the birth. Ea deinde sudes parietis tenet dum mulierum aliae ventrem ei comprehendunt, aliae manus tendunt ne infans humum decidat. Hoc modo eam tenent ac iam gramen quaesitum matri dant ubi insidat. Some of the women then pound grain (and make) food, and they give it to the woman who has given birth and she then eats. Then she goes to the river, washes her body and returns. Now she stays at home, men in the meantime not entering the hut. The woman (then) burns the grass (or rubbish) so that the men may enter.

¹¹⁹ Ithi mhla inqamukayo (inkaba) (then on the day the umbilical cord drops off).

¹²⁰ kungene.

¹²¹ See the Revised Version.

Translation (XX): The married women say: "Let a woman who has the knowledge see to the umbilical cord of the child". Then on the day it drops off she burns the rubbish (straw, grass, etc.) so that the people may enter. She covers the baby with a blanket and hides it so that the men do not see it and the married women only see it.

XXI

1. Umu-ntwana mese-kasa,
i-hlatshue im-buzi,
w-enzelwe umu-ntwana
um-ncamba.¹²²
2. In-nyongo yem-buzi
e-hlatshelue umu-ntwana,
a-tate u-nina, a-yi-
fake ku-yena en-
hloko ga-te telongoya (?)¹²³
em-zimbeni ku-tua kula (?)
umu-ntwana.¹²⁴

XXII

1. Uma um-fazi e-za
ku-zala, in-doda i-pu-
me, ku-ngene aba-nye
aba-fazi, ba-zo-m-bele-
tise, ba-lale ku-ye.
2. A-ze um-fazi a-tshise
izi-bi, gate, ma-ba-
pume¹²⁵ aba-nye aba-fazi,
ba-ye en-hluini za-bo.
3. Ama-suku a-be
ishumi, ba-puma aba-
fazi,¹²⁶ in-doda i-buye,
i-lale en-hluini ya-yo.
4. I-hambe in-doda,
i-ya ku-tsheleka¹²⁷ in-

XXI

1. When the child crawls, a
goat be slaughtered,
and a muncamba be
made for the child.
2. The gall-bladder of the
goat which is slaughtered
for the child, the mother
takes, that she may
put it him on the
head.

XXII

3. After ten days, the
women go away, that
the husband may return,
and sleep in his hut.
4. The husband shall
go to borrow a little

¹²² a rare or unknown word, see author's Notes. In the Revised Version *imbeleko* (carrying-skin) is added as alternative word.

¹²³ *kade ethelwa ngayo.*

¹²⁴ *kuthiwa: "Khula, mntwana!"*

¹²⁵ *kade uma baphume > kaduma baphume* (and then they go out).

¹²⁶ *kuba izinsuku ezilishumi baphume; kuphela ishumi lezinsuku besebephuma; etc.*

¹²⁷ *iyokwetsheleka; iyokunxusa.*

tombazana ku-omu-nye¹²⁸
mu-ntu, i-ye ku-sala
nomu-ntwana o-zelwe-
yo.

5. A-sa-kule,¹²⁹ a-hambe,
in-tombazana i-muké-
ke, i-ye ku-yise wa-yo.

6. A-ti mesekulile, a-
lunyulue; i-buye
in-doda, i-mitise
um-fazi, a-zale omu-
nye umu-ntwana.

XXIII

1. U-ya-zala um-fazi,
a-lale int-suku ezi-
si-tupa a pume golen-
kota (?)¹³⁰ a-be-se-tate¹³¹ ubu-
longwe, ese-i-sinda
en-hluini, esebe-ngene¹³²
ama-doda.

2. E-se-i-muka¹³³ in-doda
yake (yomfazi) se i-ya
ku-biza¹³⁴ in-doda in-nya-
nga i-si-za ku-anyisa
umu-ntwana ku-nina.

3. U-nina u-se-gāya
u-tshwala boku-za-ku-

¹²⁸ komunye.

¹²⁹ aze akhule? For the appearance of the voiceless for the voiced fricative (z) vide Introd. § 6.
Translation (XXII 1 and 2): When the woman is about to bear the husband leaves, and other women enter
so that they may assist at birth and they sleep there. Then before the other women leave and go to their
homes, the wife burns the rubbish (straw, grass) . . . (XXII 6): Then, when it (the baby) has grown
somewhat, it is weaned; maritus uxorem denuo gravidam facit ut iterum pariat.

¹³⁰ ngolenkotha, from inkotha, 7; ngolwesikhombisa.

¹³¹ abesethatha.

¹³² abesengena; kungene.

¹³³ ibisihamba.

¹³⁴ seiyobiza.

girl from another
man, that she may
stay with the child that
is born.

5. When it grows and
walks, the little girl
may go away, and go to
her father.

XXIII

1. A woman gives birth
(to a child), lies in six days,
comes out on the seventh (?),
then she takes cowdung,
smears out the hut,
so the men may
enter.

2. Then her (the woman's)
husband goes away, he
goes, the husband, to call
a doctor, who comes to
make the baby take the
mother's breast.

3. The mother grinds beer for
the coming making (her) child

anyisa¹³⁵ umu-ntwana
e-beleni li-ka-nina.

4. E-se-fika in-nyanga
i-m-elapa¹³⁶ umu-ntwana,
in-nyanga i-dhla
utshuala, se-goduka-ke,
esi-ye e-kaya 'kubo.¹³⁷

XXIV

1. A-ti umu-ntu mese-
file, a-finyezwe
izi-to kona e-ya ku-
lahlwa ka-hle.
2. A-bes-embelwa em-
godini, seku-bekwa
ama-tshe; kodwa
a-fakwa em-godini,
a-m-sekazele¹³⁸ ama-
tye ma-nga-wi.¹³⁹
3. A-be-ze ku-gaula¹⁴⁰
ama-hlahla 'ameva,
ese-bekwa pezulu
kwegodi.
4. Ku-lahlwa umu-ntu,
sebe-kala, sebe-fika
aba-ntu bonke be-emi-nye
imi-zi, sebe-ti: Maye,
babo! Maye, se-file! Maye,
umu-ntu wetu! Maye,
um-hlobo wetu!¹⁴¹

take the mother's breast.

4. When the doctor has arrived,
he prescribes for the child;
the doctor consumes the
beer, and marches home, to
go to his own (place).

XXIV

1. When a man is dead,
he is made to draw up
his legs, then he is nicely
cast away.
2. When they bury (him)
in a grave, they lay there
stones; but these are put
into the grave, that the
stones may support him,
that he may not fall.
3. Then they cut off branches
of thorn bushes, which
are put over the
grave.
4. There is cast away a man,
they wail, all the men from
other kraals arrive
and say: "Alas,
how dreadful! Alas, he is dead!
Alas, he is our man! Alas,
he is our kin!"

¹³⁵ bokuzoncelisa; bokuncelisa.

¹³⁶ Isifika . . . imelaphe.

¹³⁷ just: isigoduka-ke (seyigoduka-ke), or else some such expression as isihamba isiya kwayo.

¹³⁸ amsekele.

¹³⁹ ukuba angawi; cf. XIX 2: uma-nga-wi.

¹⁴⁰ bese kugawulwa.

¹⁴¹ see Revised Version.

XXV

1. Umu-ntu a-nga-tagata,
a-bulawe¹⁴² in-kosi,
i-dhle in-komo zake,
i-dhle aba-ntu bake,
i-u-tshise umu-zi wake.
2. Aba-ntu ba-ngene
emu-zini wom-tagati,
ba-tate im-pahla, ba-
tate ama-bele.
3. Ku-tatue aba-ntw-
ana ba-ye en-kosini.
4. Ku-tatwe aba-fazi,
ba-nikwa¹⁴³ ama-doda
ama-nye, ba-ba-zeke¹⁴⁴
aba-fazi bom-tagati.
5. Aba-ntwana ba-be
isi-zi¹⁴⁵ senkosi.

XXVI

1. Go-suku um-fana
womu-nye um-numzana
a-yo-memencina (?)¹⁴⁶
ku-o-mu-nye¹⁴⁷ umu-zi,
2. A-fike, um-numzana
a-tume omu-nye um-
fana, a-yo-meme-
ncina¹⁴⁶ futi, a-ti
a-o-hlangana¹⁴⁸
o-pambile o-kaleni

¹⁴² ubulawa.¹⁴³ banikwe; cf. Introd. § 12.¹⁴⁴ abathathe; abangene.¹⁴⁵ cf. DOKE, Zulu-Eng. Dict. i.v. isizi.¹⁴⁶ ayomema ingina.¹⁴⁷ komunye.¹⁴⁸ ayohlangana.

XXV

1. Should a man practise
witchcraft, he should be killed
by the king, who shall con-
fiscate his cattle, confiscate his
people and burn his kraal.
2. The people shall enter
the kraal of the criminal,
take the utensils, take
the corn.
3. There shall be taken the
children that may go
to the king.
4. There shall be taken the
wives, they are given to other
men, that they may marry them,
the wives of the criminal.
5. The children shall be the king's.

XXVI

1. On the day that a boy of some
gentleman brings an invitation
for a hunting to another
kraal,
2. When he arrives, the gentle-
man shall send another
boy, that he may bring further
the invitation, and say that
they should meet together
in front of the mountain-

*lapiya ku-ya-zingela
kona.*¹⁴⁹

3. *Ku-ya-za ama-banhla
a-ku-hlangana*¹⁵⁰
*kona, a-fika*¹⁵¹ . *ama-
banhla, a-gube,
a-sine ; ba-fike
aba-nye futi ba-
gube ; ba-fike aba-nye
futi ba-gube ; ba-hlale
pansi b-onke, be-pete
imi-konto, be-hamba
nezin-ja zabo.*

4. *A-ti*¹⁵² "ama-banhla"¹⁵³
ama-kulu!" *A-ti*¹⁵² "ama-
*banhla*¹⁵³ *bandzhe!*"¹⁵⁴
*nansi in-nyamazane
ezenu ! wozibelele-
lenani !*"¹⁵⁵

XXVII¹⁵⁶

1. *Wena wenkosi !*
2. *Wena wesilo !*
3. *Wena wenhlonhlo
wesilo !*

XXVIII¹⁵⁷

*A-u-zi-niki, izin-komo,
zamaTebe.*

¹⁴⁹ *phambili okhalweni laphaya kuyozingelwa khona.*

¹⁵⁰ Cf. *Introd.* § 12 i.v. *Temporal Mood.*

¹⁵¹ *afike.*

¹⁵² *bathi.*

¹⁵³ *mabandla.*

¹⁵⁴ *anje.*

¹⁵⁵ *unidentifiable.*

¹⁵⁶ See author's Notes. The translation given here is questionable.

¹⁵⁷ See author's Notes. *Awusiniki izinkomo zamatebe* (you do not give us fat oxen) ?

ridge, where the hunting
is to be.

3. Then the troops when they
meet together there,
(some) troops arrive,
and perform the hunting-
dance, and dance ; others
arrive again, and
dance, and they
sit down all, having
in their hands their
assegays, and marching
with their dogs.
4. They say : "oh, great
assembly !" they say : "oh,
such an assembly ! there
is your game !

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XXVII

1. Thou art the king's (creator) !
2. Thou art the tiger's (creator) !
3. Thou art the tiger's great
snake's (creator) !

XXVIII

Thou givest us not the
cattle of the Matebe.

E-ū, e-ū, e-ū,
e-ū, e-ū, e-ū,
ishi, aha, ha.

XXIX¹⁵⁸

1. U-nina ka-Tshaka
wa-be ngu-bani na?
"UNandi."
2. U-ya-z-azi na izin-daba
zokufa kwake-na
(u-nina ka-Tshaka-na)?
"Ngi-ya-z-azi."
3. Wa-bulawa yini na?
"Wa-bulawa gu-Tshaka."
4. W-enzela-ni-na u-Tshaka
uku-enza njalo na?
"Wa-ye e-fihlile um-ntw-
ana ka-Tshaka, u-nina."
5. Wa-m-bulala nga-ni?
"Wa-m-gwaza gom-konto
esi-suini."
6. Wa-tyelwa ngu-bani-
na?
"Ga-ngi-tyelwa abantu
ba-ka-Tshaka aba-dala."
7. Zi-qinisile na?
"Zi-qinisile."
8. Ma-u-ngi-sekele¹⁵⁹ izin-
daba zi-ka-Nandi!
"U-Tshaka waye-zeka
aba-fazi aba-ningi-
ningi, e-nga-tandi

¹⁵⁸ See reference to this dialogue in Bleek's Notes.
¹⁵⁹ mawungizekele.

XXIX

1. Who was Tshaka's mother?
"Nandi."
2. Do you know the
story of her death
(Tshaka's mother)?
"I know it."
3. How was she
killed?
"She was killed by Tshaka."
4. For what reason did
Tshaka commit such an act?
"His mother had concealed
a child of Tshaka."
5. With what did he kill her?
"He stabbed her with the
assagay into the belly."
6. By whom were you
told (so)?
"I was told by Tshaka's
old men."
7. Is it true?
"It is true."
8. Let me have the particulars
of the story of Nandi!
"Tshaka had married
very many wives, he
did not however like

ukuba a-be nom-twana.
Wa-mita omunye um-
fazi ka-Tshaka, wa-m-
tabata u-nina ka-
Tshaka, wa-ku-m-tuku-
sa¹⁶⁰ kwesi-nye isi-zwe,
wa-zala lom-fazi.

Kwa-ti lapa, masele-ha-
mba¹⁶¹ um-ntwana,
kwa-zwakala ku-
Tshaka uku-ti um-
twana u-ko,¹⁶² ba-m-
fihlile, nkosi!"

9. Wa-ti-ni emva
kwa-loku-na?

"U-Tshaka wa-buza
ku-nina wa-ti: nge'zwa
ku-tiwa ku-kona um-
twana; gokabani-
na, mame-na, loku
a-ngi-zali-na?¹⁶³ Wa-
pendula u-Nandi,
wa-ti: muntwana-mi!
ng-azi ngá-ni-na?
Wa-ti uTshaka:
a-ku-ázi-ná, máme-
ná? Se-ngi-zwile-na?

Wa-pendula uNandi,
wa-ti: yébo, nkósi! ku-
enziwa yi-mi! Wa-vuma
uNandi, wa-ti: wafi-
hlua yi-mi. Wa-pendula
uTshaka, wa-ti: uku-
ngi-fihlela um-twana

¹⁶⁰ see¹⁵⁰; wayakumthukusa.

¹⁶¹ uma esehamba; esehamba.

¹⁶² ukhona.

¹⁶³ Better translation: I do not beget.

to have a child. One
wife of Tshaka was
with child, and Tshaka's
mother took her and
concealed her at
another tribe's place,
and the woman was delivered
of a child. Then it was here,
when the child was able
to walk, that it became known
to Tshaka, that there exists a
prince, that they had hid
him, sir!

9. What said he after
that?

"Tshaka questioned
his mother and said: I heard
that there is a prince; of
whom is he, my mother, since
I have not begot (a child)?
Nandi answered, and
said: my child! how do I
know? Tshaka said:
doest thou not
know, my mother? have
I heard (right)?

Nandi answered
and said: yes,
oh king! it was done
by me! Nandi confessed
and said: it was
concealed by me. Tshaka
answered and said:
why didst thou do that,

gi-nga-zali na, w-enze-
la-ni-na? U-Tshaka
wa-m-tumela aba-ntu
wa-ti: ma-ka-yi ku-
tatshatua, gi-bone
uku-ba wo-fana na-
mi-na. Wa-fika-ke
um-twana wa-m-bona,
e-fana na-ye. U-Tshaka
wa-ti: m-tabate-ni no-
nina! ni-ye ku-m-bu-
lala ka-nye no-nina! Wa-ti-
ke emva-koko: hambá-
ké, u-ya-bona-ke, mame-
na, w-enza in-tó ém-bi-
na?"

to hide a child before
me, as I do not beget
(children)? Tshaka
sent people for it,
and said: let it be taken
that I may see whether
it is like me. The young
prince arrived, he saw him
that he was like him. Tshaka
said: take ye him with
his mother! you shall kill
him together with his mother.
Now he said after this:
now go! thou seest, oh
mother, didst thou a bad
thing?"

NOTES

I. According to the original ideas of the Kafirs and Zulus as far as they have been untouched by Missionary influence, the spiritual world is underneath, and men do *not* walk "here beneath" but "here above". In XII the "*ga-si-hambe pansi*" (that we should walk beneath) therefore, betrays evidently Christian influence.

U-Nkulunkulu, the ancient god of the Bantu-race, i.e. of all the nations akin to the Kafirs. This name is not only the general term on the whole eastern side of South-Africa, but is also found, though in a simpler and un-reduplicated form among the oVa-Herero or Cattle Dama-ra in Damaraland, and among the Timnehs in Sierra Leone. The Zulu form of the word is the most complete one which exists and that which comes nearest to the original one, from which all the various forms found in different dialects, must have [been] derived. This primitive form appears to have been "*Mu-nkulu-nkulu*" or, perhaps "*Mu-kulu-nkulu*". Yet, the former is for various reasons, more probable. This word consists of a reduplication of "*KULU*", a stem which in various modulations of its pronunciation, is current in most languages of this family, in the signification of "great, old", and is evidently akin to the verb "*uku-kula*" (to grow), which is almost as far-spread, as the adjectival stem. "*Nkulu*", now, may be a fuller, more primitive form, only retained in this reduplication, or it may have the "*n*" added as the derivative prefix of a noun of the 9. class. In the latter case "*nkulu-nkulu*" is the reduplication of a noun of the 9. class, and means accordingly "a very great thing", and by prefixing the derivative particle, or perhaps only the article of the 1. (personal *mu*-) class, it was stamped into a personal noun. In the former case it is merely noun of the 1. class, formed from a reduplicated adjectival stem. Anyhow its meaning is evidently "the Great-great-one" or "the Old-old-one". — If I am not mistaken, the pronunciation "*uM-kulunkulu*" is not infrequent in Natal.

This little piece, was, with a few others, taken from the information furnished, by Bopopa, a person mentioned in 11.2, one of the eldest inhabitants, and a great and far-renowned authority in native history and native customs, or as my Kafir boy uQude gave it :

"U-Bopopa o-kuluma
izin-daba z-onke o-

UBopopa, who relates
all the history, who did

*enzile imi-(n)kuba yo-
nke e-sem-hlabeni."*

all the customs that exist
on earth.

His pedigree as he gave it me, is :

*"U-Bopopa ka-Sizi,
ka-Mlambo, ka-Sitombo,
ka-Mavu,¹⁶⁴ ka-Ndekazi,
ka-Kabela,¹⁶⁴ ka-Mtimbo."*

Bopopa, son of Sizi,
son of Mlambo, son of
Sitombo, son of Mavu, son
of Ndekazi, son of Kabela,
son of Mtimbe.

His age may be guessed from the following statement :

*Gesikati soku-fa kwa-
ka-Tshaka, se-tungile
isi-coco; kodwa gesi-
kati soku-fa kwa-
ka-Dingiswayo e-be
in-sizwa."¹⁶⁵*

At the time of Tshaka's
death he had sewed
his headring; but at the
time of Dingiswayo's
death he was a young
unmarried man.

He has, therefore, been probably a married man for upwards of thirty years; and has evidently a great stock of information. Still many of his relations ought to be received with caution, as he is evidently cracked, and mixes his own inventions up with the facts he witnessed or the traditions he remembers. He had once a very narrow escape in one of the episodes of that fearful tragedy, which depopulated immense tracts of country on both sides of the Tugela; and a horrid account he gives of it, when stunned with blows he sank down among heaps of dead and wounded. It was at night when he recovered his senses again, but it was long, before he could believe himself alive in this world. At length he crept stealthily away, and after many days of great trials he effected his escape. Yet, he was to feel the effects of that terrible night for his life-time.

He is a very pious and religious Kafir, as regards the observance of their Zulu and Kafir rites, though I would not say that he was wholly un-influenced by Missionary teaching. Even when I treated him to a cup of coffee, he did not taste it, before he had addressed a prayer to the ancestral spirits, thanking them for having put it into the white man's heart to be kind to him.

¹⁶⁴ Informants suggest *kaMafu* and *kaMkhabela*.

¹⁶⁵ read: *Ngesikhathi sokufa kukaShaka wabesethungile isicoco, kodwa ngesikhathi sokufa kukaDingiswayo wabe eyinsizwa.*

II.1. The word "*aBa-ntu*" (men, people) means "par excellence" individuals of the Kafir race, particularly in opposition to the noun "*aBe-lungu*" (white men). This is still clearer from the use which is made of this word in some of the following chapters, particularly IV.2. and V.2. It appears, therefore, to be the best general term for that family of languages, of which the Kafir is known to be one of the most original and therefore, for the purposes of philology, most important members. There has not yet been suggested any really appropriate name for this great family of languages and nations, nor any other come into general use. Besides, the word "*Ba-ntu*" is common to almost all languages of this kindred.

This chapter and several others of the most interesting character among those collected by me, were dictated to me by my former servant u-Kude, a young married man of the aba-Mbu (or aBa-Sembu, or aBa-Sihlanhlu)¹⁶⁶ tribe, His pedigree, as he gave it me, runs thus :

*U-Kude ka-Mpako,
ka-Qwabi,¹⁶⁷ ka-Cama-
zele,¹⁶⁸ ka-Mavovo, ka-
Kupela,¹⁶⁹ ka-Mhlalo.*

Kude, son of Mpako, son
of Qwabi, son of Cama-
zele, son of Mavovo, son of
Kupela, son of Mhlalo.

For comparison, I add here the pedigree of the present chief of this tribe, uSiyingela, whom uKude, as a boy, had served as a sort of "page". I have two relations of this pedigree, one from the chief himself, and one given by Mr. Bopopa, which I shall put side to side, omitting a translation, as it must be seen that "*ka*" prefixed to nouns of persons, indicated the genitive, here used as a patronymicum.

*U-Siyingela, ka-Sihlanhlu,
ka-Qwabe, ka-Camazele
ka-Mavovo, ka-Cupele,
ka-Mhlanhlo, ka-Si-
tueba, ka-Langa.¹⁷⁰*

U-Siyingela, ka-Sihlanhlu
ka-Qwabi, ka-Camazele,
ka-Mavovo, ka-Kupela, ka-
Situeba, ka-Nhlozela, ka-
Langa, ka-Mkise, ka-Mtetwa,
ka-Nyambose, ka-Mkulunkulu.

If compared with the invocation of the ancestral spirits by the man of the aBaMbu tribe, as given in XI. 2, it is evident that uBopopa's statement is not unfounded.

¹⁶⁶ *abaMbo, abaseMbo, abakwaZihlandlo.*

¹⁶⁷ *kaGcwabe.*

¹⁶⁸ *kaKhabazela.*

¹⁶⁹ *kaGubela.* For *ka-Mhlalo* cf. footnote⁴⁹.

¹⁷⁰ see¹⁶⁵ - ¹⁶⁸. For *ka-Situeba* read *kaSidweba.*

As uKude gave me a full account of his father's family, and it may not be uninteresting to show the social relations of a conservative Kafir family, I subjoin the names of his father's wives, with those of their fathers and tribes, and the number of their children, sons or daughters. Five of the number, old Mpako inherited from a deceased brother, none is from the aBa-Mbu tribe. They are very particular to avoid incest; and this feeling goes so far as to make them shy to marry where they can trace the smallest degree of consanguinity.

<i>"Wives of Mpako"</i>	<i>"Their fathers"</i>	<i>"Their tribe"</i>	<i>Sons</i>	<i>Daughters</i>
u-Kuku	ka-Nombengulu	owaBa-pambuku	2	2
u-Bota	ka-Mtibebe	oseMa-timeni	1	3
u-Nomatshe	ka-Ncencani	owaMa-ncolosi	2	1
u-Makutshulu	ka-Mafute	owaMa-ncolosi	1	1
u-Sikwile	ka-Mkungule	kwa M-bombo	3	
u-Kunga	ka-Nonotaguse	kwa Nhlovu	1	2
u-Bapi	ka-Msulungisi	kwa Ncambe	1	1
u-Notanga	ka-Mtshopi	owaMa-qubele	2	1
u-Mnamnefe	ka-Makosi	kwa Ndhlovu	dead	dead
u-Nomafose	ka-Hlonka	kwa Pepeteni	1	3
u-Mcikele	ka-Udinisane	kwa-Mtumbu	1	2
			—	—
			15	16

This is a pretty fair average specimen of fertility in [a] Kafir family; but the number of boys bears far too strong a proportion to that of the girls. In polygamist families there are generally a considerably larger number of daughters than of sons. — Cases, where one wife has more than five children are very rare. —

The Zulu language has no word for the term "animal" in its most general meaning. It always specifies this idea. He has "*in-komo*" (cattle) a word which may sometimes, but generally does not include the "*izim-buzi*" (goats) and "*izimvu*" (sheep); and, besides, he knows of domesticated animals which are of use for [to] him, only "*izin-ja*" (dogs). All wild animals he divides into two classes "*in-nyamazane*" (game) and "*isi-lwanyane*" (wild beast that cannot be eaten). It would appear from this that Nkulunkulu brought forth only such animals as are of use for [to] man; yet, it would be too rash to say that the Zulu tradition denied that he brought forth the other animals.

II.2. On Bopopa see I.

II.4. "*naba-ncinane* (also the little ones) explained by my informant to mean "*aba-ntwana*" (children), as which all men are to be considered with regard to Nkulunkulu.

III. This chapter, which is only a fragment of a longer account, was noted down by the Rev. Dr. Callaway at Pieter Maritzburg. His informant was of [a] different tribe from that of my servant.

IV.2. On the use which is here made of the noun "*umu-ntu*", see under I. This remark refers, of course, also to Chapter V.2.

V.2. "*imi-tsha*, of which the singular is "*umu-tsha*", are those pieces of skin and tails of animals, which form the only regular Zulu-dress.

V.6. "*in-nyamazane*" (game) ought here to be taken in a more extended sense; for, leopard-skins are one of the finest, and monkey-skins the most valued and aristocratic article of dress.

V.7. The red-tops on their heads are worn by the women not only when they are married, but also when they are going to be married; but in the latter case they do not wear the "*isi-kaka*" (petticoat, made of tanned ox-skin), but their only covering is the *u-benhle*, a small girdle about a hand broad, which goes round their loins. It is made from the fibres of a plant of the same name.

V.8. The headring marks in the same manner the married man, as the redtop the married woman. The Zulu custom is to wear them as close to the skull as possible; and for that purpose, they are from time to time, when the hair under them has grown too long, cut off, and sewed on again closer to the skin.

VI.1. The Zulu idea is that Nkulunkulu broke forth out of the reed, (*wa-dabuka o-hlangeni*, as they say); and that, then, he made the nations break forth out of the reed (*wa-dabula izi-zwe o-hlangeni*, III.2.) The verb "*dabula*" is a transitivum, of which "*dabuka*" is the intransitive form, contracted probably from "*dabuleka*". Both verbs are peculiarly Zulu, and appear to be foreign to the frontier Kafirs.

VI.5. All the Betshuana tribes are called "*aBe-Sutu*" by the Zulus.

VI.6. *Ma-hloenga* are called the tribes living around the Portuguese settlement of Lourenzo Marques, on the Delagoa Bay.

VI.7. Bushmen, generally called by the Zulus *aBa-Twa* (or *aBa-t-hua*, and in the sing. *uMu-t-hua*). There were some very small bushmen living in the Kahlamba (Drakensberg). They stole Dingani's cattle, who sent a commando against them, to destroy them. Bopopa describes them thus :

"*aba-bomvana, aba-hlala ezi-dulini pansi, ba-tumba 'nkomo, ba-dhla izi-congotshi (izi-lwanyane ezi-hlala esi-dulini).*"

"who are reddish, who live in anthills on the ground, they steal cattle, they eat ants (?) (unclean animals that live in ant-hills).

VI.9. The Zulus call themselves "*abantu ba-kwa-Zulu*" that is "people from Zulu's territory." Zulu was one of their early kings, and from him the country is called "*Kwa-Zulu*" and the people "*abantu ba-kwa-Zulu*", or merely "*Ba-kwa-Zulu*". The royal pedigree as I could learn it, is this :

*UTshaka wa-zalwa
gu-Sezengakona, ka-Jama,
ka-Ndaba, ka-Punga,
ka-Makeba, ka-
Kumede, ka-
Zulu.*¹⁷¹

Tshaka was begot
by Sezengakona,
(son) of Jama, (son) of
Ndaba, (son) of Punga,
(son) of Makeba, (son) of
Kumede, (son) of Zulu.

VI.12-36. These tribes, or at least particles of these tribes exist in Natal ; and their names and those of their chiefs, on account of their present seats and their former territories, of the number of huts, for which they pay taxes, is to be found in the reports of the Secretary for Native Affairs. — The Ma-kuze tribe are twice mentioned (22 and 29) doubtless by a mistake of my informant. Whether the Mandwandwa are to be found in Natal, I cannot say. I conjecture that they are meant to be the people of Mdwandwa, more generally known as Zwite,¹⁷² the son of

¹⁷¹ *nguSenzangakhona ; kaMageba ; kaGumede.*

¹⁷² *Zwide.*

Lānga, who killed the uM-tetwa king Dingiswayo and fled to the North, where his people are now living, under his successor uSotshangane, between Delagoa Bay and Inhambane, at a short distance from the sea.

VII. 10. The purchase of their wives for cattle is generally not called "*uku-tenga*", but "*uku-lobola*". The former is rather coarse and vulgar, and I think due to European influence.

VII. 11. This is the cow which the bride's father at the betrothal gives to the future son-in-law, in order to be slaughtered for the bride's mother.

VII. 12. The Hlonipa-custom is the sort of bashfulness, which it is decent for a Kafir woman to show towards her near male relatives. This bashfulness is shown in not pronouncing their names, nor even using the words, from which they may be derived ; it is shown also in covering their face before their relatives. A married woman will cover her face when speaking with her elder brother ; and, as we learned from this chapter also before her son-in-law. A bride, i.e. a young married woman during the first year after the marriage, hides herself almost entirely before strangers ; even so much at first that, if obliged to go out, she creeps behind the huts. The dress of these new married ones is often very tasteful and decorous, particularly so among the Ma-ncele tribe.

VIII. The verb "*uku-dhla*" (to eat) is applied by the Zulus and Kafirs in such an extensive way, as to be very surprising to our European ideas. The Zulus do not eat only meat, and mealies, porridge and sour milk, but also whole herds of cattle alive, and a deceased person's whole property ; and, in return, a man is not unfrequently eaten himself by his chief or other people. To eat property, is, to digest it, to take possession of it, to appropriate it to oneself. To eat a man, is, to digest his property, to confiscate it.

VIII. 5. *Amacala*, the plural of *icala*, debt, litigation, claim ; e.g. "*icala seli-dala*", that is an old claim, or cause for litigation, "*icala li-pelile*, the claim is at an end, i.e. satisfied. Therefore "*e-z(i)-e-ma-caleni*" means which (cattle) are in the claims, i.e. to be claimed.

IX. The ancestral spirits are the most prominent objects of adoration among the tribes of the Bantu family. They are the rulers of their descendants' destinies, they send them blessings where they are propitious, and evils when they are angry. They appear to them in their dreams, either proffering [proffering] their demands of offerings, or showing them future events, or only mocking them with false illusions. Also bodily, they sometimes appear, mostly visible in the shape of certain kinds of snakes. The Zulu name for an ancestral spirit is *i-hlozi* 5., pl. *ama-hlozi*, 6., or *itongo* 5., pl. *amatongo* 6. The latter refers to the spirits' appearance in the dreams.

X.1. *a-telue genyongo*. "*Inyongo*" means as well the gall as the gall-bladder of an animal, and "*uku-tela*" means to pour out. This may, therefore, also be translated "he be poured over with the gall"; but as the only use I know to be made of these articles is that the gall-bladder is worn by a man in order to give him strength and luck, I have preferred the other translation, though with doubts.

XI.2. An invocation of the ancestral spirits by a man of the aBa-Mbu tribe [the writer refers the reader to information mentioned in note II.1. — Ed.]. The "*Nomhlonga wezinyoni*" does not appear in the pedigrees given to me. Evidently, not only the spirits of their deceased chiefs, but also the spirits of all who were under their sway, are addressed.

XI.3. I cannot say to what tribe these ancestral spirits may belong. In general it is to be remarked that it is usual to address a prayer to the ancestral spirit, when one has sneezed.

XII. This avocation of a prayer to Nkulunkulu contains several words, which I do not understand and found to be also unintelligible to better Zulu scholars. — It has already been remarked that it contains evident traces of Christian influence [the writer here refers to note I — Ed.]

XIV. I subjoin a German version of this amusing account.
Kuinhla, der neue Mais ist reif, es ziehen die Ma-sóka zum Kraale des reichen Alten; die Sonne ist nahe dem Zielpunkt. Und begrüßend den uMnumzana sie sagen: "*eti, umgane!*" Sich erhebet der reiche Alte, und ein er ladet die Mädchen,

dass sie kommen zu den Leuten, den aMasoka ; anlangen die Mädchen. Es gehn, sich zu waschen, zum Flusse die aMasoka ; sie baden und kehren zum Kraale zurück, den dann verlassend die Masoka tanzen da draussen. Ausgehn die Mädchen und wählen sich Schätze. Doch ach ! dort bleibt einer verlassen übrig ; sie sprechen : "gehe nach Hause!" Auch die Männer und Weiber rufen : "geh nur!" und höhrend sie sagen : uobo ! o hässlicher, du den die Mädchen nicht mögen !"

Er kehret nach Hause und wäscht sich. Wenn er anlangt, weinet die Mutter, es weinet der Vater ; zum Mahle sitzt er alleine.

Am Morgen kommen nach Hause die anderen aMasoka, die von den Mädchen erlesenen.

XV. In this and the next following chapters, there are a few words and phrases, which I do not quite understand. They are indicated in the text by marks of interrogation.

XVIII. The wedding takes always place at the bridegrooms's kraal.

XVIII.3. *ba-pete abantwana, ba-pete ama-rau*, may also be translated : the children carry in their hands, they carry shields, etc.

XVIII.6. This choosing the bride is of course only ceremony. The wedding is, therefore, also called "*uku-keta*" (the choosing). In general the *uku-keta* is more practised by the girls, than by the men. It is not infrequent to see a number of young Kafirs surround a girl, and demand from her to declare who is the finest fellow among them.

XVIII.14. This may also be translated "she gives the bridegroom of her sour milk", but as it [is] at the bridegroom's kraal, the other version seems preferable.

XVIII.15. I cannot pretend to understand thoroughly the first and the last sentence of this paragraph. We know that to each Kafir house-hold, there is assigned a certain portion of the husbands cattle ; and it appears that only the children, and not the wives became the proprietors of these cattle ; and that therefore in order to convert some milkcows to the new married wife's use, it is necessary to invest them into the right of another wife's child, which was then temporarily considered as belonging to the new-comer. — Still I do not regard this as anything

but a probable conjecture. As regards the building of the huts, the woman's work consists in making the floor flat, and smearing it out with cowdung, or other substances, making the fire-place in it; and if the roof is covered with mats, these also are their work. But the frame-work of the huts is constructed by men.

XXI.1. The "*umncamba*" is a word not to be found in the dictionary. It means "stripes of an animal's skin, worn round the body, and intended to have a magical strengthening power."

XXI.2. The last sentence is either wrongly spelt, or of a construction unintelligible to me. I merely guess that it means that the gall-bladder is to be stuck on the body in order that the child may grow.

When the child can crawl, the father offers a goat, or, if he be very rich, an ox, to the ancestral spirits (*Ma-hlozi*) to thank them and to invoke them to let the child grow well.

When the child has come to age, an ox is slaughtered for the same purpose.

XXII.4. It is this little girl's duty to carry the new-born child on her back, particularly during the mother's absence in the field. She is generally a near relation.

XXIV. The custom of burying the dead in graves appears to be due to European influence. Originally they seem to have been merely cast away and covered with cut off branches of thorn-bushes. This explains why the term "*uku-lahla*" (to cast away) is technically used for burying the dead.

XXIV.2. "*Uku-sekezela*" is not in the Dictionary; but it is evidently derived from "*uku-seka*" (make a foundation), "*uku-sekela*" (prop, support, uphold, sustain).

XXV.5. The exact meaning of *izi-si* [*isi-zi* — Ed.] I could not ascertain. The criminal's children are entirely property of the king's; perhaps the word may be translated by "slaves", but there is nothing to guide me to such a conclusion besides this sentence.

XXVI.1. The word "*memencina*" is not in the dictionary. It is evidently composed of "*mema*" (call, bid, invite) and the stem "*ncina*", the meaning of which I do not know. It might perhaps be "*memenqina*", from "*nqina*" (be firm).

XXVI.4. I do not attempt to give an explanation of the last word of this paragraph. It is evidently stereotyped for the occasion. Though several times present at their hunting festivities, I found it almost impossible to catch even a few lines of their hunting songs ; and still more difficult to find out their meaning. It is probably not too much said that the people themselves do not understand the meaning of the greatest portion of the songs in use among them ; and even of newly invented songs not infrequently only the composer is able to reveal to you their proper meaning.

XXVII. This is the beginning of a prize-song, sung at one of their great dances. Mpande is said to have been very much pleased with it. The forms "*wenkosi*", "*wesilo*" and "*wenhlonhlo*" are contracted from "*u-ngo-wenkosi*" etc., and even here the noun "*um-enzi*" must be supplied ; so that the full sense of the first verse is : "Thou art he who is the (maker) of the king." The "tiger" (*isilo*) is one of the titles which are the prerogative of royalty. About the meaning of "*inhlonhlo*" in this place, I am uncertain.

XXVIII. "*a-u-zi-niki*", is probably to be corrected into "*a-u-si-niki*."

A-Ma-tebe are those who tattoo their cheeks ; and *aMa-bomvu* are called such people as cut off a joint from their little finger.

Such small songs with their long refrain of meaningless syllables, are endlessly repeated.

XXIX. This is a dialogue between the Rev. R. Robertson and some Kafir, concerning the death of Tshaka's mother. There exists a different account of this event and has been published in the Bishop of Natal's "*Ten Weeks in Natal*", as communicated to him by Mr. H. Fynn, who was an eyewitness of her death. But the Zulus and natives of Natal generally agree with Mr. Robertson's referent. Besides Mr. Fynn is said to have been called to the king's only after the atrocious deed had been committed, and what was the cause of his mother's illness, was not in Tshaka's policy to tell "the white Kaffir". It is a pity that only the first part of this Dialogue is at hand.

XXIX.8. The noun "*umu-ntwana*" (child), pl. "*aba-ntwana*" (children) is "*par-excellence*" applied to the king's children, and may therefore often most properly be translated "prince" or "princess".

REVISED VERSION

I

UNkulunkulu waphuma emhlabeni ngaphansi ; waphuma nelanga, waphuma ne-nyanga, wabeka phezulu. Wathi ilanga lihambe emini inyanga iphume kusihlwa.

II

UNkulunkulu waphuma emhlabeni, waveza abantu nezinto nezinkomo nabelungu nezimbuzi nezimvu nezinja nezinyamazane ezihlala emahlathini. UNkulunkulu wathi luhambe unwabu (isilwanyana) luyokuthi abantu abangafi, luyokusho kuBophopha. Lwahamba kancinyane. Kwesuka intulo iyokuthi abantu abafe ; kufe abelungu nabantu abamnyama nezinkomo nezimvu nezinja nezinyamazane — kufe konke. UNkulunkulu wayethe abantu abangafi, akuphile nabancane. Kwagijima intulo, yathi abantu bafe, bonke abantu abasemhlabeni nazo zonke izilo ezisemhlabeni.

III

Sizwa kuthiwa uNkulunkulu wadabula izizwe ohlangeni (emhlangeni). Kuthiwa wathuma unwabu, wathi : "Hamba, lunwabu, uye uyokuthi abantu mabangafi." Lwahamba unwabu, lwahamba kancinyane ; lwalibala endleleni. Lwahamba lwadla umuthi ogama lawo ubukhwebezane. Waze UNkulunkulu wathuma intulo ngasemuva konwabu, lona se luhambile ngesikhathi esiphambili. Yahamba-ke intulo yagijima yashesha kakhulu ngokuba uNkulunkulu ethe : "Ntulo, ufike uthi abantu abafe." Yahamba-ke intulo ; wathi uNkulunkulu isheshe. Yashesha yafika.

IV

UNkulunkulu wadala intombi yomlungu, wadala indoda yomlungu. Wathi ayiganwe yintombi yomlungu ; intombi yazala abelungu. Wadala intombi yomuntu, wadala nendoda yomuntu ; wathi intombi yomuntu ayigane umuntu omnyama ; yazala abantu abamnyama. Wathi abelungu abahlale emanzini olwandle ; wabanika okwembatha. Wathi abantu abamnyama abahambe ezweni lakhe, balakhe, bakhe imizi, bafuye izinkomo nezimbuzi nezimvu babeke izinja baze bazingele.



GOtha JUSTUS PERTHES

Lith. Anst. v. C. Hellmuth in Gotha

Petermann's Map of 1856

Während der ersten Monate dieses Jahres brachen nach mehrjähriger Ruhe die Buschmänner aus ihren uneinnehmbaren Schlupfwinkeln im Kahlamba-Gebirge hervor, um Vieh zu stehlen, und lenkten dadurch meine Aufmerksamkeit wieder auf sich. In den Recessen des Kahlamba-Gebirges, in den anscheinend unübersteigbaren Schluchten bei dem von Kapitän Gardiner benannten Giant's Cup müssen noch Residuen dieses interessanten Bruchtheils unserer Race sich finden; doch um ethnologische Studien bei einer solchen Nation mit einigem Erfolg betreiben zu können, muss man freier gestellt sein, als ich es bin. Übrigens würde man auch geographisch gewiss Vieles dabei lernen, da das Innere der Kahlamba eigentlich so gut wie gar nicht erforscht ist.

DIE KAFIR-STÄMME VON NATAL.

Über die Kafir-Stämme innerhalb der Kolonie Natal hat Dr. Bleek sehr ausführliche, in folgender Tabelle zusammengestellte Angaben eingeschickt; es rühren dieselben von unpublicirten Dokumenten her, die der Missionar und Lexikograph James Perrin nach offiziellen Aufnahmen und eigenen fünfjährigen Arbeiten unserem Reisenden mittheilte. Dr. Bleek erwähnt, dass in diesen Angaben die Zahl der Hütten für das Jahr 1853 viel zu gering angegeben ist. Auf eine Hütte rechnet man im Durchschnitt $3\frac{7}{10}$ Personen und fünf Hütten auf ein Kraal oder Kaffern-Dorf, obschon viele Kraale bedeutend größer sind und wiederum andere nur aus zwei oder drei Hütten bestehen.

Kafir-Stämme.	Hauptlinge		Hauptlinge		Wohnsitze.
	im Jahre 1849.		im Jahre 1853.		
1 } ama Baca	um Dushani	804	um Dushani	125	Linkes Ufer des Umzimkulu.
ama Baze	u Ndabankulu	286	u Ndabankulu	55	Zwischen Amakosinzima und Umzimkulu.
2 } ama Bele	u Mabiya	110	Usopekazi	271	Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati, bei Indaka und Unodada.
ama Biya			Udomba	48	Rechtes Ufer des Umkomanzi unter den Uzulu.
3 } ama Bombo	um Tukuteli	118	Umabiya	45	Zwischen Umtyalume und Umzumbi.
ama Bomvu	u Somahatye	552	um Tukuteli	50	Beide Ufer der Igura.
4 } ama Cwabi	a) u Musi	1081	u Somahashi	555	Zwisch. Umvoti u. Utugela u. zwisch. Utugela u. Umzinyati.
			Uhomvi	140	Ihlambiti.
			Umusi	706	Itongati, Umvoti und Umona.
ama Cwabi	b) u Mafungonyana	1081	Umafungonyana	220	Beide Ufer des Umvoti.
			Ubambula	72	Isikinsiki.
			Uzuzona	18	Rechtes Ufer des Umkomanzi.
5 } ama Cele	c) u Zulu	1094	Uzulu	67	Oberhalb des Umafungonyana.
			Umzwangedwa	58	Jenseits des Umvoti und oberhalb des Umafungonyana
			Uzwyzwapi	22	Beide Ufer des Umlazi, unterhalb Umkulunkululu.
a Ma-ngeele	a) u Xabash'	1094	Uxabash'	570	Untumbankulu, zwischen Umzimkulu und Umzumbi.
			b) u Magitigiti	91	Umpambinyoni, beide Ufer nahe der See.
			c) u Sicuban'	190	Ikulunati, Quellen des Umpambinyoni.
			d) um Kosi	55	Unter Ihlambiti.
ama Cunu	u Pakade	1228	Umatambo	25	Zwischen Impafana und Utugela.
			Umaningi	1444	Beide Ufer der Ufafa, auf dem Hochland.
ama Dubi	u Mahlukana	1104	Uhabana	155	Linkes Ufer des Umvoti, weit unten.
ama Duma	u Dumisa	690	Udumisa	235	Ifafa und Umpambinyoni.
6 } ama Dunge	u Dontsela	146	Umtabela	350	Linkes Ufer des Umzinto, nahe der See.
			Utezwayo	57	Ifafa, in einem Thal über Rev. S. Stone's Station.
7 } ama Foze	u Macansa	711	Unakanaka	32	Linkes Ufer des Umgeni, bei Peel's Farm.
			Unocasa	35	Hoch oben am Ilovo und Umlazi.
8 } en Hlangwini	a) u Sidoi	746	u Sidoi	544	Beide Ufer des Umkomanzi, über Salt Pans Drift.
	b) u Fodo	511	u Fodo	569	Linkes Ufer des Umzimkulu, unter Amabaca.
	c) u Bihla	433	Amakuze	375	Beide Ufer des Umtyezi, bei seiner Mündung in die Utugela.
	d) u Gubevu	156	Ugubevu	96	Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni unter Udumisa.
	e) u Maiza	35	Umaiza	50	Umsunduzi, sehr weit oben.
9 } ama Hlongwa	u Joli	197	Usandindi	51	Zwischen Amakanya und dem Meere.
10 } ama Hosiyan	u Matyisa	119	Ujugulu	40	Rechtes Ufer des Umvoti, über Esidumbini.
11 } ama Hlubi	a) u Langalibalele	77	Ujoli	46	Amahlongwa, nahe der See.
	b) u Hlwatika		71u.50	Elniyon	148
12 } ama Kabela	u Makedama	435	Umatyiza	600	Am Kwahlamba, nördlich von Umtyizi.
	u Makuta	451	Hlangalibalele	40	Rechtes Ufer des Umtwalume, sehr weit oben.
13 } ama Kanya	u Matyinga	149	Usowetye, gestorb.	40	Jenseits des Epesweni und unter Usomaha.
14 } Abamkulisa	u Nondabula	138	Umakedama	282	Ihlambiti.
15 } aba Kwanhlovu	u Radarada	138	Ubatshana	40	Impongodwe, beide Ufer.
			Umakuta	324	Mit Enhlangwini unter Usidoi.
			Usonvonyangwe	215	Am Umbilo und Umhlatuzana.

) Nach der Karte an den Quellen des Tugela. — A. P. Petermann's Geogr. Mittheilungen. 1856, Heft X.

Dr. Bleek's Forschungen in Natal.

Könr-Stämme.	Häuptlinge		Zahl der Hütten	Häuptlinge		Zahl der Hütten	Wohnsitze.
	im Jahre 1849.			im Jahre 1853.			
16	aba Zwana ama Cosele izin Kumbi	u Cengezi u Nosimikwana u Vunhlazi	117 143 732	Ucengezi Uosimikwana Uvunhlazi	188 205 480	Induka. Rechtes Ufer des Umsunduzi unter dem Table-Mountain. Zwischen Umzimkulu und Ifafa, nahe der See.	
17	ama Kuze	a) u Kukulela b) um Bazwana c) u Gomane	752 245 64	u Kukulela Umbazwana Ugomane	834 425 218	Beide Ufer des Umkomanzi, unterhalb Umbazwana. Quellen des Ilovo. Linkes Ufer des Umkomanzi, unterhalb Salt Pans Drift.	
18	ama Langeni ama Luta	u Mancengeza um Pahlwa	105 35	Umancengeza Umpahlwa	32 48	Beide Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Linkes Ufer der Ifafa, nahe der See.	
19	ama Memela	um Shukangubo	160	Umshukangubo	110	Zwischen Umvoti und Utugela, jenseits Abasengome.	
20	ama Mpumuza ama Ngwane	u Didileka u Zikali	358 417	Udidileku Uzikali Ututa	144 461 500	Zwischen Umsimkulu und Umkomanzi, über Usidoi. Rechtes Ufer des Umsunduzi. Beide Ufer der Utugela, am Fuss der Kwahlamba. Linkes Ufer des Umgeni.	
33	ama Ngwe	u Putini		Umkombeni	25	Rechtes Ufer des Umkomanzi, sehr hoch oben.	
24	ama Neolosi ama Kosinzima ama Langa ama Mbedu ama Ndelu	u Faku u Ndelu	497 292	Uputini Ufaku Amakosinzima Ubaccla Undandatu Undelu	295 560 127 89 94	Beide Ufer des Injusuti, bei Uzukali. Beide Ufer des Umgeni, Inanda gegenüber. Nahe dem linken Ufer des Umzimkulu. Umxeke, unterhalb Ungoza. Etwas unterhalb der Amerik. Missions-Station Kwapumulo.	
22	u Nati	u Dibinleka	832	Udibinyeka Utyasa Udabankulumpapa Umanzini	141 600 127 30 175	Umtwalume und unterer Lauf der Igura. Von den Umlazi-Quellen nach dem Emrolweni hin. Beide Ufer des Umvoti, hoch oben. Linkes Ufer des Umgeni, unterhalb Emrolweni. Zwischen Umlazi und Umhlatuzana.	
23	ama Nganga	u Manzini	140	Usipanhla Ukofana, verstorb. Unogiyeli Ukayityana Udubiana Ubungane Umtuli Usikonkwane Umangena Umungapangapa Ukakai Ulgwalala	203 355 68 84 368 70 90 62 120 118 170	Beide Ufer des Umhloti. Beide Ufer der Ohlanga, nahe der See. Beide Ufer des Umvoti, unterhalb Isikotwe. Beide Ufer des Umzinto, nahe der See. Umona, Nebenfluss des Itongati. Zwischen Esidumbini und Umvoti. Umvoti, nahe dem Isikotwe.	
25	ama Nyuswa	a) u Dubiana b) u Qume c) umu Ngapangapa d) u Kakai e) u Gwalela	503 191 181 78 177	Umnyeka, verstorb. Umacala Umatyimane Umlamula Unomasi Ungoza Umaranli Ujanganeni Usiyingela Ungungezwa Umpotshana Usiyedwa Ukalani Umaranli Unodada Umatyana Ubulungeni Utyekambuya Ogle	239 182 176 28 97 605 23 188 676 164 41 111 81 85 920 1063 149 182 507	Rechtes Ufer des Umkomanzi, zwischen Ugiko und Izembe. Zwischen Umaluqa und Amamoiosi. Zwischen Ilovo und Umlazi, oberhalb Umanzintote. Zwischen Umacala und Umangapangapa, am Ilovo. Bei Umatyimane. Insuzi, oberhalb Umtuli. Zwischen Umgezi und Umreku. Bei und oberhalb Xabash am Umlazi. Oberhalb Usomahashi. Zwischen Umkomanzi und Umlazi, unterhalb Amakuze. Bei und unterhalb Ihlazuka, am linken Ufer d. Umkomanzi. Bei Umgundane. Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni, oberhalb Dumisa's Kraal. Linkes Ufer des Umxeke. Ihlutukungu, linkes Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Umtyezito und jenseits der Utugela. Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati. Oberhalb Ihlambiti. Zwischen Utugela und Inonoti. Rechtes Ufer des Ilovo, nahe der See.	
26	ama Pepeta ¹⁾	a) um Yeka b) u Macala	219 187	Umatyimane Umlamula Unomasi Ungoza Umaranli Ujanganeni Usiyingela Ungungezwa Umpotshana Usiyedwa Ukalani Umaranli Unodada Umatyana Ubulungeni Utyekambuya Ogle	187 176 28 97 605 23 188 676 164 41 111 81 85 920 1063 149 182 507	Bei Umatyimane. Insuzi, oberhalb Umtuli. Zwischen Umgezi und Umreku. Bei und oberhalb Xabash am Umlazi. Oberhalb Usomahashi. Zwischen Umkomanzi und Umlazi, unterhalb Amakuze. Bei und unterhalb Ihlazuka, am linken Ufer d. Umkomanzi. Bei Umgundane. Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni, oberhalb Dumisa's Kraal. Linkes Ufer des Umxeke. Ihlutukungu, linkes Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Umtyezito und jenseits der Utugela. Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati. Oberhalb Ihlambiti. Zwischen Utugela und Inonoti. Rechtes Ufer des Ilovo, nahe der See.	
27	ama Pumulo	a) u Matyimane b) um Konto u Ngoza	133 97 174	Umatyimane Umlamula Unomasi Ungoza Umaranli Ujanganeni Usiyingela Ungungezwa Umpotshana Usiyedwa Ukalani Umaranli Unodada Umatyana Ubulungeni Utyekambuya Ogle	182 176 28 97 605 23 188 676 164 41 111 81 85 920 1063 149 182 507	Bei Umatyimane. Insuzi, oberhalb Umtuli. Zwischen Umgezi und Umreku. Bei und oberhalb Xabash am Umlazi. Oberhalb Usomahashi. Zwischen Umkomanzi und Umlazi, unterhalb Amakuze. Bei und unterhalb Ihlazuka, am linken Ufer d. Umkomanzi. Bei Umgundane. Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni, oberhalb Dumisa's Kraal. Linkes Ufer des Umxeke. Ihlutukungu, linkes Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Umtyezito und jenseits der Utugela. Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati. Oberhalb Ihlambiti. Zwischen Utugela und Inonoti. Rechtes Ufer des Ilovo, nahe der See.	
28	ama Qanyani ama Some	u Maranle u Gangeni	79 5	Umaranli Ujanganeni Usiyingela Ungungezwa Umpotshana Usiyedwa Ukalani Umaranli Unodada Umatyana Ubulungeni Utyekambuya Ogle	23 188 676 164 41 111 81 85 920 1063 149 182 507	Bei und oberhalb Xabash am Umlazi. Oberhalb Usomahashi. Zwischen Umkomanzi und Umlazi, unterhalb Amakuze. Bei und unterhalb Ihlazuka, am linken Ufer d. Umkomanzi. Bei Umgundane. Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni, oberhalb Dumisa's Kraal. Linkes Ufer des Umxeke. Ihlutukungu, linkes Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Umtyezito und jenseits der Utugela. Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati. Oberhalb Ihlambiti. Zwischen Utugela und Inonoti. Rechtes Ufer des Ilovo, nahe der See.	
35	aba Sengome	u Gangeni	5	Umaranli Ujanganeni Usiyingela Ungungezwa Umpotshana Usiyedwa Ukalani Umaranli Unodada Umatyana Ubulungeni Utyekambuya Ogle	23 188 676 164 41 111 81 85 920 1063 149 182 507	Bei und oberhalb Xabash am Umlazi. Oberhalb Usomahashi. Zwischen Umkomanzi und Umlazi, unterhalb Amakuze. Bei und unterhalb Ihlazuka, am linken Ufer d. Umkomanzi. Bei Umgundane. Linkes Ufer des Umpambinyoni, oberhalb Dumisa's Kraal. Linkes Ufer des Umxeke. Ihlutukungu, linkes Ufer des Umtwalume, hoch oben. Umtyezito und jenseits der Utugela. Zwischen Utugela und Umzinyati. Oberhalb Ihlambiti. Zwischen Utugela und Inonoti. Rechtes Ufer des Ilovo, nahe der See.	
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30	ama Tyingasi	um Gone	297	Umgone Umkizwana Umnini Unondinisa Ufunwayo Unbukiana Uquiko Ulugaju	178 133 185 88 51 51 101 724	Unterhalb und bei Amaosiyane. Linkes Ufer des Umgeni, unterhalb Ungoza. Ungababa, zwischen Ilovo und Umkomanzi. Zwischen Umvoti und Isikoto. Oberhalb Umatyiza, bei dem Grossen Noods-Berg. Jenseits Umtuli, rechtes Ufer des Umvoti. Umkomanzi, rechtes Ufer. Beide Ufer des Umgeni, oberhalb Imbubu.	
31	ama Tuli	um Nini	225	Umgone Umkizwana Umnini Unondinisa Ufunwayo Unbukiana Uquiko Ulugaju	178 133 185 88 51 51 101 724	Unterhalb und bei Amaosiyane. Linkes Ufer des Umgeni, unterhalb Ungoza. Ungababa, zwischen Ilovo und Umkomanzi. Zwischen Umvoti und Isikoto. Oberhalb Umatyiza, bei dem Grossen Noods-Berg. Jenseits Umtuli, rechtes Ufer des Umvoti. Umkomanzi, rechtes Ufer. Beide Ufer des Umgeni, oberhalb Imbubu.	
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34	aba Sengome						
35	ama Xumayo i Zembe	u Sotondoza (Ogle)	96 221	Usotondoza Ogle	89 216	Zwischen Umvoti und Inonoti, weit unten. Rechtes Ufer des Umkomanzi, nahe der See.	

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UNkulunkulu wathi abelungu abaphathe izibamu, abantu baphathe imikhonto. Wathi abelungu abembathe (abagqoke), abantu abamnyama babince imitsha. Wathi abafazi ababince izikhumba (izidwaba) zezinkomo, amadoda abince (avunule) izikhumba zezinyamazane. Wathi abafazi abakhehle (izicholo), amadoda athunge izicoco.

VI

UNkulunkulu wadabuka phansi ; waphuma ohlangeni (emhlangeni). Wadala abantu nabelungu. Wadala abeSuthu, amaNhlwenga, iziChwe, amaSwazi, amaZulu (kaMpande), amaMpondo, amaXhosa (amaXhoza), abaMbo (abaseMbo), amaQadi, amaNyuswa, amaNgcolosi, amaQwabe, amaNdlovu, abaseNadi, amaNxamalala, amaChunu, amaBomvu, amaKhuze, amaBombo, amaLanga, amaNtshangase, amaKhabela, amaNganga, amaCele, amaNgwane, abaThembu, amaKhanya, amaPhumulo, amaFuze, amaPhephetha namaNdwandwe.

VII

UNkulunkulu wathi kuvele amanzi khona abantu beyophuza amanzi, kuvele umlilo khona abantu beyopheka ukudla. Wathi makulime abafazi. Wathi amadoda awakhe izindlu agawule imithi acabe kulinywe (kuhlanyelwe) amabele. Wathi amadoda awafune amageja awaphisele emiphinini anikele abafazi balime. Wathi abafazi mabeyolima, baphathe imbewu baze bahlwayele khona kuyakumila. Wathi Unkulunkulu abafazi mabagaye (mabaphise) utshwala. Wathi abafazi mabatheze izinkuni ehlathini. Wathi abafazi mabapheke ukudla baphekele amadoda. Wathi uNkulunkulu amadoda ashaye abafazi abonayo, abafazi abangalungisiyo. Wathi abafazi mabalotsholwe ngezinkomo koyise. Uyise khona eyakutshela umkhwenyana (umyeni) akhokhe ingquthu (inkomo) ayinike unina (uninazala). Wathi uNkulunkulu uma umuntu eganwe intombi yomunye umuntu abe ngumkhwenyana, ahlonishwe. Unina wentombi athwale umnqwazi (isingwazi) wokuhlonipha umkhwenyana. Athi uyise wentombi : saku bona, mkhwenyana! Zithi izintombi : saku bona, mkhwenyawethu (mkhwenyethu)! Athi umkhwenyana : sanibona, balamu bami, esho (lokhu) ezintombini.

VIII

Wathi uNkulunkulu akothi angafa (nxa kufe) omunye umnawakhe (umnawabo) angene abafazi bofileyo bangathathwa (bangangenwa) umuntu wezizwe. Khona eyokwazi ukulonda abantwabakhe, alonde izinkomo zakhe, abantwabakhe badle zona izinkomo zakhe bangafi (bangaze bafe) yindlala. Kukhona beyakukhula bedla izinkomo zikayise abashiya nazo nxa efa, badle ifa likayise. Bathi uma se bekhulile babize ifa

likayise, bathi : "Sinike izinkomo zikababa okade uzidla sisebancane." Bathi : "Sitshele nezisemacaleni siye ukuzibiza kulabobantu abazidla ; sizohamba nabo siye enkosini sithi badla izinkomo zikababa."

IX

Wathi uNkulunkulu uma umuntu efile akabe lidlozi (akoba lidlozi). UNkulunkulu washo wathi umuntu akabobongwa uma esefile ngokuhlatshelewa inkomo, uma eselidlozi.

X

Amadlozi-ke! Uma kugula umuntu bese kuyiwa enyangeni (esangomeni), inyanga ithi : "Ubulawa idlozi ; lithi kakuhlatshe inkomo khona ezakusinda." Ihlatshwe inkomo, athelwe ngenyongo umuntu asinde. Uma umuntu ephupha idlozi aliphuphe ebusuku elele. Kuyasa ngakusasa usetshela abantu ukuthi "Ngibone idlozi likhuluma lithi lifuna inkomo, lithi kayihlatshwe." Bonke abantu abafayo (asebafa) bangamadlozi, nomuntu ogwaziweyo uyabonakala (uya abonakale) uma eseyidlozi.

XI

Sibonga amadlozi-ke njalo, mlungu : Ngithi mina, "Ethi!" la(pho) ngithimulayo, "nabakithi bakwaMkhize bakwaGubela bakwaMdladla bakwaSidweba bakaNomhlonga-wezinyoni bakwaQwabe baka . . ." Kuphela-ke. Kuthi-ke omunye umfana : "Ethi nabo abakithi, abakwaShezi, bakwaSokhele, nina bakithi." Bala lokuya-ke (lokhu-ke).

XII

LikaDumizulu (?), likaMkhanyisi, likaChibi-nomcwazi-nangaphezulu (?), lika-Guqabadele (UNkulunkulu), likababa wethu owasenzayo owasipha amabele, owasipha umphefumulo, owasipha zonke izinto ezisemhlabeni ; siyabonga kuyena, inkosi yethu, owathi kasihambe phansi, owathi kasilale size sivuke kusasa. Wathi kakushone ilanga, kakuphume ilanga. Kuphela-ke!

XIII

Wathi kasibe nezandla namehlo nempumulo nomlomo namazinyo nezindlebe nezinyawo nenhliziyo nekhandla. Wathi kasibe nomphimbo wokugwinya ukudla. Wathi kasihlafune. Wathi ukudla kasikukhe ngesandla sikuyise (sikuse) emlonyeni, sikuhlafune, sikugwinye . . .

XIV

Kuthi ekwindla izinsizwa (amasoka) zihambe ziyokweshela emzini womunye umuntu, umuntu omkhulu (umnumzane). Zifike kusihlwa ilanga lishona (liyoshona). Zifike zikhulekele kumnumzana, zithi: "Ethi, mnumzane!" Abesesuka umnumzana azimeme izintombi zize kula babantu, izinsizwa, zifike-ke izintombi. Kuyasa kusasa izinsizwa se ziyokugeza emfuleni; se zigeza zibuyele ekhaya. Ziphume izinsizwa zisine; se ziphuma izintombi se ziwaqoma. Se zimshiya omunye zithi, "Buyela ekhaya!" Sokusuka amadoda nabafazi se bethi; "Buya (phindela emuva!)" Bamhleke bathi, "Wobo! Umuntu omubi oshiywa (owaliwa) izintombi!" Usefika useyohlanza. Uma esefikile unina usekhala noyise usekhala; usezodla ukudla yedwa. Se zifika ekhaya ku bo ezinye izinsizwa ngakusasa ziqonywe izintombi. Izinsizwa ziqonyelwe ngaphandle, zingene endlini nezintombi, izintombi zibize abaqomisi (izisheli) baxoxe bakhulume . . . Kuyasa kusasa ziyaziphelekezela zikhulume nazo.

XV

Ngosuku intombi iya ngokunyonyoba (iyakuzola) esokeni layo; ifike isoka liyinine imikhonto. Ilale (intombi) izinsuku ezimbili (zibembili) ithathe imikhonto ibuyele ku bo. Ifike intombi imikhonto iyinike umnewabo, omunye iwunike uyise. Ibuye iye iyolala esokeni layo iyozola. Isoka alibe lisayinika intombi umkhonto.

XVI

Ithi intombi ingazala umntwana lapho yendele khona athi umntwana wentombi "kwamalume" (ekhabomama) esho ku bo kantombi le eyamzalayo.

XVII

Uye athi umfana uma eganwa intombi, uyise engazi, uye athukuthele ayikhiphe intombi ayiyise kuyise. Ibuye futhi intombi kumfana lo, abuye uyise womfana ayivume athi, "Ithathe", ashaye inkomo ende ngayo [acele] ekhweni lomntanakhe.

XVIII

Ngithi intombi ithi uma isiyokwenda ayibince ingubo ngesinxele (ngasesinxele) uyise ayinike isinqindi (isijula) isiphathe ngesandla intombi ibenenyongo yembuzi enhloko nenyongo yenkomo esandleni sesinxele, ibe namaxhama amaningi engutsheni (ngaphezulu kwengubo). Uyise uyaye abambe umntanakhe ngesandla aphume naye endlini aye esibayeni naye amphelekezele ambeke endle (esigangeni) abuye uyise

azolala ekhaya. Intombi isihambe phambili namanye amadoda, nezinsizwa nezintombi ezinye. Ezinye izintombi ziyakufika ngakusasa. Kuyasa-ke aphume uyise eya kumntwana ehamba nezinkabi ezimbili (umganu neshoba) nezimbuzi eziyishumi nobuhlalu nabantu abaningi nezintombi ezilishumi (umthimba). Baphethe abantwana, baphethe amahawu nemikhonto; baphumise intombi bayokusina. Bayahlabelela endleleni. Uma se befikile ekhaya lomyeni, umyeni uyayakhethe (uyaye akhethe). Kuyasa kusasa ahlabise inkomo, ahlabise izintombi, ihlinzwe iqedwe. Ithathe umhlobulo enye intombi ihambe nawo iye ekhaya kufo (kufo kamakoti). Kuyasa ziyamgezisa zihlabise imbuzi. Kuyasa ziyagoduka (zibuyela ekhaya), enye intombazana ihlalisa umlobokazi. Beze abakufo kamakoti bamlethele ukudla, bamlethele amasi, bamlethele utshwala. Uyahlalahlala, abuye ahambe aye kufo ayogega inhloko (ikhanda). Abuye umlobokazi kumyeni (kufo kamyeni; ekhakhakhe) ethwele utshwala, eza nezinye izintombi ezithwele utshwala, eziphethe igeja azolima ngalo. Usezofika ekhaya lomyeni usezomnika amasi angawakhe umyeni awadle-ke. Useba umfazi wakhona ekhaya, bese bemnika umntwana womunye umfazi omncinyane (ingane eseyincane yenye inkosikazi yalapha ekhakhakhe), se bemnika inkomo (mhlawumbe inkomo yamasi khona ezokwazi ukudla amasi alapha ekhakhakhe); usakhelwe indlu yakhe (yakwakhe), agaye utshwala endlini yakhe (kwakhe) usepha umyeni wakhe, emupha nokudla, aphe nomntwana lo anikwe yena ukudla.

XIX

Umfazi uye athi uma ezakubeletha abize abanye abafazi bazekumbelethisa . . . Se bemphatha se befuna izibi, se benika unina besehlala kuzona. Abanye abafazi bamganyela ukudla bamnike umfazi obelethayo abesedla. Abese eya emfuleni ageze umzimba abuye. Abese ehlala endlini amadoda angangeni. Uthi umfazi angashisa izibi amadoda angene.

XX

Bese bethi abafazi akalungise inkaba yomntwana umfazi okwaziyo. Ithi mhla inqamukayo ashise izibi, kungene abantu bonke. Kuthi ingane ayembese ngengubo ayifihle angabonwa amadoda, ibonwe abafazi bodwa.

XXI

Umntwana uma esekhasa uhlatshelwa imbuzi (imbuzi yomncamo) kwenzelwe umntwana umncamba (imbeleko). Inyongo yembuzi le ehlatshelwe umntwana ayithathe unina ayifake kuyena enhloko kade ethelwa ngayo emzimbeni kuthiwa: "Khula, mntwana."

XXII

Uma umfazi ezakubeletha indoda iyayiphume (iyaye iphume) kungene abafazi abazombelethisa balale kuye. Aze umfazi ashise izibi kaduma (anduba) baphume abanye abafazi baye ezindlini zabo. Kuba izinsuku ezilishumi baphume abafazi indoda ibuye ilale endlini yayo. Iye ihambe indoda iyokwetsheleka (iyokunxusa) intombazana komunye umuntu, iyosala nomntwana obelethiwe. Aze akhule ahambe, intombazana imuke-ke kuyise (bese ibuyela kuBo). Athi uma esekhulile alunyulwe . . .

XXIII

Uyabeletha umfazi alale izinsuku eziyisithupha, aphume ngolenkotha (ngolwesi-khombisa) abesethatha ubulongwe esesinda endlini abesengena amadoda. Ibisihamba indoda iyobiza inyanga ezoncelisa umntwana kunina. Unina usegaya utshwala bokuncelisa umntwana ebeleni. Isifika inyanga imelaphe umntwana, inyanga idla utshwala isigoduka-ke isiya ekhaya layo (isiya kwayo).

XXIV

Uthi umuntu uma esefile afnyezwe izitho khona eyakuhlwa kahle. Abese embelwa egodini se kubekwa amatshe kodwa afakwe egodini, asekelwe ngamatshe angawi. Bese kugawulwa amahlaha anameva abekwe phezulu kwegodi. Uma eselahlwa umuntu kuyakhalwa (isililo) se kufika abantu bonke beminye imizi bethi : "Maye babo! Maye, sifile! Maye ngomuntu wethu (wakithi)! Maye ngomhlobo wethu!"

XXV

Umuntu angathakatha ubulawa yinkosi idle (imudle) izinkomo zakhe, idle abantu bakhe iwushise umuzi wakhe. Abantu bangene emzini womthakathi bathathe impahla, bathathe amabele. Kuthathwa abantwana bayiswe enkosini ; kuthathwe abafazi banikelwe amadoda amanye abangene abafazi bomthakathi. Abantwana baba isizi senkosi.

XXVI

Ngolunye usuku umfana womnumzane ayomema inqina (ayaye ameme inqina ; uletha isimemo senqina) komunye umuzi. Afike umnumzana athume omunye umfana ayomema inqina futhi (ayomemezela kweminye imizi) athi ayihlangane (ayibohlangana) phambili okhalweni laphaya okuyozingelwa khona (lapha iyakuyozingela khona). Kuze amabandla ayokuhlangana khona, afike amabandla agube asine ; bafike abanye nabo futhi bagube basine. . . . Bahlale phansi bonke bepethe imikhonto behamba nezinja zabo. Bathi : "Mabandla amakhulu!" Bathi : "Mabandla anje, nanso inyamazane eyenu! . . ."

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- Unina kaShaka wayengubani na ?
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Uyazazi yini izindaba zokufa kwakhe na ?
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Wayefihlile umntwana kaShaka unina.
Wambulala ngani ?
Wamgwaza ngomkhonto esiswini.
Wena watshelwa ngubani na (konke lokhu) ?
Ngangitshelwa (ngatshelwa) ngabantu bakaShaka abadala.
Kuyiqiniso (uqinisile) na ?
Kuyiqiniso (ngiqinisile).
Ake ungizekele izindaba zikaNandi.

UShaka wayenabafazi abaninginingi (kodwa) engathandi ukuba abe nomntwana. Wamitha omunye umfazi kaShaka wabesemthatha unina kaShaka wayakumthukusa kwesinye isizwe. Wazala (wabeletha) lomfazi. Kwathi lapha esehamba umntwana kwazwakala kuShaka ukuthi umntwana ukhona. Bamfihlile, nkosi!
Wathini emva kwalokhu na ?
UShaka wabuza kunina wathi : "Ngezwa kuthiwa kukhona umntwana — ngokabani na, mame, lokhu angizali na ?" Waphendula uNandi wathi : "Mntanami, ngazi ngani na ?" Wathi uShaka : "Awukwazi (lokho) mame na ? Se ngizwile na ?" Waphendula uNandi wathi : "Yebo, nkosi, kwenziwa yimi!" Wavuma uNandi wathi : "Wafihlwa yimi." Waphendula uShaka wathi : "Wenzeleni ukungifihlela umntwana ngingazali na ?" UShaka wamthumela abantu wathi : "Makayothathwa ngibone ukuba wofana nami na." Wafika-ke umntwana wambona efana naye. UShaka wathi : "Mthatheni nonina niyokumbulala kanye nonina!" Wathi-ke emva kwalokho : "Hamba-ke ; uyabona-ke, mame, ukuthi wenze into embi na ?"

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