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Berlin, C.P.



Xmas. Day 1928

Rev. R.R.W. Shepherd M.A.,
Lovedale.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst. returning the hymns; I hope the hymns returned by your Committee will benefit another Church Committee.

As to "Ikosi Sikelel' Afrika." The music is a general one taken from the old songs. The words of the first verse were composed about 1903 by the late Mr. Enoch Sontonga of Johannesburg; the rest by the "Imbongi ye Sizwe."

Mr W.S. Gawe, of St. Andrews Mission, Queenstown the Author of a booklet called "U. Mtoziyateta," ⁽¹⁹²⁸⁾ claims to be the Author of this "National Song."

I really do not think there is any particular person or Society in which you can obtain its permission to include it to "Amaculo ase Kabe;" as for me I would be pleased to see it included.

Yours faithfully,
S. E. Rume Ngayis