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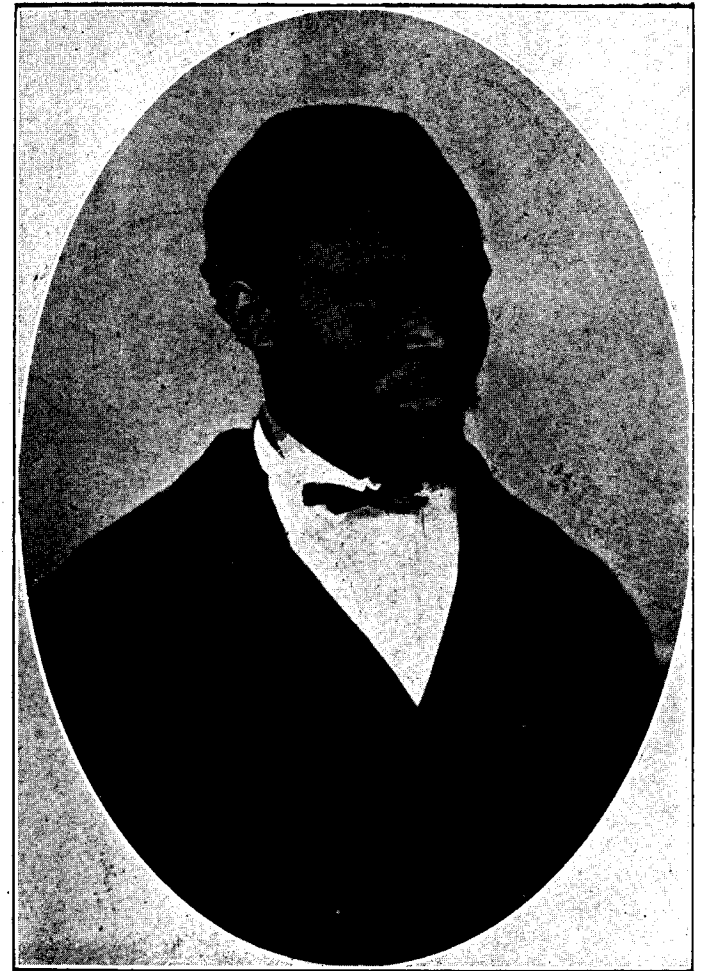
Inkosikazi yake yotando, netandekayo, neyaba ngumncedi onyanisekileyo, eyasebenza beyamene ngamacala no-Pambani Jeremiah Mzimba, besahlulelana ngabo bonke ububi nobumnandi ebomini babo; note njenge kalipakazi wawutabata umsebenzi kulondawo awushiye kuyo oyindoda yake, ekubizelweni kwake ekupumleni yi-Nkosi u-Tixo wake.

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Efunda e-Lovedale.

ISIQENDU I.

UKUZALWA KWAKE.

Ngcu! Kanye pezu kwenduli ekutiwa yi "Ntabetemba" pezu kwelali ka-Mavuso, uyakuti nokuba ukwele kule "njini" yama-Gqunukwebe ivela e-Monti, nokuba ubeta ngezenqwelo ezipahle lentaba ka-Sandile, nokuba uvela e-Mpofu ubeta kulomankowa ka-Tyali; nokuba uhamba ngaleyo ivela kwezondawo wayehamba kuzo u-Ntsikana, umhambi uyawubona lomzi uliquasi ukubamhlope, uti akubuza kutiwe ukuxelwa kuye, "ngumzi womfundisi u-Mzimba, into enkulu ka-Ntibane." Lomfo ka-Ntibane uzalwa yintombi ka-Dube u-Dlomo, uyise u-Ntibane yena wazalelwa e-Maxoseni, pesheya kwe-Nciba, ezalwa nentombi ezine ingumninawe wake owesihlanu. Umninawe wake lo wabubâ esemncinane. Ngexesha lokupuma kwa-Mamfengu e-Maxoseni nge mfazwe ka-Hintsa (1835) u-Ntibane waya emlungwini kunye nabazali bake. Baze bahamba kwindawo nge-dawo kwelo lase mlungwini. Inteto eyayipambili ngeloxesha lokupuma kwama-Mfengu yayisiti "siya emlungwini." Bade ngaxa limbi baba se-Somerset. Apo bahleli ixesha elide, wada u-Ntibane wabonana apo nalentombi ka-Dube, naxa yena u-Dube nosapo lwake babesedolopini kanye.

Elixesha ke kusemva kwemfazwe yezembe. Lemizi yomibini owakwa-Mzimba nowa kwa-Dube isese buqabeni nase buhedenini, kodwa ke yona lentombi yakwa-Dlomo yafumana uqeqesho olukulu njengentombazana apo edolopini, kubelungu eyayihlala kubo, bengama gqoboka enene nomoya. Babeko abantu abangamagqoboka enyaniso kuzo zonke intlanga, ngokukodwa kubelungu, nangoku ke izinto sezati zaguquka baseko abantu abanjalo. Ite ke lenzwakazi yakwa-Dlomo yafumana itamsanqa lokuba itandwe yititshalakazi ebisakuhlala nalomagqoboka ebifundisa abantwana babelungu. Ngobubele obukulu yamana letitshalakazi iyifundisa lentombazana ka-Dube ngesisa

nangenyameko enkulu. Lonto ke ibe sisusa sokude akwazi nokufunda nesi-Xosa. Yaba yintsikelelo enje ngale nakuma-Melika amnyama amaninzi, ate ngexesha lobukoboka afumanana nentsikelelo ezinje ngezi, kanti ngalonto ngati ayiqondakali nje kukuza kuvela kwe kwezi.

Lomcimbi wokwalamana kwezizindlu zimbini ude wasunduzelwa ekufezweni kokugxotwa kwentombazana ngomsito omkulu, kwaxelwa kwadudwa, kuba ngezomini kwakusa fuyiwe kakulu ngabantu abasemlungwini, wati umntu wakwelana kwabomvu kwezozinga zase-Nxuba.

Kakamsinya emva kwalomdudo kubeko umteto oti: Abantsundu mabapume emlungwini, aza ke ati ukupuma kwawo amaranuga aya ngenkosi zawo. Ute u-Ntibane nomakoti basinga e-Ngqakayi (Nottingham Koodoos Kloof) apo inkosi yabo u-Luzipo wayefumene umhlaba kona pambi kwemfazwe ka-Mlanjeni. Kwatyapa ke ngoku xa bakululekileyo ezingqeshweni, ukuba umakoti ayifundise indoda yake ngobuya bubele nonyamekelo awayefundiswe ngalo e-Somerset, isipeli sokuqala sesi-Xosa, emva koku nayo ite yangenwa ngumnqweno wokuba nelizwi lika-Tixo, yati kanti lonto sizekani sokuba ihambele futi e-Nxukwebe apo omnye udade wayo wayendele kona. Ibikolisa ukuti ihambele kona ngemini ezisukuba zisondelene necawa, iseyifumana nenkonzo zalomini. Ukulihambela kwake u-Ntibane ngale nqiniseko kwalate ukuti wayesele lamkele entliziyweni yake.

U-Mpambani Jeremiah uzalelwe apo e-Ngqakayi malunga ne 1849 or 1850. Ihle eka Mlanjeni xa ayintwana eseyibaleka, eyati ke imfazwe leyo yabacita apo bahlanganiselana nabanye e-Dikeni, apo yayikona ilali enkulu e-Fort Hare. Bese Dikeni apo wandula u-Ntibane kunye nonyana wake omkulu ba baptizeshwa wamkelwa u-Ntibane walilungu elizeleyo ngu Rev. James Laing wase Free Church of Scotland ngomnyaka we 1852, u-Ntibane ehamba isikolo apo kulo sinala yodumo i-Lovedale emva kwemfazwe. Bafuduselwe e-Sheshegu, yimantyi u-Kondile, waza u-Lozipo, inkosi,

wakalala wasinga Embo, isizwe sasala sipetwe ngu-Lubambo into ka-Magqashela. Apo kwakuse kumiswe isikolo ngabafundisi base Free Church of Scotland waza ke u-Ntibane wanikwa lowo msebenzi wokufundisa usapo. Ufundise kona ixesha elide kakulu. Unyana wake lo uqale ukufunda esikolweni pantsi kwesandla sikayise, kwangokunjalo nabanye abantwana baka yise. Njengoko i-Sheshegu laba lipandle lase Lovedale kumiselwe u-Ntibane ukuba abe ngu-Mdikoni wakona pantsi kwabafundisi. Wacuma umsebenzi ka-Ntibane owesikolo nowebandla leramente, kuba umfo lo wayenesipo sokukutala nesokuyinyamekela into ayenzayo, waye wayefumene ingqeqesho ezilukuni zasema Bulwini ziqata kakulu. Unina ka-Mpambani wayengumfazi olulamileyo nolinono waza abantwana bake wabanyamekela kakulu, emana ebatungela ingutyana ezilungileyo engabavumeli ukuba bahambe ngengubo ezirazukileyo nezincolileyo, yaye icaca impembelelo nengqeqesho ayifumeneneyo emlungwini basoloko bahlukile abake abantwana. Baza nabo bancedakala ngokuzigcina nangokuzilumkela.

Malunga nelixesha u-Mpambani usiwe e-Grey Hospital ngenxa yokukatazwa kwake sisifuba ngo 1859 mhlayimbi kwakungo 1860 eso sibedlele sodumo lwase Qonce. Wahlala kona ke ixesha, waza uyise emva kwexesha wayakumbona wafika esele betele watanda ukuba agoduke naye. Unyana akavumanga ngokuti "ati amagqira andikapili kakuhle." U-Mpambani lo wayewubonakalalisa kwangeloxesha umtambo woku-fuza unina ngokululama, akatanda ukuba awapikise amagqira noyise, naxa babekufuna kakulu bobabini noyise ukuba abe sekaya. Wamshiya ke uyise wagoduka.

Lento ubulali yinto enkulu kakulu yenziwa ngu-Yesu wati naxa weza emhlabeni engu kumkani waba nobulali wada wayaleza eshumayela esiti, banoyolo abalulamileyo, naxa ke kubonakala ngosizi olukulu ukuba sisipo esiya sipuluka ngokususeleyo kulamaxesha angoku. Noko ke masihlale sitembe ukuba ngemizamo nemitandazo sobuya sibuye esosipo.

Ute ke u-Mpambani emva koko wati kanti umana ecinga kakulu ngokugoduka njengoko seleke wambona nje uyise, noko ate wala ukuhamba naye ngenxa yamagqira. Utete nenasi—umfana owayengumkangeli wabo esiti ufuna ukugoduka, wapendula lowo ngeliti ukuba upilile ungagoduka yaye netikiti lako sendilisu-sile ebedini entla kwentloko yako; yase isuka indodana ilungiselela ukuhamba—yangena endleleni yanduluka, kanti ayiyazi nendlela esinga ekaya. Uke kuqala wasinga kwisikolo sakwa Büluneli efuna umzi ababefikele kuwo mhlana beza apa ezibedlele. Akabanga nakuwufumana, wamlahleka kanye wancama wasele man' ecela kwezinye izindlu asuke abenelishwa lokugxotwa. Kwakulixesha lesifo esibi ekutiwa yingqakaqa. Ute akutshelwa ziceko wangena endleleni wafuna isitya emnyameni. Ufike inqwelo zikulule esikululweni nganeno komzi lowo wase Qonce wacela kuzo indawo. Bate ukumamkela ababantu batata ukuti bayamcola, kuba babese beqonda ukuba ulahlekile. Eyona ndoda kwabonakala ukuba ungowayo, ite kanti ayisingi kaya ilayishele kwa Komani mhlayimbi kulomacala. Yase imnikela kwenye indoda eyayihamba nayo ukuze yona igoduke nayo lentwana, iyigcine kakuhle aze ade umnini kucola abuye kolohambo lwake.

Okwenene njengoko abakudala bona bebetembana nase zintweni ezinkulu, Oh! azi ukuba elixesha lelitenina? Lendoda yamtata yamgcina ngohlobo lwayo kangangoko ingqondo zayo zaziyelele.

Ute ke u-Mpambani wahlala ixesha kwelikaya lalomfo. Yaba yintlalo enzima kuye kuba engayiqelanga asinako ukubagxeka abobantu balapo, kuba babengazi betele, mhlayimbi bengaboni nokubona ukuba kuko izonakalo ezibanga ubunzima entlalweni yalenkwenkwana. Yabe nayo ingatetinto inyamezele ite cwaka. Unyamezelo ke lupawu lwesibini esifika kulo ebomini balenkwenkwana. Yenye yezinto efunekayo esizweni esinjengesi sikantu, sifuneka sinyamezela ububi. Litsho ilizwi liyala u-Timoti nyamezela ububi. Nditi ke lwabonakala olupawu emitanjeni yalomntwana buse

butsha ubomi bake. Lentlalo ke yabantsha yanzima kuba wayengayiqelanga. Abantu wayekubo babe-ngamaqaba Lonto ke iyaziwa ngabantu abaninzi into eyiyo mhlayimbi nditi into ekwakuyiyo. Izinto zabantu bakudala uti wena mntu welixesha, ungazanga wazibona ungakolwa, kubeko izwi eliti kubantu abaziyo nababe zibonela indaba yotyelo ayikoli. Bekuti kwakufika ixesha lokutya kubenzima kakulu kuye, kuba besuka abantwana bapakelwe sityeni sinye bonke abantwana balapo ndaweninnye namakwenkwe amakulu, kutyiwa ngezandla kungeko macepe ati ke yena apangelwe kupele ukutya yena esase kanye, ngenye imini kabini emlonyeni. Kwaye kubonakala ukuba uzakufa yintlalo apa ukuba akuveli ndlela nacebo lilelinye kamsinya. Ude wabuya lamfo wasebantwini ngokwenza ko-Pezu-Konke, oyena wayengumnini mtwana ngokwase kumcoleni e-Qonce. Kakamsinya lomfo ugalelekile ukuza kuputuma-umntwana wake, akuba ke emnikelwe umtabatele kuye waya naye ekayeni lake. Yinto ke leyo eyabeta kwabetele kakulu entlalweni, yaza yaba nombulelo omkulu. Ite yona lendoda yaba neliso elibukali pezu kwalenkwenkwana. Yamahlula nakwamanye amakwenkwe kwaye kubonakala ukuba ayampangela ekutyeni. Wenzelwa icepe lomti. Yati ngoku intlalo yake yantle wonwaba. Uyise, u-Ntibane wayesele tengе umhlaba pezu kwe-Xesi konotenga, kwaza kwahlala kuwo uyisemkulu ka-Mpambani kunye nonina kulu. Bekusakuti ke kuhanjelwane kakulu lusapo lwakwa-Mzimba, nonyana lo ungu-Ntibane ubekolisa kakulu ngokuba lapo e-Xesi. Amakaya kwafana nokuba mabini kuba belusoloko usapo lusesitubeni pakati kwezindawo zombini.

Lendawo yokungabiko kuka Mpambani paya ezibedlele ayaziwanga ngokumsinya ke ngoko. Ukuze kubeko amanakani ayo kusuke oka-Langa e-Sheshegu, wasinga apo ezibedlele ngokunga pili. Njenge siqelo kuyalezwe kuye ukuba aze akangele umntwana lowo ukuba unjanina axele. Ngulowo ke ofike weva ukuba lowomntwana wemka ezibedlele, waye selenetuba elitile wemkayo engaziwa nokuba angaba upina. Wenza ke imigudu yokuba lento iyokufikelela ekaya. Intoni ke

kungeka ziwanto ngokubala: yayakufika lonto ngelika-de e-Sheshegu, u-yise uqubisene nayo lento engeko ekaya ehambile watumela e-Sheshegu yena wasele nduluka ngehashe elo wayelikwele esiya kuva lento, afune, ukuva ukuba kuko mkondona.

Ute ukufika oku eve kakuhle e-Qonce, wasele funa indlela zokumangalela londodana yomlungu eyayi ngumkangeli weziguli. Wakanyela umgcini lowo wabeta koma, "esiti andizange ndimvumele uzihambe. Wafuna ke u-Yise etabatela apo kwa-Buluneli ebuzisa kwada ukujika kwelanga ngenye imini kwako okumbula inkwenkwana eyaka yafika ngaxesha litile kubo ifuna indawo; wati ke umkondo wabekisa ezinqweleni ezazikulule emagqubeni. Yekoko ukusinga kona indoda leyo. Yamana ke isiya kuntlaleka kona amaxesha amaninzi nentsuku eziliqela. Yada ngenye imini yafika kuko inqwelo ezaziko ngalomini yafika lentwana icela indawo kuzo. Kwaqala ukubako into engati icacile ngoku ekungafunwa kupetwe yona necala ekungasingiswa kulo. Kwelituba ke kufike naba suka ekaya e-Sheshegu beze kufuna. Bawulande kunye ke ngoku umkondo bada bayakuti lokohlo nawo ezantsi e-Debe kwesika Kama enzulwini yama Gqunukwebe apo bamfumana kona.

Yabe yayite yambi kakulu into yokulahleka kwalomtwana intliziyo ezininzi sezincamile. Igama lake layekwa ukusetyenziswa nangabanye abantwana njengongasekoyo. Ezinye izihlobo sezimana ukuza kukuza.

Ute mhlana wafika naye uyise bekwele emahasheni yayinto enkulu, botuka abantu kakulu kuba ubeselencanyiwe, kwavuywa ngabo bonke. Kuba kaloku uyise ubesaziwa ebekiwe kakulu ngabantu. Ezomini amagosa etyalike ebehlonelwe kakulu bezizicaka zika-Tixo ezise kutenjweni nasekuhlonelweni okungatetekiyo. Kwanetitshala zazingumzekelo omhle ibe kulapo kujongiswana kona ngesimilo nangentlalo. Wayegqite naye kuyisemkulu e-Xesi. Kwafuneka eke wenziwa umboniso ukuze okwenene kuqondwe ukuba ukona ngenene. Zite ke izihlobo zonke e-Sheshegu zahlanga-

nisana kwaxelwa kwenziwa izidlo kwenziwa imini yomvuyo omkulu, kuba kwakusekuncanyiwe ukuba wobuye abonwe.

Lendoda yabi imcole yabuya yalandela yaya kufika e-Sheshegu waza wamkelwa kakuhle wabulelwa kakulu ngamazwi nangempahla etile ate wayinikelwa wemka equba, ukususela ngalomini wati lomfo wabanjengomhlobo omkulu.

Kwakufupi emva koku u-Ntibane ufdukele e-Xesi emhlabeni wake, ute ke u-Ntibane xa alapo e-Xesi wani-kwa ukuba apate umsebenzi welizwi e-Ngcwazi isikolo esilipandle lo-Mkubiso.

Apa wenziwe umdala webandla lase-Mkubiso, baza bati ke abantwana ngelixesha basihambela isikolo e-Mkubiso, no-Mpambani noxa yena engabanga saba naxesha lide kwesosikolo ubehle wasiwa e-Lovedale ngo 1866. Kute ngexesha lokuwela kwama-Mfengu abafundisi bamnyula u-Ntibane kunye nabanye abadala nabashumayeli basiwa pesheya kwenciba ukuba baye kuhambisa ilizwi. U-Ntibane ekwelo qela yena etunyelwa yityalike yake yase Free Church of Scotland. Abafundisi benqabile bemana ukuya pesheya kwenciba ngehambelo yokunika umtendeleko kupela. Ngomnyaka we 1868 ubuyile pesheya kwenciba ebuyela kwase Xesi Emnyameni e-Gxulu kwa-Matole e-Debe esekwukulowo msebenzi wokuhambisa ilizwi. Ubuye wati ngo 1884 watunyelwa pesheya kwe-Tsitsa kwa-Qumbu ukuba ayekuquba umsebenzi kona. Ute ngo 1886 ekuqaleni kwake wahambela izihlobo zake e-Xesi nase Dikeni, (lwaye nosapo lwalute lwasala kwelilizwe alwaya pesheya kwe-Tsitsa.)

Wati ke kolohambo lokubuyela kwa-Qumbu wenzakala ngokuzama ukuwela umlambo wase Mbashe engaqondanga kanti umlambo unamanzi, amtabata emka naye. Engabuyange abonwe lusapo nazizihlobo nangabafundisi bake unanamhla. Incwaba lake nalo pezu ko-Mbashe Emgwali (Clarkbury). Uhlobo lwake ubengumntu onamandla kakulu emsebenzini olungileyo. Ebekungeko nto imtintelayo xa azimisele ukuyenza nokuyipumelelisa into elungileyo.

Uqeqesho awayeluzuze e-Mabulwini lwaba kusoloko lubonakala ekusebenzeni kwake. Ube namandla akwanjalo elizwini.

Yena nowakwake baba ngumzekelo kwabaninzi abantu ekuqeqesheni abantwana babo nase ntlalweni yobu-Kristu. Inkosikazi yake yabuya apo kwa-Qumbu ngo 1887 yaza yabubela e-Regu ngawo lomnyaka. Bashiyana nowakwake ngomnyaka omnye. Bobabini babuba bewugqibile umsebenzi wabo wokufundisa abantwana babo ngohlobo olufanelekileyo. Bebe ngenako abantwana ukuba beka ityala lokuti ababafundisanga. Waba ngumvangeli e-Burnshill, nase Cunningham nakwa-Qumbu. Abahedeni bona bebesiti ungu-Mfundisi.

ISIQENDU II.

UKUYA E-LOVEDALE.

U-Mpambani uye e-Lovedale ngomnyaka we 1860 wahlala kwa Rev. Richard Ross e-Alice, ngalomnyaka kuxa le-Simnari yase-Lovedale yayi neminyaka elishumi elinesitoba (19) iqaliwe njengoko yavulwa ngomnyaka we 1841, pantsi kokupata kuka Rev. William Govan. Ngeloxesha lokuqala kwayo i-Lovedale imfundo yaye iyinto entsha kubantu abantsundu. Kengoko imfundo yakona yaqala pantsi nase kudelekeni okukulu. Abazali babesakuti balindele into abayinikwayo ngenxa yabantwana babo ababatumele esikolweni kubafundisi. Baye befuna ukuba bacingelwe njengabantu abalungileyo kuba bona betumela abantwana emfundweni mhla savulwa isikolo yayingamadodana alishumi elinamnye, antsundu esitoba, bedibene nabantwana babafundisi abamhlope.

Le Simnari ukuqala kwayo yayilungiselwe abantwana base Free Church kupela, abantwana balotyalike bengahlauli nto ngokufundiswa kwabo.

Kulomaxesha okuqalwa kwawo umsebenzi wase Lovedale wawube nezipazamiso ezininzi. Kwaba kabini nakatatu kumana kovalwa ngenxa yemfazwe zalomaxesha; siqale ukuma nokuqina emva kwemfazwe ka Mlanjeni. Ati amanani abantwana anda kwakolo laulo luka Rev. W. Govan. Noko nditshoyo okona kucombuka komsebenzi ngokubanzi kube ngomnyaka we 1855, ekute ngawo isimnala le yahanjelwa ngu-Mhlekezi u-Sir George Grey i-Ruluneli waba nentlanganiso nabafundisi waza wavumelana nomnqweno wabo wokunika imfundo kumadodana antsundu eyakuwenza ukuba babe ngabefundisi bosapo. Kodwa wavelisa indawo yokuba kubeko isebe elongezelelwayo lokwenza amashishini. Watembisa uncedo oluyakuvela ku-Rulumente ngemali zokuba kuqutywe lomsebenzi. Kwaba kengoko kukuqala komsebenzi obalulekileyo nomkulu e-Lovedale kubonakala ukuba lomsebenzi waqalwa isandukubako i-Simnala leyo. Yona inxaso enamandla yayivela e-Free Church of Scotland, kwi Foreign Missions.

Waya ke u-Mpambani Jeremiah Mzimba ngomnyaka we 1860 njengoko sekuxeliwe ngasentla, encotuka pakati kwama jingi-qiwu okwalusa nokufunda kwizikolo zangapandle; kuba kaloku uyise wayelifuya mpahla elivela emabulwini. Wokumbula umzi ukuba no-Davide esiva ngaye ezibalweni wancotulwa ezimphleni zoyise u-Jesse, mhlenikwezeni wasingiswa kwazine ingqeqesho zakwa Saule, elungiselelwa ukuze apate abantu bakowabo. Ute ke kuba wayeselula kakulu kwabonakala ukuba make ahlale komnye wabafundisi u-Rev. R. Ross, owaye ngu-Mfundisi weramente yase Lovedale ngeloxesha. Ubesakuti ke ngexesha leskolo aye esikolweni apo ati sakupuma abuyele kwabafundisi abenentwana-ntwana azitunywayo. Ate ke ngoku namanani amadodana afumaneka sele kulile ayakufikelela ekulwini. Emva kwexesha no-Mpambani ubuye wasiwa e-Simnaleni ukuya kuhlala kona kwamanye amadodana.

Kwangeloxesha isimnala leyo yati yanika imfundo entle, ecwengekileyo, nepangaleleyo kubantu abantsundu ngapezu kwezinye indawo. Lonto yacaca kwangezomini obungawubonayo nangoku umahluko pakati kwabeloxesha lika Rev. Govan xa betelekiswa nabexesha elisemva koko. Ngoko kwakungeko kuyipononga imfundo ngenxa yebala labo. Lonto ingqinelwa kukuba ngoko bebengahlulwa abamhlope kwabamnyama, idolopu le yase Dikeni ibifundisa apo, (nama-fama ebefundisa) abafundisi abamhlope befundisa abantwana babo apo, kusayanyanwa ngamacala abamhlope nabamnyama kushiyanana ngengqondo ukuhluzeka kupela. Yaye ingeyiyo incam yento ekalisayo nangoku, lento yokwayamana ngamacala. Singakaleli kwenzelelelwa kuba simnyama, kodwa sikalela ubulungisa kuba singabantu, sidalwe ngu-Tixo omnye. Liti ilizwi, "u-Tixo wazidala zonke intlanga ngazine wazibeka pezu komhlaba . . . waseka imida yokuhlala kwazo." Izenzo 17: Angati ke evuka owayete ngezomini zika Govan akangele imfundo nokuqutywa kwayo ati yinyaniso, "umhlabi lo! umhlabi lo! yinjikinjik" ngokwe lawu elateta lonteto kanti linyanisile.

Enye into ebonisa ukuba ntle nokupangalala kwemfundo bekubako ititshala ezicokisekileyo engqeqeshweni zifundisa ngotando nangapandle kwekwele. Kubonakala ukuba zabezingabantwana babantu kwasekuzalweni. Sekutshiwo ukuti eyonanjongo eyayipambili kukwenza abafundisi bosapo, yabe ngeloxesha becinga ukuba ubutitshala yinto epakamileyo kakulu, ubesakuti ke umfana akufikelela ebutitshaleni akutshwe ngabafundisi anikelwe lowo msebenzi. Naxa ke kwakunjalo kucingwa ukuba yiyonanto ipambili ekungafikelelwa kuyo, yabehla i-Simnala le yayinika imfundo epangaleleyo, ekubonakala ukuba yayingajonge butitshala bodwa, koko ijonge nezinye izinto ezingati zivele. Kwakuko ititshala ezibalulekileyo nezingekalibaleki nangoku kubantu ababeke bapantsi kwazo. Kwabobantu zisengabapilileyo naxa sebakubizelwa kwelingapezulu ikaya. Ngapezu kokuba sesikankanye umongameli u-Rev. W. Govan, no Rev. B. Ross, kwakuko u-Rev. Mr. Templeton no Mr. Colhun amadoda asahleliyo ezingqondweni zabantu ababe bazi.

Ibala elingati libe labako, kukuzipata kwamadodana ekungatiwa ngalinye ukuzipata kwawo kwakurabaxa.

Yati lento yabonakala yaduma. Yabangela lento ukuba babebaninzi abantu abacinga ngokuti mayibe yimfundo le ibenza abantwana babenje ukuzipata. Babonakala beyidela kakulu imfundo kwanokuyoyika.

Umfiki ubepatwa rabaxa kakulu, naye ke u-Mpambani akasindanga kulonto. Abesiti ngokutanda ukulwa amadodana afunda e-Simnaleni apo kubonakale ukuba kusinda abamandla. Kodwa kwapakati kwalonto babonakala abazipete kakuhle kakulu, waza ke naye wapakati kwabo babe zigcinile izimilo zabo; zati neziyalo zika yise zasoloko zipambi kwake futi: Kute okukona akulayo ngesitomo waye ekula nangesimilo esihle, ekuzoleni nase kubekeni. Zite zakubonakala impawu ezinje nezinye nakwabo babe bafundisa, wada wanikwa umsebenzi wokupata isikolo sakwa-Gqumahashe kunye nomnye umfana naxa nabo babesafunda. Bebesivukela kusasa bati sakupuma eso sakwa Gqumahashe babuyele kwezabo izifundo. Uhambise ezifundweni zake esenjenjalo yada yangumnyaka we 1865.

Apo ate ngalomnyaka wangena kwishishini lokushicilela. Laye elishishini lingakatalelwe ngamadodana ngokwezomini. Babembalwa kakulu ababe ngena kulo. Waza ngo 1866 wamkelwa eramenteni ukuba abe lilungu elizeleyo. Iminyaka yake ngoko ilishumi elinesitandatu ezelwe. Wamkelwa ngoko emncinane kuba ngokwezomini ibingento iqelekileyo ukwamkelela ebulungwini obuzeleyo umntu omncinane kangako oyindodana. Uqubile ke elapo kweloshishini, owaka walibona eloqelana lisebenza uti, ngati akuzanga kubeko bantu basebenza kunye babe seluxolweni olungapezu kolo. Kanti ke kowayeko uyazi ukuba yayingu Mr. Mzimba umpembeleli wololuxolo nokuvana okungako. U-Mr. R. Stocks wase Alice, owayongamele olo lushicilelo ude wayakutshona engcwabeni betandana bebenene njengo yise nonyana. Wateta amazwi ati mini wayeye kukúza usapo lomfi, "ndiziva namhlanje ndingati ndingumntu owahlukeneyo mpela nabantu abantsundu." U-Mr. Stocks ubeyiteta nokuyiteta into yokuti u-Mr. Mzimba ngunyana wam. Watsho nalapo ekukúzeni ukuti, "bendimcingela ndimkangele njengonyana wam." Wahlala no Mr. Stocks lowo ekushicileleni iminyaka emihlanu, lonto itete ukuti wayemazi kakulu. Isimilo somntu siqondwa kakulu ngulomntu ohleli naye usebenze naye imihla ngemihla. Ute ke elapo ekushicileleni wangenwa ngumnqweno wokuba afundele ubufundisi, yati intliziyo yake kulento yamkataza yamnyanzela ukuba ade lento ayitete kubafundisi, abati bamvumela kulendawo, baza bamqalisa ngokuti kusasa ngo 11 o'clock ide ibe ngu 1 p.m., bemnika izifundo ezimlungiselela ukuba ejonge ubufundisi. Libe lonke elinye ixesha ilelo kushicilela. Ude wabugqiba ubushicileli wandula ke ukuba angene ngokuzeleyo kwezobufundisi. Ngo 1871 unikwe isiqiniselelo yi Lovedale Education Board sewonga alinikwayo ngempumelelo yokufunda kwake esalata imbeko abekwe kuyo ngokufunda kwake e-Lovedale, isiqiniselelo eso sikunyushwe ngoLuhlobo luti, "Ixabiso elibekwa yi-Bodi kubulungisa bempebelelo yako ngokubanzi, abakolelwa ukuba sisimilo sako esibangele oko kwabanye, kwanokwaneliswa

kwabo sisimo sako, ote ngaso wazama ukupakamisa amalungelo nokulungelwa kwesikolo esi ngokutanda kwako, nangenkutalo elungileyo nangokuvumelana kokuzincama kwesimo sako."

Ngo 1872 ungenele indawo yokubeta ucingo kwase Lovedale apo, ate ke wahlala kulomsebenzi iminyaka emibini. Uziqube izifundo zake yada yangu 1874, ngalo lonke eloxesha engumzekelo omhle, ngenyameko nangesimilo. Oh! hayi isimilo into engenakutengwa nangemali ngongenaso. Ekutiwa ku-Solomon umntu onesimilo unje ngekorale. Kwaye kute ngelixesha lokushicilela nokufundela ubufundisi kwabonakala olunye upawu emitanjeni yake—upawu lomonde olukulu.

Zonke ezizinto zamashishini nezifundo zake uziqube ngenyameko nangomonde, akwabiko cala lidlelelekayo nadeleka kulo ekusebenzeni kwake.

Kusuke kube ngati elishishini waye banjelwa nje ukuba kude kulunge owona msebenzi, Inkosi eyambizela kuwo wobomi bake, kuba akazange abenalo ituba nexesha lakwenza nto ngalo. Kwanelokubeta ucingo, ngaxa limbi kwaka kwafuneka eyekuhlala e-Qonce bekwakulowo msebenzi, beno Rev. E. Makiwane; yaye indlela yake eya ebufundisini ijikeleza njenge yama Sirayeli epuma kwa Faro esinga e-Kanana. Yayi kukusebenza kuka-Tixo konke oko. Indlela Zake aziqumli amaxesha onke naxa ziya kweyonanto afuna yona. Ngezomini lungekabiko ucingo nase Alice, kungento ke ngoko incinane ukukwazi ukubeta ucingo. Abantu be dolopu babesiya e-Lovedale apo xa befuna ukubeta ucingo. Kulominyaka mibini ekulo "Ofisi" yocingo wafumana ukwaziwa nokutenjwa nangabanye abantu abangapandle komzi wase-Lovedale. Uwuhambise ngokutenjwa lowo msebenzi, wapuma kuwo ngokulungiselela owona msebenzi wobomi bake omkulu, abizelweyo kuwo; ete yonke lemisebenzi ayamshukumisa kuwo. Yati kanti yonke lonto ngu-Tixo omfundisa ezinye izinto ezingabálwanga ezincwadini.

ISIQENDU III.

UKUFUNDELA UBUFUNDISI.

U-Mr. Mzimba kunye nabanye abafundisi, ubungenele kanye kakuhle ngomnyaka we 1870.

Kwakuqalwa into entsha e-Lovedale apo. Le yokuba ubufundisi bufundelwe kona, nakweli lizwe ngama Free Church, kananjalo ke nezinto zazi hambela pambili kuba ke kute kwangena nolaulo olutsha. U-Rev. Govan owayekade epete wanduluka kanye ngawo lowo mnyaka. Wayesele qeleke kakulu ke, ezolile, nempato yake inyamezeleka kwangati ke ukumka kwake, noku-shenxa kwake kuyakubangela ukuba kungalungi nto. Abantu befundisa lula kakulu kuba abazali abangama Free Church babengahlali nto ngokufunda kwabo e-Lovedale. Kuhlala kupela abavela kwezinye imvaba.

Kwabako intlanganiso enkulu ekuqaleni kwalomnyaka ukuza kubulisa u-Mr. Govan. Zamenywa zonke iramente nabafundisi kwako nabavela kwezinye imvaba. Kwamenywa kakulu nabafundi abadala ababefunde e-Lovedale. Walila kakulu umzi ontsundu ukwahlukana no Mr. Govan, nolaulo lwake lwase Lovedale, usoyika umzi kwangati akukulunga nto engeko yena.

Into yokufundelwa kobufundisi ngamadodana antsendu yayingamkeleki kakuhle nakwabanye abafundisi abamhlope. Babevumelana nenxalenye yabantsundu ababesiti ixesha alikafiki kontsundu ukuba afundele ubufundisi obuzeleyo apa ngokukodwa obase Free Church. Mhlayimbi zazingabako izizatu ezazibangela ukuba abantu bacinge oku, ezinjengezi: abafana abaninzi ababefundisiwe kakuhle baba zikitshala bebenngemi kakuhle malunga nezimilo zabo, benza izinto ezingamahlazo. Kwakuko abafana ababini ababefundisiwe kakuhle abatunyelwa e-Qonce e-Zibedlele sebepata amayeza, basuka boyiswa butywala, yaza lonto yoyikisa kakulu yashukumisa ingcinga kwada kwangati kushukuma nengcambu. Noburamente obu babubangela ukuba koyikwe kakulu ngabantu, kuba ubesiti umntu noxa sele ngumdala asuke ekhita pantsi.

Ezizinto zabangela ukuba ubeko lombuzo uti, "Kulungile na ukwenza abafundisi abantsundu, bayaqonda na kakuhle abafana into umntu afanele ukuba yiyo?"

Kwafuneka lendawo iqondiwe ukuze bangati xa sebe kulomsebenzi bawuhlazise njengoko kunjalo kwititshala nabadala namagqoboka amanye abuyela ebuqabeni No-Rev. T. Soga ngokwake wayelindelwe ukuba abuyele ebuhedenini ngabanye aqabe. Ingaqondwa lento nangabaninzi abamhlope baye ke abamnyama bengapezulu ngokungaqondi.

U-Dr. Stewart owayengumpati omtsha wayeyilungiselela ngokusebenza ngamandla amakulu, wenza ukuba amadodana antsendu akolwe ukuba u-Tixo unokuwabizela emsebenzini wake njengoko kunjalo nakwezinye intlanga, kananjalo bunako ukufundelwa ubufundisi nalapa e-Lovedale. Yangena ke lenteto ka "Somxada" kumadodana amaninzi, u-Rev. Mzimba ke wabangomnye wabapambili kulowo msebenzi.

Umnyaka we 1870 waba ke ngoko ngumnyaka wesiqalo sezinto ezintsha e-Lovedale. Kwaqalwa ngawo ngabafundela ubufundisi, nomsebenzi wokushumayela emaqabeni angqonge i-Dike, indawo ezinjengo Gaga, Ncera, nezinye indawo ezikufupi; waza u-Mr. Mzimba wabangomnye wabapambili ukunyamekela lowo msebenzi, nokuketa amadodana afanele ukuncedisa kulomsebenzi. Lento yenze umahluko omkulu kwinto ebekufudula kuyiyo ngapambili. Bebengaqondakali ngapambili ababengama Kristu nababe ngengawo. Kwaqalwa ngelishesha ukuvuselelwa nokuqutyelwa pambili komsebenzi wobu-Kristu kulomzi. Wancedisa ngesimilo sake esihle u-Mzimba, kwisimo esihle esati sabako kulomzi. Kanti ke pambi koku abanye abazali babe sebe pantse ukuncama, ngokuti abantwana ziyabalahlekela izimilo e-Lovedale ngenxa yesimo esasiko ngeloxesha.

Umsebenzi wokushumayela emaqabeni waba luncedo olukulu kumadodana amaninzi, wabanceda kakulu nababe lungiselela ukufundela ubufundisi, bekuti ke kubeko intlanganiso yokunika ingxelo yomsebenzi owenziwayo ngapandle emaqabeni, ebekusiti ke kubeko abafundisi netitshala nabanye abamhlope base Lovedale.

Ngo 1871 kubeko enye into engeniswayo ukuhlawulelwa kwemfundo ngabo bonke nokuba ngabavela pina. Wafuneka u-Dr. Stewart eyishumayele wayicacisa kakulu lento ukuze ingene ezingqondweni zabantu abantsundu. Wada wati ngaxa limbi eteta, "Akukataleki nokuba behla pezulu nokuba bavela pina." Bati ke abantu be Free Church balila kakulu, batandaza becase ukuba ingenziwa lenguqulo, yada enye indoda enkulu yasebenzisa amazwi ati "sizinja zenu bafundisi makungaguqulwa kwinto ebekuyiyo." Yayiteta lento lendoda ingumlomo wabanye. Kodwa u-Dr. Stewart wayitetisa ngamazwi amakulu nabuhlungu lento yokuba kude kubeko umntu ozibiza ngokuti uyinga. Waboyisa njengokuba bekudla ngokuba njalo ezoyisa izinto ezitintela umsebenzi wake.

Yati ke lonto yawuqubela pambili wonke umsebenzi wemfundo nokutandwa kwe-Lovedale. Lapuma ke ngelixesha udumasi lokuba kuko amadodana afundela ubufundisi. Yati lento pofu yayingati ekuqaleni ayiqondwa wabonakala umzi uyamkela kakuhle ekuyiveni. Wati u-Mr. Mzimba njengomhlobo wake u-Mr. E. Makiwane wanyuselwa kwitafle yabelungu ekutyeni, njengoko kwakusekunjalo naku Mr. G. Tyamzashe owayefundela ubufundisi naye ngeloxesha. Bafuneka behambise nomtandazo ngokuhlwa nokuba kukusasa, pambi kokuba kudliwe ehlangene onke amasinala antsundu namhlope kuba kaloku ngeloxesha ebesakweyamana ngamacala emfundweni, umtandazo lo uqutywa ngesingesi amaxesha onke. Yaba liwonga elikulu elo nelibancedayo ekufundeni kwabo. Besakuti ke bame nyelwe nakwizindlu zetitshala imini ngemini ukuya kutabata iti okanye isopolo.

Umsebenzi wokufundela ubufundisi undzima ufuna inyameko nomonde omkulu, ngokukodwa obase Free Church. Budume ngexesha elide elitatyatwayo nangezifundo ezipakamileyo nangokumnceda umntu. Batandwa batenjwa nangabezinye imvaba. Nangoku kusenjalo uti umntu xa apumeleleyo kubo aziwe ukuba uyindoda. Kwakuko nenye "i-class" yemfundo epakamileyo, ebekusitiwa yeyemfundi (Students' class)