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My late friend Edwin Nyeshe Mahleza.

I had spent a sleepless night—a night of sad dreams so I got up very early and went to attend the Monday morning prayer. Outside the prayer room I was led aside by an acquaintance of mine who broke to me the news of my friend's death. Imagine how I felt. I grew sad, desolate, dejected, hopeless, a sudden cold seized me. I must cease to lament my loss and endeavour to present before my readers what I know of my late friend.

It was in the year 1927 when the late Rev P. Rosset told us in the young communicant class that a young heathen boy with the name of Shikosi Mahleza gave him the closest of attention when he delivered his scripture lessons at Mambedi School. From that day I had learnt to know that at Mambedi there was a good boy called Shikosi Mahleza, but I had not yet met him.

In 1929 he came to reside at the missionary's quarters at Valdezia for his Standard VI. We at once became fast friends. We spent many evenings together doing our home work in English and arithmetic. His knowledge of English was far better than mine therefore when the time came for us at the School Debating Society to choose a secretary I influenced my friends to elect him. They responded, and we had the proper secretary for our School Debate. When the exams came Mahleza succeeded and besides that the Valdezia Staff gave him presents as his conduct had proved very satisfactory during his period of Study at that school.

In 1930 my parents decided to send me to Lemana.

I asked Mahleza if he had made up his mind to be trained as a teacher at Lemana. He declared that he was ready but his parents had no money for that purpose. But Mahleza was not a man to be fooled by circumstances. He was appointed Std. VI teacher at Valdezia and meanwhile he studied for his first year lessons privately with the help of the Valdezia Staff

and Mrs P. Leresche who was then residing at Valdezia.

He sat for his first year and succeeded!

He was admitted into second year and was doing well when he had a break down in health and he had to keep out of class for many weeks. However when exams came he was successful. In his last year at Lemana he was made the Chief Prefect. It was then that Mahleza gained popularity. He was not oppressive and the refreshes quickly learned to respect him. He was fair and he quickly won the confidence of the older students.

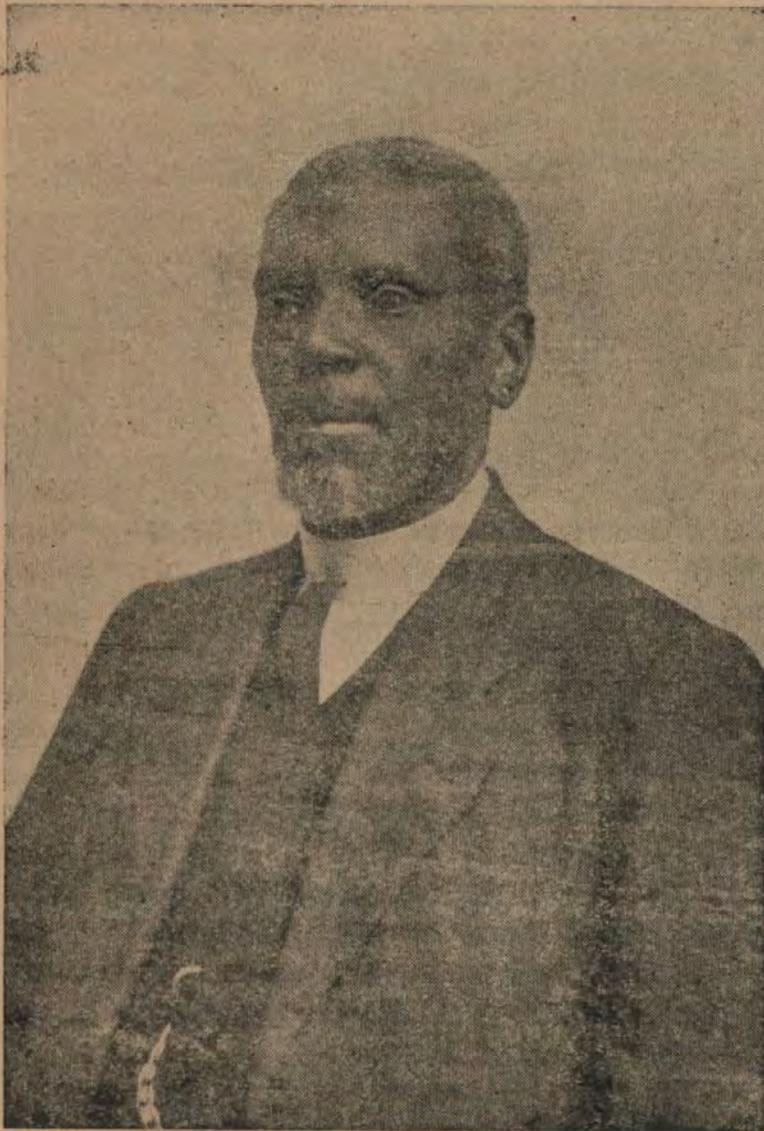
Mr Mahleza received a teaching post at Valdezia which he occupied for a quarter and resigned only to take up work at the then newly registered Ribolla School. No better teacher could have been appointed to that school at that time. Many children were attracted to the school. The Ribolla School became famous during his time at sports, singing, drill and games, and Pathfinding. True his influence was very great there so much so that to-day the Ribolla School children are great lovers of their school. He told me later on himself that his work at the Ribolla School gave him greater satisfaction in life.

While I was at Lovedale in 1935 Mahleza wrote me long interesting letters describing his work at Ribolla. One day I was surprised to learn that he had accepted to teach at Barrota a tiny bush school which was well nigh collapsing. He went there without fear, he meant to succeed and he did.

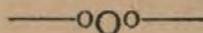
Although Mahleza was a successful teacher he wanted to add more to his store of knowledge. He had saved enough money, so he decided to take his Primary Higher at the Cape in Lovedale. His first class pass in third year enabled him to sit for that certificate in one year. He wrote his P. H. in December 1936 and he went through with great ease.

In Lovedale Mahleza gained many friends because he was a very respectable youth. He was good at Sports and also did well at the yearly elocution contests.

Just about the space of the past half year Mahleza was teaching at Matshila at a one teacher school. The



Rev. S. Malale.



2. Abolition of school fees.

3. Climatic allowance to be granted to teachers in the Low Veld. All these requests were lodged by Mr F. Shilubane. They were answered by the Chief Inspector, who said since the Government was so poor thus concerning No. 1 and 3 requests were answered with no effect sorry to say they were withdrawn. Now concerning No. 2 the abolition of school fees. He blocked us by saying that who will support your school equipment as school fees was all for that.

Mr Ramukgopa the Head Teacher of Lydenburg was called to forward the complaints of teachers in Lydenburg, the complaints were:

1. Teachers' Pension.

2. Relationship between teacher, Superintendent and the Inspector.

3. Frequent transfer to teachers done by the Superintendents. All these were answered with no effect.

The Course was closed on the 21/8/37 by opening a new school building erected by Mr Seth Maphophe.

The Supervisors who participated were Mr Twala, and Mr Motlhlabi, among the honourable members

were Father Rev Rigle O.S.F. of the R.C., Rev Max Buchler Masana Mission Station. The honourable Mrs Dr Eison, Mrs Liebenberg.

The vote of thanks was moved by Mr Malange Hd. Teacher of Sabie. We were well fed and Maphophe's are worthy of praise for the trouble they took specially Mrs F. Shilubane.

E. S. Moaba.

Rev S. Malale

Hi wuŦwana wa laŦa Ŧa nga Ŧona masungulela ya Ŧona. TsetŦi hi twa kuri yena tŦiŦwe na Rev Calvin Maphophe Ŧa ta Ŧhika ntiro wo dyondisa hi December 1937 Ŧa wisa.

"Ku katekile loyi a tiyiselaka ku fika makumo".

Yena Rev S Malale o tiyisele e ntirwen wa Hosi ku fikela siku ra namuntlha. Ŧa tele laŦa Ŧa tuŦu-maka kambe hakelo yi ya kuma hi wuŦwe. ŦaŦwana Ŧa karala e ndlelen, ŦaŦwana Ŧa wa, ŦaŦwana Ŧa si-yiwa hi ku pfumala riŦilo. Yeno Rev Malale o katekile hikuŦa o Ŧonile masungulela na mahetelela ya ntiro wa yena. Ho nkhenisa Ŧikwembu. Inge Ŧi Ŧwi katekisa e masikwini ya ku wisa ka yena Ŧi Ŧwi engetelela moyo wa Ŧona a ta tiŦa ku wu hefemulela laŦa Ŧa nga Ŧwi endela e mutini wa yena wa loko se a nga ha ri Mufundisi kambe a ri tani hi muaki wa tiko.

Loko ari Rev S. Malale o Ŧelekiwile hi lembe ra 1865 hi Ŧhweti ya August kwale ka Ndjakandjaka kusuhi na Raman.

Kute hi ti 1877 a ya e Ŧikolwen tanehi Ŧafana ŦaŦwana. E ndhaku ka ŦeŦo a ya e Basutoland a ya dyonda Ŧu-teacher a passa a Cape Teachers Certificate hi November 1886. Se hi 1887 hi April a ya dyondisa e Barcelona ku fikela 1890.

Hi 1890 a ya dyondisa e Malangu e ka Nkuri ku fikela 1892.

Hi 1892 ku fikela 1906 a a ri teacher ya le Valdezia School.

Hi 1906—1907 a a dyondisa Std IV e Lemana. Hi 1907—1910 a a ri e Basutoland e ku ya dyonda Ŧufundisi hi 1911 a rumeriwa e ka Mhinga ku fikela 1937. Kereke leyi yi na 7 wa maraŦi.

Hi 1929 a ku ri na minkitikiŦi e Kereken ya Doornfontein kutani yena Rev Malale o yile a ya heta 6 wa tihweti a ri kari a pfunana na Rev S. Bovet e ku miyeta minkitikiŦi leyi. E ndhaku o tlhelele e ka Mhinga.

LES^AI A NGA PFUMERISA SONA.

A ya ri masingita ya Shikwembu hikuŦa hambu leŦi a a nga si hlanguana ni Ŧafundisi loko a twa Ŧanhu Ŧa sanŦa Ŧafundisi yena a a yimela, kambe a nga si Ŧa

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řona. Siku a nga twa kuri řa fikile ka Ndjakandjaka o yile a ya tiřula leřaku o randa ku dyonda, ku suke- la kwalaho a nga langa bambana na dyondo ku fikela namuntlha.

Kute hi Sonto riřwana loko ku yimbeleriwa "Tiko ra řikwembu ri kona". O řona řihlamariso: o wela a hansi, mmiri wu řhukile, a řona ku řangama, e ndha- ku a tinyiketa ka Hosi.

Hi 1879 loko Muneri E. Creux a sungurile muti wa Elim a řwi rumela e řikolwen na madjaha manharu ya huma Valdezia, a řa ri řa Matini Furumele, Shihosi Maphophe na Madjiřve Maphophe. Yena Rev Malale a ři ri řifanyetana e ka řona řa 14 wa malembe.

Matsambu, hosi ya yena a a randile ku řwi siřela ku famba hi ku řwi nyika ntsengo wa £50 leřaku a teka nsati, yena a ala gold leyi, a nařela ku tirela Hosi.

Loko ku nga si yiwa e Risuto Rev Creux a řwi řu- tisa a ku: "Loko u řuya řikolwen u ta dyondisa yini ke?" Yena a ku: "Ndi ta dyondisa řa ka hina" ye- na a ku: "U nga třhaři tidyondo!" Rito rero a nga ri riřalanga yena Rev Malale.

Loko ku fikiwa e Munununu řa řwi ruma e Bando- lierkop ku ya lařa homu, o fambile na Murotse uřwa- na. Loko řa fika ndleleni Murotse yaloye a řwi řa- ndukela, se yena Rev Malale a tlhela a ri yeře a ya kuma řa tigolonyi se řa ri Makotopong ku nga si řa na Kereke. Na kona Pietersburg ku nga si řa na doroba, ra hari prasi ntsena.

Ku sukela e Marabastaad-Pretoria hi yena a a ri murisi na mukhomi wa tewu ya golonyi ya Rev E. Creux. Dyondo o yi kumile hi ku nonohwa ni ku phikelela ntsena.

Loko řa ri kwale Basutoland ku fika nyimpi ya řa- řutu na řa Cape Colony (1880—1882) se yena na řa- nghana řa yena řa ya řhama e ka Muneri Dyke. Mu- neri Dyke loyi hi yaloyi a nga ta endela Valdezia hi lembe ra 1904, řanhu řa Valdezia řa nga pfana no řwi endlela nkhuřo lowu kulu hi tinsimu na tinyiko ta minkombe, na řusenga, na matlhari na timanga na řiřwana. Mrs Dyke a hluleka na ku řulařula, a rila hi ku řaka. Mr Etienne Solomon a řwi hlayela poetry leyo sasoka ya "Toys to sell!"

Loko a řitaniwa ku ta dyondisa Valdezia School a kuma ku ri na 50 wa řana ntsena. Ku nga ri na ti- classes. Se hi loko a sungula ku řa ařanyisa hi mi- ntlawa.

Hi lembe ra 1896 řana řa Valdezia School a řa fika 126, kambe a dyondisa yesbe. Se hi 1897 řa tlula 300, se hi loko a kuma řapfuni řa nga řa Messrs Joshua Marule, Frank Hlaři na Cornel Marivate.

E nkarini wolowo a ku fuma Mabunu yena Presi- dent Kruger a yi ri yona Hosi. Shinghezi shi nga pfumeleriwi ku dyondisiwa e shikolweni. Yena Rev Malale hambu ři ri tano a djinga a dyondisa Shinghezi hambu leři řafundisi řařwana a řa nga ři laři, a a dyondisa na řusiku.

E nkarini wa Rev P. Rosset hi loko se timhaka ti hunduka. Mun ri Rosset a shařa tibuku ta Shinghezi. A endla hi matimba leřaku řana řa shi dyonda. Mr Clarke a ta amukela shikolo sha Valdezia a shi řika e ka Education Department. Khale teacher yiřwana na yiřwana a yi řuriwa "Mestere". Leři řo teacher a řa nga ři laři a řa ři sola. Swi tile ři ta sungula e Barcelona hi yena Rev S. Malale, a tiyisa ra řuteacher ku fikela e Elim na Tsofim na Valdezia na Barota na Kurulen-wa-khale, se řanhu řa ko řa ri nkhenisa.

Shikambelo sho sungula shi endliwile hi nkari lowu ku khanguriwaka Kereke ya Valdezia 1887. Tikereke hikwato ta Elim na maraři na ta Valdezia a ti tile ndhawu yiřwe ti kamberiwa hi řafundisi řiřwe. E ndaku ku řoniwile leswaku swa tika kutani swi ařa- nyisiwa ta Elim tlhelo, Valdezia tlhelo. Marito ya yena Rev S. Malale hi lawa:—"Sweswi ndi ta wisa"... Salani swinene hi ku řaka, nwina řana řa mina ni řatukulu řa mina lařa ndi řa randaka—Hosi yi mi pfuna, mi dyonda swinene—mina ndi mi boshele ndle- la, nwina yanani e mahlweni mi ko mi ya fika e ka J.C; N.P.H; B.A; B.Sc; na řa M.A; hambu ka M.D. Mi nga sale laha ka hina řakhale ka "Third year" ntsena! Ndi mi nařelela Education leyinene. Mina ndi humile shikolo nda hari na 21 years old! Nda ha swi randa ku dyonda kambe ndi pfumala wo ndi ha- kelela ku ya mahlweni. Dyondonyana leyi ndi nga na yona ndi lo tidyondisa hi ndeshe.

Dyondo leyi ndi nga yi tiřa ku tlula tinwana i "School Management, General History, Church His- tory, na Reading na Handwriting.

La mi randaka,

Samuel M. Malale.

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