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It is with great pleasure that I express here my appreciation of the work of Mr. D.C. Marivate. A true Tsonga (Sithonga), belonging to the clan of Samboc, settled in the vicinity of Shina Vona, in the Lourenco Marques District, Mr. Marivate was born in Northern Transvaal, and thoroughly educated. This education proved a sound one, as Mr. Marivate is a good student of European culture, and also a true lover of his own. His gifts for music are quite outstanding, and he has collected a great number of the folksongs of his tribe, some of which are now offered here to the public.

Amongst the Motives, Mr. Marivate’s name is well-known. The gramophone records of his songs are very widely appreciated, and many have been delighted to hear them, especially those in which he caught the true vein of Bantu music. May all those who are interested in it help the author of the present collection to develop his unusual gifts, so that the treasure of Tsongalore be better known and really appreciated.

Pretoria 23.8.1934.

Henri Philippe Junod.