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U-Tiyo ka Soga—umfundisi—ububile. Ingaba ngubanina owakwa Ngqika numhla ongaliliyo? Ingaba ngubanina owakwa Gcaleka numbla ongaliliyo? Ingaba ngu- banina owakwa Mlungu olikolwa numhla ongaliliyo? Ingaba ngubanina owase Mbo numbla ongaliliyo? Taruni ke nonke mabandla akowetu—kanti kutshiwo ngo- mehlo azele zinyembezi, ngosandla sinca- ncazelayo, ngontliziyo yopayo.

Esosicaka Senkosi sibube E-Tutura, ngomgqibelo, umhla weshumi linye lina- mbini ka August, ukumka kwelanga.

U-Mr. Soga wazalwa E-Gwali, nyakana wagxotwa U-Maqoma E-Shokoshele, uyise ngumfo ka Jotello, ipakati elikulu lika Ngqika—unina ngum Ntindekazi—inkazana ka Ngayi. Umfundisi wake wokuqala yayingu Mr. Chalmers owamqubayo emfundweni wada waya wamngenisa esikuleni sase Dikeni—wakona ke, efundiswa ngu Mr. Govan —Ute yakuhla imfazwe yezembe wabekela E-Tyeni, apo abafundisi bakowabo baye besabele kona. Kute imfazwe ingekapeli wakumbula pesheya U-Mr. Govan E-Scotland, wahamba nonyana baka Mr. Boss ababini, noka Mr. Thomson, yangu Tiyo owesine. Efikile U-Tiyo pesheya ute wondliwa yindoda elungileyo esityebi U-John Henderson eyati yamsa eskuleni ekutiwa ye Normal Seminary E-Glasgow. Ityalike abemana engena kuyo yayiyeka Dr. Anderson, umfundisi odumileyo kowabo, ngobuciko nangobulumko—wangeniswa pakati kwebandla lika Tixo yilondoda, esengumfana omncinane.

Ugqibe iminyaka emibini E-Scotland wabuya weza neno. Ebuyile bate abafundisi makaye kufundisa usapo E-Gxulu.

Wamana ehambisa lomsebenzi kona kwada kwehla imfazwe ka Mlanjeni, awati wapa- ngwayimpi yakulo Gwelane, wasinda ngo- kungummangaliso. Uhambe ngobusuku waya wagaleleka E-Gwali. Akuba ekona lemihlawahlalaekatazwa zinkosi ukuba azi- fundele incwadi ezisukuba zipangwe kube Lungu, kuloko akavumanga, wati ngenxa yesitukutezi salento wakumbula Eganqeni ku bafundisi. Ingekapeli lomfazwe ubuye wawela waya E-Scotland no Mr. Niven, engxamele numhla ukufunda ubufundisi —uhleli konake iminyaka esixenxe efu- nda, wati akugqiba wamiswa libuto elikulu labafundisi ukuba abe ngumshumayeli wendaba ezilungileyo zoxolo.

Ubuye kunye nokucitakala kwamawabo ngo Nongqause ufike wagxumeka umquba Emgwali, wasebenza kona iminyaka eli- shumi, wayakela Inkosi indlu, wawubi- nqela umsebenzi abewunikelwe ukuba awenze—lavakala ilizwi lake nasezinkundleni, napi.

Onwabile ke, ehleli Emgwali apo, ite Inkosi yayivula indlela ukuba kuyokuhanjiswa ilizwi lika Tixo kulo Gojela. Bate ke abafundisi be Free Church ne United Presbyterian Church behlanganisene, bacela yena ukuba aye kuba ngumfundisi E-Tutura. Akenzanga mazwi maninzi, usuke wavuma, waxoba, nanko esinga kwa Gcaleka.

Ugqibe iminyaka emitatu kona, wawaka lomzi wase Tutura. Kute ngenyanga ka June waya kumisa umshumayeli ngaku Mapassa—wafika inkosi ingeko, alahleka amahashe kwangolosuku wagaleleka ngalo komkulu apo, wapelelwa kukudla, wavingcelwa yimvula endlwini engekagqitywa; wangenwa yingqele emzimbeni. Efunyenwe amahashe, egoduka ngomgqibelo; eputuma icawa wafunyanwa kwa yimvula, wahamba ngayo imini ipela, waneta waludaka—ufike ekaya usapo lungeko, efile yingqele, kanti kungenelwa ngumkuhlane

oko, ebengumlwelwe kade—ugqibe icawa ezitile epantsi—kwada kwaya kubizwa igqi’ra lase Mpongo, elati lakumseza amayeza lavuka itemba, wabonakala ngati uyacaca. Ngemihla yesitoba neyeshumi ka August ebehamba pandle eqapula abantu yimihla ke leyo ekwakubanda kunene, lisiwa iliqwa. Wavuka umkuhlane ukuza kokusa ngolwe sihlanu lweveki 11th August. Ziyandululwa izigitshimi ukuyakubika, itemba selipelile. Ugaleleke umfundisi wase Gcuwa U- Mr Longden ngomgqibelo kusasa wafika umzalwana wetu selekohliwe kuteta. Bayafika O-Mr. Ross emini enkulu sebengabaze kubonela ukupela kwesicaka Senkosi abo.

Kunjalo ke ukububa kwalomfo wakowe- tu—ndikubika ngokufutshane, pofu ndibe ndingawagqibayo onke amapepa E-*Sigidimi* ngokunicokisela. Lento yenziweyo Yinkosi siyalo, sendiya kutike ndiwamise ngamanye amazwi okubonisa isiyalo apo sikona.

1. Kuqala nditi sibujelwe ngumfundisi wokuqala wohlanga lakwa Xosa—olukozo belulunye, sihlutwe lonake numhla ; ndiyabuza ke nditi: Isitombo esiveliswa kukufa kolukozo siyakude sivele pina sivele ninina ? Pendulani—pendulani bazali—pendulani bafundi bafana ndini bakowetu. Pendulani lusapo lwakwa. Xosa.
2. Okunye nditi sibujelwe ngumfo obe- kwazi ukuteta, engazazi pofu ukuba uteta kangakanana—umfo obekwazi ukuzicaza izibalo, obekwazi ukututuzela—umfo obe- vusa ufefe entliziyweni xa asibaliselayo ngotando nenceba lenkosi yake U-Kristu. Niyakuba zitungwa nonke na namhla? Sesiyakumana sibaliselwa indaba zovuyo numhla ngamadoda olunye uhlanga na, eselesibonisile nje kade umfo ka Soga ukuba nati midaka sinokuba ngabavakalisi bendaba zovuyo? Pendulani.
3. Okunye sihlutwe umfo obehlala ese- benzela ilungelo yohlanga lakowabo—Usi- shiye namafa—Lencwadi “ Iluhambo lo