

Kra Coe Coe a ku. one indemo u bone Chief Joshua for  
u mmaledi "the following points": Kaitse fa motso a ra  
melato o ikantsa tiro ea sape. Ke lefile £29 mo leved  
eno goe tiro ea rona e nne e seka ea oa. Ke koalela  
we Jabontloeloe le Mommaphula for ba nne Chief Joshua

(1) madi a dikoranta (2) madi a rente ea ntlo  
kaborako. Ke eng ba mholofeditse jaanong, bare  
Chief Joshua bare ga a eo. Gase ba duela Kromb  
since October - 4 months. 44 papers make  
£2 a month, where is that money? Coe Coe thus  
Chief Joshua to batla madi ao ka natta  
mo go bone boobabedi. Fela jaka bo Minchin  
ba jakeletse go diela melato ea bone ka madi  
a ba a batlang mo go rona le rona ga rona  
madi afe a a ka ba duelang false one ao  
a bo Jabontloeloe le Mommaphula, Gabalany  
to a batla please and let me know le ma  
ke the leka go romela sengenyana before  
Monday, but it will be very small jaka  
I have paid £29 already. Chief Joshua is in  
trouble he cannot think and act. A ku mo  
thus coe coe go batla madi ao kaborako

Mariette's application e romee koa go Arch-  
deacon ke we Mlangwana. No decision yet.  
Do please help Chief Joshua and myself by collecting  
those amounts quickly, it is enough to cover our  
pressing debts.

I have <sup>now</sup> got another job from Vere Steen-  
to write articles for the Pretoria news. I work  
day and night fela to ~~keep~~ have  
something at the end of every month to pay up  
these things. Do help us please please

Coe Coe a ku bone Chief Joshua Kaborako  
u mo somole; and to collect

explicable reason, dampness has appeared in all the cases adjoining the south wall of the building. The wall forms one end of each case and the floor of the Museum serves as a bottom, thus any dampness arising from the walls or through the floor has access to the specimens, with ruinous effect. Professional advice in matters of ventilation was obtained, and resource was eventually made to the enlargement of the air-bricks and to repairs in the Museum walls, but with no appreciable effect. This points to the necessity of free-standing cases.

When considering the limited means at our disposal, I feel somewhat restrained from suggesting the advisability of obtaining properly-constructed cases, but I am compelled to do so in defence of my responsibilities. We can only hope that with returning prosperity the Government will be able to increase our grant and to further assist us by voting a sum for the purchase of new cases.

The Committee-room is used regularly by the art students of the Girls' High School, and the Convent for their art classes, our specimens serving as models. Assistance is always gladly given to pupil teachers, and should be sought after even more than it is at present.

A systematic list of the birds of the Frontier, which I compiled last year, was published by the South African Ornithologists' Union, and copies sent to all the South African Museums. This list comprised 290 birds, but during 1909, with the assistance of the Rev. Robert Godfrey, I have been enabled to add 16 to the list, thus showing that 306 different species have been recorded from the Frontier districts. I am still devoting what leisure I can spare to a careful survey of the birds of this and the adjoining districts with the hope that at the end of the ensuing year I shall be able to report still further progress and possibly the completion of my list.

The distribution of South African lizards and snakes is a matter of zoological importance, and in order to be of assistance to those who are engaged in working up this subject, I have sent specimens of all our local reptilia to Pretoria, where they have been dealt with by experts.

To Mr. John Hewitt, of the Transvaal Museum, my thanks are due for his ready response to all matters I have referred to him, and especially for the identification of a large number of specimens. With his assistance I have identified our collection of snakes, which now comprises, amongst others, twenty-three species which occur in Kaffraria. In return for Mr. Hewitt's help, I have promised to collect from this neighbourhood, fresh water entomostraca, and to supply him with specimens.

A number of meteorological instruments having been handed over to the Museum by Mrs. Egan in August last, I am continuing the meteorological reports which were kept for upwards of 30 years by the late Dr. Egan.

In spite of many drawbacks, the interest of the public is well maintained, and the Museum continues to serve as an educational medium and as an object of interest to all visitors.

FRANK A. O. PYM, Curator.

PUBLIC MUSEUM, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
1909. January 1st.		£ s. d.	1909.		£ s. d.
To Balance in Bank on 1st Jan., 1909	...	8 14 5	By Salaries	...	267 1 4
" Cash in hand	...	0 0 6	" Sun Office Insurance	...	5 18 6
" Government Grant	...	320 0 0	" B.K. Savings Bank Interest	...	62 10 0
" A. Mitchell, Interest on Bond	...	25 0 0	" Chemicals	...	4 1 3
" Subscriptions and Donations	...	25 14 6	" W. M. Lewis, Repairs	...	27 10 0
" Refund King Printing Co.	...	0 15 0	" Fittings	...	4 13 4
" Balance due to Bank	...	25 17 4	" Books, Advertising and Stationery	...	12 17 0
			" Specimens	...	0 2 6
			" Miscellaneous	...	20 8 10
			" Bank Charges	...	0 8 0
			" Cash in hand	...	0 11 0
		<u>£406 1 9</u>			<u>£406 1 9</u>

King William's Town, 28th January, 1910.

Audited and found correct.

W. J. DEALY, }  
JOHN G. WEIR, } Hon. Auditors

FRANK A. O. PYM,  
Secretary and Treasurer

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

Da 14 [c.1911 Apl?]

Sir,

Please be so good as to ask Chief Joshua for a loan and mention the following points; Whenever a person goes into debt it is because he trusts in his business.

I paid £29 this month so that our work can go on. I wrote to Mr Gaboutloeloe and Mr Monnapula to give Chief Joshua; (1) The money for papers (2) the money for rent in time.

They promised to do all this but later told me that Chief Joshua is nowhere to be found. They have not been paying for the paper since October - 4 months; 44 papers make £2 a month. Where is that money? Please help Chief Joshua to retrieve the money from those two. Minchin and others claim money from us to pay their debts, we too have no money to pay our debts except what we have worked for. It is in the hands of Gaboutloeloe and Monnapula. Please try earnestly to retrieve the money and I will be sending something before Monday - the amount however, will be very small for it is as I said; I have paid £29 already. Chief Joshua is in trouble, he cannot think or act. Please help him to get the money in time, and then let me know.

Harriet's application was sent by Mr Hlangwana, to the Archdeacon. So please help Chief Joshua and me to collect those amounts quickly. It is enough to cover our pressing debts.

I have now got another job from Vere Stent to write articles for the Pretoria News. I work day and night just to have something at the end of every month to pay up these things. Do help us please.

Plaatje

Please, see Chief Joshua as soon as possible. Console him; and try to collect.

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