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Morogong Morolong,

Ke tsaea sebakanyana fela sa go go itsise fa re sale rotlhe fano lapeng. Ke boile ko Boshotho ka October 4 ka fitlhela Mrs Plaattje a letse fatshe le bana go setse bale bane--Richard le Ngoetse Paaka, Poppie Mbelle le Maria Motshumi. Ka fitlha ka belesa baga mogolole ko Pinele. Bane ba tsile go sega khai tsa nyalo Dressmaker a loala eare ba sa mo letile ga loala bone, erile ka mosho ba bo ba letse fela botlhe re setse fela le Ngoetse. Ba ba 5 ba sa tsikinege faese nna ke ba retololang, mo gare ga dincho tse di botlhoko kgoedi eo eotlhe, lefa batho ba shule thata thata mo tikologong, wa cogile botlhe. Mme gare rotlhe gonne Ticherekazu Motebang, ngoana Moruti oa Boshotho eo o nnang le rona a tsen-g ruta mo sekoleng sa rona bo mhoketse mo tlhogong, ebile bo Ma Sainty ba coa go mo isa Hospitaleng ea ditseno ko Bloemfontein. Gone maloba fa a tsa maea ra bo re utloela gore mogoloe Miss Motebang le ene o shule, eo na a nyecoe ke Herman Mofokeng ko Morija, mosimane oa Boshotho ba ba nyetseng Rakgadi eo mogolo.

Mo ga rona go shule Elias Plaattje oa Moefangeli, mgoana mogoloe rona; ga shoa Tichere / ukas Mashoko, le bana ba basimane baga mogoloe boo ~~baba~~ babedi, baga Mashoko eo mogo lo eo mo Marakeng. Maabo, Ma-Mashoko le ngoetsi oa gagoe eo shoecoeng ke basimane ba boile koa teng teng fela jaka mybrother Ramokoto. O tlhotse a tsile go re bona mme ga ese a ba a itekanele. Ko Thabancho jaka ko Mafikeng go ntse go rile tu. Modumonyana oa ntlha o coang Thabancho oa tla ole mashoe thata, Mr Mokitlane Nyokong, eo shoecoeng ke ngoana mono (Mrs Rev Diphuko) ko Thabancho o shoecoe ke mohumagadi oa gagoe le moroadie Nthekeng eo ene ele ene mongoa ntlo. Teng gape go shule Mr Abiel Ditheko eo kile a ea go gatisa ko Mafikeng a shoa le magagabo Masisi ba ne ba rekisa mo mawenkeleng mmogo. Re utloetse bone fela ko ga Motlatla ko Rolong ga re itse gore go tla tla go toeng.

Fano loopeng Richard Moyanaga ke ene o na a nanoga pele a ba a nna a nthusa go oka babangoe mo 5 tlung fa leroborobo le ne le feela teng. Gompieno fa ba sena go coga botlhe ke ene o ntse a itoka mafatlha. Cape go shule le moroadie Mbelle, eo o na a nyaloa ke Mr Robert Setlogelo oaga Matshipinare maloba-- a feteloa gole tshipi eare ka Mantaga ga bo go feta ene. Tiro tsa Modimo dia gakgamatsa fa go falocoe fano, ene ese lefaratllhatlha ja dincho ene ele dineelelo Matlo otlhe a setrata sena a fitlha e e bapileng le ea rona ga ea koloane le moroetsana, koloane ebile ele gone o na a coa ko marumong fa gompieno ke ba bona ba tsamaea, ke akanya nako ea fa ke ntse ke ba meka-meka ene skete ke ne ke lora. loala

Ko go bo Rangoane ko Bethane lefa ba ~~eeae~~ ga ba shoe jaka mono Ko Sekoleng sa bo Sainty le teng go bobotse makgelo a shupang go shule botlhano fela, oa bo 6 ele tichere. Sainty le ene joa se ka joa mo tsena go bobotse bo ntsalae fela, le bone gatoe ba cogile Re santse re gamaregile fela ke sechoga sa dinchoncho tse di dira getseng mo tikologong ea mono toropong re ka itumelela go utloa le matshelo a rona. Ga nke lo ba lo tlhaloganya fa re lo bolelela gore Kimberley o na a idibetse gotlhelele go tshela fela mmila o o eang mabitleng. Re utluiseng a lona kong

Lovedale

La tumelele
Sec's Plaattje

S.T. Plaatje - Correspondence

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Summary

The letter is addressed to someone Plaatje calls Morolong.

In it Plaatje tells about the health of his family. He had just arrived on the 4 October from Lesotho and he found his wife ill and all the children except for Richard, Ngoetse, Poppie Mbelle and Maria Motshumi. He bade goodbye to relatives from Pniel. They had come to cut a wedding dress, and they had also all got ill except for Ngoetse; they were ill for a whole month, and Plaatje had to shift them now and again from one sleeping position to another.

It does seem like people in the local area were either dying or getting sick. One teacher Kazu Motebang had to be taken to a mental hospital in Bloemfontein by Ma Sainty. Soon after that, Herman Mofokeng's, a relative through their marriage of Plaatje's aunt, wife passed away. Herman's wife was Miss Motebang's sister. There also passed away the Evangelist Elias Plaatje son of Plaatje's brother. One teacher Lucas Mashoko, his two nephews and one of Marakeng passed away. The daughter-in-law to the Mashoko family and Mrs Mashoko were like Plaatje's brother Ramokoto not fully recovered from the sudden deaths.

Thaba Nchu like Mafikeng had not had such deaths. The first news from Thaba Nchu was the death of Mokitlane Nyokong's wife and their daughter Nthekeng. Mrs Rev. Diphuko daughter of Nyokong had also recently passed away. There also passed away Mr Abiel Dithoko, once a printer at Mafikeng, and another man who once work at the shops there, a relative of Masisi. We heard about this from Motlatta at the Rolong district; we do not know who is next.

At home Richard Mojanaga who had not been feeling well and had been helping Plaatje to comfort other when people were dying in great numbers, has some lung sickness. One daughter of Mbelle, Robert Detlogelo the Motshipinare's wife has passed away, says Plaatje two or three days after her marriage, then followed Robert on Monday, the wife having died on Sunday. The deeds of God are shocking and surprising for I am still alive. People died in great numbers, in each house in our street people died like flies; it seemed like a dream then.

At Bethany people were sick but they did not die. At the Lovedale School where Ma-Sainty is, seven hundred got ill, but only five passed away, the sixth was a teacher, Ma-Sainty was not taken ill, which was surprising indeed, for his bosom friend was ill.

The tragedy of these passed days left Kimberley destitute the only movement of people was to the grave yards. We would be pleased to hear how you fare.

Greetings

Sol T. Plaatje

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