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ROYAL ZULU WILLING TO BECOME VALET

Oka Isaka Seme, Student at Columbia, Looks for Work.

PRODUCT OF MOODY SCHOOL

Wishes to Return and Treat His Fellow Countrymen After Modern Medical Methods. Special to The Boston Journal. New York, May 10 — Any one wishing a useful man on his yacht this summer, or a valet, has a chance of obtaining a full blooded Zulu of royal lineage. He is Oka Isaka Seme, and next month he will complete his freshman year at Columbia College, where he has distinguished himself as an unusually bright scholar.

Seme is one of the few Zulus in this country and is the only one that has ever been a student at Columbia. He is trying to realize his ambition to become a physician and to go back and practice in his native land. Seme, although a member of the nobility of Zululand, isn't afraid of work, and in order to get something to do during the summer has advertised for a place on a yacht or as a 'useful man to a gentleman.'

WANTS TO DOCTOR ZULUS

Seme is a nephew of Umqawe, one of the most powerful chiefs of Zululand. He is a cousin of the Rev. Mr. Dube, one of the first of his race to come here. It was through his cousin that Seme came to this country five years ago and became a student at Mr. Moody's school at Northfield. He entered Columbia last fall and attracted a lot of attention, which he didn't like. Seme says that what is written about him here gets in the papers which the English have established in Zululand and makes his people think he is a great man when he isn't. 'I really know very little compared to Americans yet,' said Seme yesterday, but I want to know a lot more, so that I can go back to Zululand and divide my time between teaching in the school my cousin has started and practising medicine. There are no native doctors who understand medicine; and as the Zulus are distrustful of foreigners, it is only one of their own race who can teach them the value of medicine and surgery.

HAS WORKED IN MASSACHUSETTS.

'My brother is studying for the ministry at Benedict College, and to keep us both here is very hard for our family. It is by getting something to do in the summer that I have been able to defray expenses. One summer I worked as a gardener in Massachusetts and another summer I worked as a bellboy.' 'If I followed my personal tastes I would become a lawyer, but there is

not the need for lawyers in Zululand that there is for doctors. It is only when the disputes are taken to the English court that a lawyer is wanted, and those cases are few, because the natives prefer to have the chief settle their disputes under the native law. The chiefs and his council are supposed to know everything and the presence of a native lawyer would be construed as a reflection on their wisdom and intelligence.'

Seme is 21 years old. He came here when he was 16 and speaks English fluently and with only a slight accent. He is very black in colour and closely resembles the American Negro in all but his speech. Like his brother, he has become Christianized.