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My dear Bleek

Thank you for note, & for getting  
my letter into the paper. By this mail  
I send to England a thorough review  
of Mr. Broome's work in the New  
Commentary - & I flatter myself that I  
have given him a very sufficient castigation.  
His Commentary is one mass of ignorance &  
pretension, & is really a disgrace to the  
English Church in this age. However,  
you shall have a copy of my review  
when published, as well as of Paul VI.

I am very much interested with  
the account you send of your labours  
with the Bushman Languages - If you  
really make good your promises, you  
will make quite an epoch in  
these studies - and will have

turned this supposed rule to a paid account. I heartily wish you success in your labours.

Next week comes on the struggle for our Bill. I think that we shall carry it - by a small majority - having, of course, the hostility of the ~~Macroe~~ Macroe party, the rancour of some Dissenters, & the stated ignorance of the Dutch Church members, to contend with. The latter, I imagine, conceive that they are discharging a religious duty in voting against me on any subject. Macroe is beginning now to show his claws - he has joined a new-comer from Scotland, D Dalzell pronounced Dale, in a raid upon Mr Shepstone's policy, & he is just now occupied, while I am sitting at home, dealing with Mr Broome & watching my Bell, in visiting my

friends in the County up the coast, taking his room out houses where he is not wanted, & is very closely received, & ~~not~~ making offensive remarks about me to the ladies of the same - which doubtless had no effect in the instance reported to me, except to disgust the hearers, but which shows what he is doing elsewhere. However, he is in want of clergy quite as much almost as I am, notwithstanding his S.P.C.K. grant - & when he comes that he will be nowhere.

I do not think that I have any further news just now - I in fact I have been working day & night at Mr. Broome since the last Mail, in order to send my M.S. home by this - I hardly even have had time to attend to our grand political crisis.

Ever your sincerely

D. Dalzell