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OUR NEXT ISSUE

We hope to publish among other things in *Natalia* 12 (1982) articles to commemorate the Centenaries of Norwegian Settlement in Natal and the establishment of Dundee, as well as a study of the Umsindusi River and an enquiry into the origins of the name 'Botha's Hill'.

Editorial

Natalia enters its second decade with this eleventh issue under a new Editor, whose first duty it must be to pay tribute to his predecessor. John Sellers guided *Natalia's* fortunes through the vicissitudes of producing Numbers 8 (now already out of print and a collectors' piece), 9 and 10. Those who know him and have worked with him might well agree that the word "meticulous" is one that can be most readily associated with him. A gifted and witty chairman of the editorial committee, no detail was too small to escape his concern. The Natal Society, and indeed all who value the preservation and development of Natal's heritage, are much in his debt.

The eleventh issue also provides a suitable opportunity for the publication of an Index to the previous ten. For the very considerable amount of work in its compilation we have to thank Mr David Buckley of the staff of the Natal Society Library. For preparing it for the press, our thanks go to Miss Margery Moberly, a long-standing member of the editorial committee.

Even a casual perusal of the Index will indicate how wide and interesting a range of material has been covered by *Natalia* in the past decade. But, as Mr Buckley observes, the Index serves also to highlight what has *not* been published, and therefore point to gaps in the study of Natal's history. One major omission is the Indian community. Little has been written on the lives, struggles and achievements of Indian settlers.

The contribution to Natal of churches and clergy other than Anglican has also been overlooked, yet the Dutch Reformed Church is the oldest Christian denomination in Natal, and the Methodists the second oldest. The Metropolitan Methodist church hall — the original church — is the oldest church building in Natal still in use for worship. Methodist ministers played an important part in the history of Natal which deserves study.

Similarly, the history of other religions in Natal — Jewish, Hindu and Moslem — has also been neglected. These are omissions which *Natalia* will endeavour to rectify in its second decade.

Having said this, *Natalia* cannot but note the elevation of two Natal men to high office in the Anglican church during the past year. Philip Russell, Bishop of Natal, is the first Natalian to become Archbishop of Cape Town, having been unanimously chosen as the tenth Archbishop by his fellow Bishops after the Elective Assembly had failed to obtain the two thirds majority in both houses necessary for an election to be made. Archbishop Russell is an Old Boy of Durban High School and most of his ministry has been in Natal: a first curacy at St. Peter's, Pietermaritzburg, rectorships in Greytown, Ladysmith and Kloof, and since 1974, occupancy of the See of Natal.

Meanwhile, in Natal, D.H.S. has been succeeded by Maritzburg College, so to speak. Archbishop Russell's elected successor as Bishop of Natal is Rt. Rev. Michael Nuttall, a College Old Boy who took his initial degree at the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg). Bishop Nuttall returns to Natal from the Diocese of Pretoria and is to be enthroned in January 1982.

Sadly, but inevitably, every year *Natalia* must record the passing of eminent Natalians. Two who, having fought the good fight and now finished the course, are Mrs E.E.M. Russell, long a commanding figure in Maritzburg society and the city's first woman Mayor, and Professor Maurice Sweeney who was to the Durban branch of the University of Natal much what the late Professor Petrie was to Maritzburg. We publish tributes to them elsewhere in this issue.

It is also with deep regret that only a year after the death of Professor Petrie we must record the untimely passing, while still in his early forties, of one of his successors, Professor Magnus Henderson, sixth Professor of Classics in the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg) and, like Professor Petrie, a brilliant classicist, a gifted teacher, and a witty, canny Scot. He was always happy to share his knowledge in the schools and Training College, and Professor Henderson's death is a sad loss not only to the University, but to the wider field of education in this Province.

Scarcely had news of the death of Magnus Henderson been received when another young Natal academic with outstanding talents, Professor Barend van Niekerk, whose article on the Queen's Tavern in Durban appeared in our last issue, died in South America. His passing is a loss not only to the Durban section of the University, but also to the cause of conservation in general and the campaign to save the old Durban Station in particular, one of the many crusades he fought with originality, energy and panache.

February 1981 saw the Centenary of the first Anglo-Boer War, an event marked by ceremonies at Majuba which were indeed commemorative but at times nationalist and quasi-political in tone. We are grateful to Frank Emery, whose studies of soldiers' letters have cast a fresh and human light on Victorian colonial warfare, for a specially researched article on this particular campaign.

Our annual feature, a previously unpublished piece, this year two letters written by Martha Lofthouse, came into our possession by a curious concatenation of events noted by Mrs Shelagh Spencer in her introduction to them, and provide some interesting new insights into the 1850 settlement in Natal.

Natalia I carried an article on a proposed new Cathedral in Pietermaritzburg and subsequent issues have carried progress reports on the project. Now that the new Cathedral has been built it is fitting that we should be able to close this chapter with an article by Rev. Ian Darby tracing the saga of division and healing, of which latter the new Cathedral is the physical embodiment.

Dr John Pickles's article offers a new look at the most valued of Natal's assets, the Berg, while Dr Bill Guest, a member of the hard-working editorial committee, has far exceeded the bounds of duty by himself providing a scholarly article on the role of Sir Percy FitzPatrick in Natal at the time of Union.

To all these people, as well as to the many who have contributed book reviews and to Notes and Queries, our grateful thanks. May you, the reader, enjoy the fruits of their labours. May the knowledge that they have done their bit towards enriching and conserving Natal's heritage be their reward.

T.B. FROST

Register of Research on Natal

This list has been compiled from individual submissions from subscribers to *Natalia*, the University of Natal and the Natal Archives. Persons knowing of current research work that has not been listed are asked to furnish information for inclusion in the next issue. A slip is provided for this purpose.

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JOHN PICKLES was born in Lancashire. After reading for an Honours degree in Geography at Oxford he came to the Department of Geography at the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg) as a junior lecturer. From 1976 to 1978 he was a research fellow for the Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission to study images and preferences for the landscape of the Natal Drakensberg. He received his doctorate from the University of Natal in 1979 for this work.

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IAN DARBY is an Old Boy of Maritzburg College and first qualified as a chartered accountant before entering the ministry of the Anglican church. Ordained in Southwark Cathedral in 1969, he served in various parishes in England before returning to Natal. He was Rector of York-cum-Ravensworth before accepting his present post as a lecturer in church history and worship at the Federal Theological Seminary, Imbali. His research includes a thesis on Anglican worship in Victorian Natal for the M.A. degree (1977), and he has recently submitted a thesis on the theology of Bishop Colenso for his doctorate.

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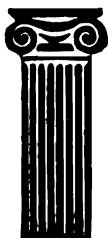
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