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Editorial

The composition of each edition of *Natalia* seems increasingly to be determined by centenaries or anniversaries. This issue is no exception. 1884 was the year of the founding of the New Republic by Transvaal boers under Lukas Meyer, and Graham Dominy has given us a worthy centennial piece.

But 1985, which will be upon us almost as *Natalia* 14 appears in print, marks anniversaries nearer home and perhaps more significant: 150 years since the meeting, presided over by Captain Allen Gardiner R.N. decided to lay out a town at Port Natal and name it after the then Governor of the Cape, Sir Benjamin D'Urban, and 75 years since the Natal University College first opened its doors in a wood-and-iron shed in the grounds of Maritzburg College. It is therefore upon the City of Durban and the University of Natal that this issue will focus. It is moreover, a focus of personal relevance in so far as several members of the editorial board were either born or educated in Durban, and all, without exception, are graduates of the University of Natal.

Our reprints, from Natal University College Magazines of 1919 and 1934 contain the personal reminiscences of S.E. Lamond, an 'aboriginal' student (who became a legendary Mr Chips-like figure at Maritzburg College) and the equally legendary Professor Alexander Petrie, first incumbent of the Chair of Classics.

John William Bews is today a name most students would associate with a building. We are grateful to Mr Bizley of the editorial committee, for re-creating the man after whom the building is named, the first Professor of Botany and first Principal of the Natal University College whose untimely death in 1938 deprived Natal of a figure of international stature.

Dr Sylvia Vietzen achieves two objects with her article on Mabel Palmer and developments in education for adults in Durban in the 1920s, while Professor Maynard Swanson of Miami University, in evoking a picture very different from the stereotype of slow-moving colonial affluence and gracious living, provides a salutary reminder that not all of Durban's inhabitants were (or are) white.

Little of Durban's colonial architecture has managed to survive the ravages of 'progress' and 'development'. Professor Brian Kearney's photographic essay in recording some of what remains, is a telling indictment on the impoverishment of the Durban townscape, while to a province with memories of the havoc wrought by cyclone 'Demoina' still fresh, Pam Barnes's piece on the great flood of 1856 will be of particular interest.

It has been the wish of the Council of the Natal Society that where appropriate, the annual Natal Society Lecture be published in *Natalia*. This

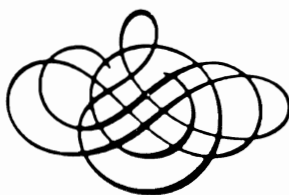
year it was given by our old friend, Frank Emery, Vice-Master and Senior Dean of St. Peter's College, Oxford, on Canon John David Jenkins, a member of Bishop Colenso's first Chapter in 1857. We are happy to make the life of this Natal pioneer more widely known.

Sadly every year *Natalia* must publish obituaries of distinguished Natalians. This year they include two who have served education well, Mr N.W. Bowden and Mr Solly Levinsohn, together with a former President of the Natal Society Council, Dr R.E. Stevenson and former Honorary Treasurer, Mr Allan Mitchell, both of whom, at the time of their deaths, were Trustees of the Society.

One of the founders of *Natalia* in 1971 was Professor Colin de B. Webb who served as editor for five years before moving to the University of Cape Town to take the King George V Chair of History. We are pleased to welcome him back to Natal as Vice-Principal of the University in Durban.

To all the contributors to *Natalia* we extend our grateful thanks. May the enjoyment and profit of our readers be their reward.

T.B. FROST



Select List of Recent Natal Publications

- BUTLER-ADAM, J.F. *and* Venter W.M. Indian housing study in Durban and Pietermaritzburg. Pietermaritzburg, Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission, 1984.
- CHETTY, T.D. Job satisfaction of Indian married women in the clothing manufacturing industry in Durban and its effects on their interpersonal family relationships. University of Durban-Westville, 1983.
- CHETTY, T.D. *and* Omar, S.M. Grey Street area: a survey of a community. University of Durban-Westville, 1983.
- DAVIES, R.J. *and* McCarthy, J.J. Residential growth in the Durban-Pietermaritzburg metropolitan region during the 1960s. Pietermaritzburg, Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission, 1984.
- FAIRALL, Monica. When in Durban; Monica Fairall's guide to the city, Natal coast and interior. Cape Town, Struik, 1983.
- MINNAAR, A. de V. Empangeni; a historical review to 1983. Pretoria, Human Sciences Research Council, 1984.
- RODSETH, Fred. Ndabazabantu: the life of a Native Affairs administrator. Johannesburg, Valda, 1984.
- SCOTT, J.D. Dougie Horton; the story of a conservation farmer. Pietermaritzburg, Shuter & Shooter, 1983.
- WILLCOX, A.R. The Drakensberg Bushmen and their art. Winterton, Drakensberg Publications, 1984.

Register of Research on Natal

This list has been compiled from individual submissions from subscribers to *Natalia* and from 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.

- ATKINS, K.E.
Togt labourers 1838-1910
- BERNING, G.
Durban history
- BRAIN, Dr J.B.
Biographical dictionary of Catholic missionaries
- BRAIN, Dr J.B.
Malaria, missionaries and the Great Depression
- COGHLAN, M.S.
Militia movements in early colonial Natal
- COLENBRANDER, P.J.
Zulu civil war, 1856
- ELLIS, B.
Impact of Natal settlers on local environment
- ELPHICK, R.
American Board Mission
- EMERY, F.
Sir Bartle Frere
- GERICKE, E.
Ntumeni
- GOLAN, D.
Historiographic study of the Zulu
- HADDON, Gordon W.
The York Settlement (Natal) . . . 19th century
- HALE, F.
Norwegian immigrants in South Africa
- HARRIS, V.S.
Relations between African and White on the land in northern Natal, 1910-1936
- HAZELL, B.
Klip River in the 19th century

- HILLEBRAND, M.
Art and architecture in Natal, 1910-1945
- HOLNESS, C.O.
Natal genealogy
- HUGHES, H.
Social history of Ndwedwe
- LA HAUSSE, P.
African women and the informal sector of Natal
- LABAND, J.P.C.
Political economy of Umvoti County 1843-1910
- LAMBERT, J.
Economic and social changes in Black Natal, 1880-1906
- McCRACKEN, *Dr* Donal
Botanical research and exploitation in Colonial Natal
- McFADDEN, P.
Boer occupation of Dundee
- MARTIN, B.
Geography: Natal Railways
- MAYLAM, P.R.
African urbanization in Durban
- MEINTJES, S.M.
Social and economic history of Edendale
- MINGAY, M.A.
Polela/Ixopo district
- NEWMARCH, D.M.
Library of the Natal Parliament
- OVENDALE, R.
Natal and the Transvaal 1893-1899
- PARLE, J.
Impact of the economic depression of the 1860s on Maritzburg
- POSEL, R.
History of rickshas in Durban
- RAYBOULD, J.S.
Pietermaritzburg 1906-1914
- SCHEEPERS, L.D.M.
Stamps and postal history of the Nieuwe Republiek 1886-1888
- SPENCER, B.M.
Maritzburg streets
- SWANEPOEL, A.C.
J.C. Boshoff
- TORR, L.
Urbanisation in Durban
- WARHURST, *Dr* P.
Natal and the Far Interior in the nineteenth century
- WELLINGTON, N.M.
Natal agricultural history 1845-1875

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