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ATHLETIC MEETING

After War
Eight Events

The athletic meeting was held at the Durban Sports Ground on Saturday afternoon. The weather was very hot and the sun was shining brightly. The following events took place:

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SELF HELP ESSENTIAL

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positive and which does not occur at the roots of the problem. The problem, as I see it, is one of opportunity and not of opportunity

SUNLIGHT SOAP

RAISING FUNDS

"We have several schemes for raising funds, which we hope to put into operation in the immediate future. As an example, we have in mind a bazaar, concert, a race, and other schemes. Among parties which can be of immense value to us, I desire to mention the arrival and a picnic if not all of the tobacco can be donated to us. Remember thirty shillings can buy a bag of rice which can be distributed among twenty-six people at the present rate.

In our effort to form a concert, all musical societies can be of real value. The Church, Young Men, and temples are in a position to give a helping hand while the dramatic societies can regenerate and grow as the product of a joint concert. The official institutions can be of great service and if we can enlist their cooperation we should be able to tap

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The Worst Case of Poverty

The worst case of Indian poverty he had known in the course of his official career was at Lufemith, said Mr. S. K. Naidoo, senior interpreter at the Magistrate's Court, Maritzburg, speaking at the conference of Indian public bodies in the R.Y.M.A. Library, on Sunday last.

A child had died and the cause of death was attributed to starvation. A collection was made to defray the funeral expenses and several Indians, both men and women, called at the house of the deceased. The case was closed to them. Eventually it was found that the parents, because of their poverty, had no clothes.

The funeral was delayed and another collection was made to assist the family with the necessary apparel before the interment could take place.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire F.C. will take place at the pavilion, Indian sports ground, Durban, tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m.

Owing to rain over the weekend the final for the knockout competition in the "A" division between Central and Moonlighters was not held. A date will be announced later.

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high so people can spend more, and that means mass production, more success to big business.

"The standard of living is high, for everybody requires refrigerators, wireless, vacuum cleaners, electrical waxes and so forth.

"If we want to strengthen the internal market of South Africa, we should follow the line of high wages for all sections.

"Another impression I gained was that Americans were health conscious. It is customary to drink milk three times a day.

"They have a great respect for public health and sanitation.

"The schools are equipped with facilities for safeguarding the health of the pupils. There are protective devices against disease.

"Initially, the position of the Negroes is better than that of the United States Federal laws or Constitution accord the Negroes the status of citizens as defined in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. Consequently the Negroes can use the status of those three amendments for improving their position. Whereas the Natives of South Africa by the very nature of things are denied the means of improving their political status.

THE RED INDIAN

"There is very little in common between the Red Indians of the United States and the East Indians. The former are a Mongolian people; the latter are mostly Aryan.

"The Red Indians are the wards of the United States Government and in some respects they are in the position of the Natives of this country. They live in reservations and are not citizens but wards. They are well looked after by the Government. Firstly because there are a very few of them—less than 350,000; secondly, the United States have the money to look after them and thirdly, the majority of Americans feel they have a duty to look after the Red Indians, they should owe a debt."

CONCLUSION. Mr. Naidoo said: "There is a very big gap between America for Mr. Gandhi. Not only that but in countries and colonies there is a sympathetic understanding for India's constitutional struggle."



Mr. George Singh, B.A., has now added the L.L.B. (South Africa) to his wholesale statements. He was notified of this this week. He is the first Indian in this country to get the law degree.

TAXI OWNERS MASS MEETING

Protest Against New Bill

A mass meeting of Natal European and non-European taxi owners met in Maritzburg and has strongly protested against the inclusion of taxi cabs in the Transportation Bill. Taxi owners have several objections to the Bill, which imposes fresh restrictions and limits areas and places in which they may run.

These proposed restrictions will result in severely curtailing the scope of livelihood and throwing taxi drivers out of employment and deprive the public of means of transport within their reach.

The meeting further resolved to request the Minister to reserve a deputation so as to submit objections to the Bill more elaborately.

"A telegraphic reply will be appreciated," concluded this resolution.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of taxi owners, both European and Indian, held at the R.Y.M.A. library on Sunday night.

They were sent to the Minister of Railways and Harbours and copies to the High Commissioner of India.

Mr. B. R. Naidoo presided, and the speakers included Mr. J. T. Brown, secretary of the Taxi Owners and Drivers' Association, Durban, Mr. C. Epton, and Mr. T. Travers, Maritzburg.

Delegates were present from the North and South Coasts, Durban, central and district, Greytown, Richmond, Epsom and Maritzburg.

ISIPINGO TAMIL SCHOOL

The opening of the Isipingo Tamil classes took place yesterday at the Government-aided Indian school, Isipingo. The opening of Tamil classes was a success.

The Isipingo Tamil classes commenced with a very good start. The first Tamil school in the district. The committee look forward to all year's progress, to learn their mother tongue, which is expected.

Mr. T. Subramanyam, the secretary, will supply all information regarding the Tamil school.

THE CASTE SYSTEM

A South African Practice

Speaking at a public session of the conference of the Institute of Race Relations at Cape Town last week Professor R. F. A. Hoernle said the war had not lowered the colour bar but had strengthened it. There were certainly steps forward, for example, the decision of the Witwatersrand University to train non-European medical students complete training for medical and dental degrees.

"But," he added, "the decision was only taken when the new hospital facilities in Johannesburg could allow for practical training with non-European patients. This avoidance of contact between non-European students and white patients (or even white bodies) is through consideration of the caste system."

In addition, non-European doctors would not be given admission to the South African Medical Association. Thus they would have no contact with the Europeans of their profession.

The Native was referred to as an "asocial," said Professor Hoernle, "but the term usually applied to the pocket in his opinion."

Although from the short viewpoint the advances made were quite desirable, they did not tend to destroy the caste system, but only made for its extension and maintenance; there was no deliberate policy aiming at the transformation of the caste system.

CONCESSIONS

A number of concessions were allowed to the white caste provided they did not mean too great an encroachment on the white privileges, but tended to maintain the present distances between the castes.

Also they were in reality being paid for in the main by the lower caste itself, though there may be something called "the White Man's Burden," the European took good care that the financial burden fell as lightly as possible on its own group.

There was neither the will nor the power for planning or effecting the change to assimilation.

"If we believe otherwise," said the Professor, "it is self delusion and complacency, but changes will be forced on us by world forces over which humanity has little control."

There is no bridge between the two sections other than that built by people who love liberty for itself and will not be content until this liberty is enjoyed by all those to whom it is at present denied, he added.

FAREWELL TO CATERERS

A banquet was held in honour of Mr. J. Ransing and Mr. A. Ponnusamy, president and secretary of the Natal European and Catering Trades Employees Union (Ponnamasalingam Branch) who have resigned their respective positions since leaving office for the past two years.

Mr. Alfred Ransing presided at the dinner and paid a tribute to the past services of these officials. As a mark of respect each of them was presented with a memento of esteem and a vote of thanks.

Other speakers were Messrs. P. Subramanyam, C. Govind, Govender, Narayana, David Mervin, Ransing, and Ponnusamy suitably replied.

CAMPS DRIFT FLOOD

Relief for Victims

The worst flood in the experience of Indian residents occurred in the Camps Drift area last Monday night. Over 45 Indian families lost practically all they possessed in the way of food, clothing and household furniture which were washed away.

Men, women and children had to wade through water which reached up to their necks to escape.

Officials of the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg Branch) visited the area immediately news was conveyed to them. They provided shelter for about 70 people at the Tamil Protective Indian School in Charles Road, Pentrich. These were given bread and jam, and tea.

The Natal Indian Association has made application to the City Council for a sum of £75 to provide relief for these distressed families.

On urgent application being made to the Protector of Indian Immigrants by the headquarters of the association at Durban a sum of £15 was given to the Natal Indian Association as emergency relief to provide necessities.

Distribution of foodstuffs was made to the affected families by the association on Tuesday last.

TEMPLE OFFICIALS

At the annual meeting of the Sri Ramana Temple Society held at the main hall, Puntland Hill, on Sunday last, the following were elected officials for the ensuing year:

Trustees, Messrs. Y. M. L. Naidoo and E. V. Naidoo; chairman, Mr. V. J. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Naidoo; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. A. Ramsamy; auditor, Mr. S. P. Chetty; committee, Messrs. D. Appanah, C. P. Ramalao, W. Chendriah, Y. S. Naidoo, E. R. Venkatas, D. Venkatasamy, S. S. Chetty, E. N. Naidoo, S. T. Naidoo, R. G. Gungah, E. Kunniah and K. J. Pillay.



Kalidasa who takes the lead in 'Dharmatma' at Mayville.

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"DHARMATMA" AT THE AVALON

Man's inhumanity to man, translated in terms of the caste system, which should make even the gods weep, is well brought out in the story of "Dharmatma," the feature film at the Avalon, which will be shown during the latter part of next week.

Eknath, a Maratha saint and poet, was born in the year 1533 and died in the year 1597. He was a great humanitarian and a preacher of the gospel of equality and universal brotherhood.

Chief amongst the opponents of Eknath was his own son. He was a great pundit well versed in scriptures. Besides Haripundit there were others who were actuated to oppose Eknath. Mahant Suchidanand was a representative of this group. He was a shrewd and unscrupulous man. With his peculiar personality, he had managed to make friends with the Zamindar of that place and to recruit his help for furthering his plans against Eknath.

In the same town there lived a little untouchable girl whom Eknath had once saved while she was separated from her mother in a big fair and found herself lost. This girl whose name was Champa loved Eknath as

if he were her god-father, and Eknath in return was also deeply attached to her. He took special care not to allow anybody to spoil the haven of her innocent love by giving her an idea of her untouchability.

The first step that the Mahant took for bringing down Eknath on his head was to prevent the priests from attending certain religious ceremonies at Eknath's house, which could not be formally complete without the citing of Vedic hymns by professional priests and their taking food with him. Eknath who had no idea of the Mahant's plan made all the necessary preparations and stood waiting for the arrival of the priests.

He waited and waited anxiously but no priests came. Outside the porch a number of ragged untouchables had gathered with the hope of securing a few crumbs left over from the sumptuous feast of the Brahmins. They were waiting there since morning. Their hunger and despair brought forth wailings which reached Eknath's ears piercingly. He was moved. He served the food prepared for the Brahmins to the untouchables.

The story proceeds in a most interesting manner.



A scene from "Dharmatma."

A Great Religious Film at Mayville

"PRITHVI PUTRA," a page from the Mahabharata, is a picture on a par with "Sant Dharma." "Gopal Krishna" and the other great picture drawn from the religious life of India. It will be shown at Mayville Theatre throughout next week.

Prithvi-Earth, the divine daughter of Brahma, was thirsty, thus the story of humanity was passing through mercurious times of famine, drought and poverty. Prithvi, the Earth in order to save her children, humanity, prayed to the lord of the universe to be generous and merciful.

Then high above in the sky, heavy clouds were passing and Mother Earth saw the handsome Lord of Rains. Eyes to eyes they smiled and he was the smile of love. Thus they courted love and there were beautiful moments of happy rain. It rained all the day and all the happiness that could only belong to Earth. And thus Prithvi-Earth once more became beautiful, glorious and sublime. This wedding of the Goddess Prithvi-Earth resulted in a child named Prithvi Putra, also "Bhramasoor."

Bhramasoor grows up to be a handsome boy with ambition to be the supreme ruler of earth and sky. In trying to realize his aim Bhramasoor, with the advice from Charak, tried to kill

nap Kalidasa—the beautiful daughter of the Sun-God, who had hopelessly fallen in love with Lord Krishna. But Lord Krishna rescued her, and Bhramasoor who has defeated over Yama—the God of Death, found it very hard to bear this insult from his Majesty and decided to avenge himself.

Kalidasa-God of Heaven came to fight with Bhramasoor but was defeated and lost his kingdom of Heaven. Charak could now think that his dream of making Bhramasoor the Lord of three worlds, was on the road to realization but for Prithvi-Earth who was crossing their path. At the instigation of Charak, Bhramasoor killed Prithvi, his own mother and thus also killed the only one who could help him in his feat of death.

Charak then advised Prithvi Putra to begin the Yagna of virgins. From every nook and corner he began to collect beautiful virgins for his sacrificial service. He also kidnapped Kalidasa who worshipped Lord Krishna, and Bhramasoor and brought her to Dwarka where he married her. She refused to put flowers in her hair till the death of Bhramasoor. This led Lord Krishna to devise ways and means to do away with Bhramasoor.

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Producers of the "March of Time" documentaries have decided to produce a film of India. Mr. Victor Jernegan, their cameraman and Mr. H. Maurice Lancaster, Director of Productions, will soon be in India for the purpose. The Government of India has promised them all facilities and the news ought to be first-rate publicity for India all over the world.

Mr. A. R. Kanjar, the well-known director, has suddenly left the National Studios, Ltd., though he had a long-term contract with them.

It is understood that his services have been secured by Cine Productions on an annual salary of Rs. 50,000, for directing "Samsar" a social picture, and "Akbar the Great," an historical costume play.

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Sports Grounds for Springfield

Announcement by
Mr. W. Wanless

The Springfield Sporting Club celebrated its fifth annual athletic sports meeting on the Springfield Estates Sports Grounds on Sunday last. There was a programme provided for both adults and children. The main events commenced at 10 a.m. as the Deputy Mayor, Mr. W. Wanless, and the Deputy Mayors, arrived.

Mr. M. Dookhan, in the course of his presidential speech, mentioned that the Indians in Springfield had been holding sports for the last eighteen years, and in spite of being at the door of the city council, no recreational amenities were provided for the residents so that they could also enjoy the same recreational facilities as enjoyed by others in the other districts.

The Deputy Mayor, after being guided by the president, said that the city council had proposed to give the Indians in Springfield two football grounds, tennis courts, and a racing track. He paid tribute to the officials for having organised a fine day's sport.

The prizes were distributed by the Deputy Mayors, Mrs. Wanless.

South Coast Soccer Officials

The South Coast District Indian Football Association (Sunday League) have elected the following officers for the incoming season:—

Patron: Mr. A. Singh.
Life Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. M. B. Lakshmi, S. P. Paul, S. P. Naidoo, T. G. Gendron, A. Singh, P. M. Pillay, S. R. Pather, M. E. Sigamoney, P. R. Pather, M. R. Baes, G. Badary, M. G. G. Naidoo, H. S. K. Singh and A. R. Ramiah.

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Chairman, Ground Management Committee: Mr. P. M. Pillay.
Secretary: G. M. Pillay.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. M. Pillay.
Hon. General Clerk: Mr. P. M. Gendron.

S.A.R. Win at Ladysmith

The Ladysmith cricket results for the 1940-41 season were:—

S.A.R. 1st XI (captain) 65 runs; 2nd XI 54 runs; 3rd XI 50 runs; 4th XI 12 runs.

The S.A.R. won by 5 wickets and 12 runs.

DISTRICT FINAL: PETERS BOWL TODAY

Ottoman v. S.A.R. 10 a.m.
The winners of this match will play the winners of Newcastle District at Ladysmith on February 2.

DURBAN CRICKET RESULTS

No matches were played on Sunday owing to the rain, but the results of matches played on Saturday for the A.M.A.S. Cup competition are as follows:—

SASTRI COLLEGE v. CENTRAL
Sastri College, 52 (1st XI 14, 2nd XI 15, H. L. Mahomedy 18, Gama Gendron 4 for 27 runs, V. Gendron 3 for 25 runs).
Central, 54 for one wicket (B. A. Chetty 9 n.o., R. A. Naidoo 14, C. R. Naidoo 27 n.o.).

VERULAM TEMPLE v. OTTOMAN
Verulam Temple, 52.
Ottoman, 54 for one wicket (Butler 38).

BLAIRAT v. STARS
Blairat, 64 for 9 (G. H. Bhagya 17).

H. Nanjee Gets A Hat Trick

The match between Uniteds and Wanderers Cricket Club was continued on Saturday last. T. V. Naidoo was cleaned bowled in the first over before he could add to the last Saturday's score of 47. The whole team was out for 142 runs.

H. Nanjee was the best bowler in the Uniteds' attack. He bowled 12 overs, 1 maiden, 34 runs, 7 wickets. He was the first bowler to get a hat trick this season, two bowled and one caught. D. Dick was next best with 12.5 overs, 2 maidens, 41 runs, 2 wickets.

The Uniteds in their second knock were all out for 64; E. Poorthuij contributed 16 and A. M. Asmal 15. Wanderers' attack was more force in their second venture. H. K. Naidoo bowled 7 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs, 6 wickets, and N. K. Naidoo 5 overs, 2 maidens, 15 runs, 3 wickets.

The Wanderers scored 107 runs for eight wickets at the close of play, out of which N. K. Naidoo scored a last 79 and he was worth watching. He hit the ball to the boundary 12 times in his score, hitting 11 fours and 1 six.

The United bowlers, H. Nanjee and D. Dick, tried hard to get the Wanderers out for a double innings victory, but it was all in vain. H. Nanjee captured 5 wickets, bowling 6 overs for 41 runs, and D. Dick bowled 5 overs, 41 runs, 2 wickets.

Thus Uniteds won on the first innings by 42 runs, and now they play the winners of M.E.C.C. and Schools on the following Sunday.

There was no play on Sunday last owing to wet pitch.

The Oriental were on January 19 was 134 runs and not 112 as stated before.

Billiard Win For Vally Latiff

The non-European amateur tournament held at the White City Billiard Club was won by Vally Latiff, his opponent in the final was A. H. Naidoo.

The final was played last week before a large audience.

Mr. A. H. Naidoo, who was the runner-up, was an amateur player but he was the first time participated in a snooker tournament.

The trophies will be presented at the White City Billiard Club, 174, at 2.15 p.m. All entrants are cordially invited to attend.

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MATTER OF THE VOTE FOR INDIANS

Representation In Senate

Today the Union had tacitly abandoned schemes for Indian representation and colonisation. Today the Indians had to be considered Union Nationals and, as such, their destiny lay in Parliament.

The way for Indian representation in the Senate had been opened with the admission of the Native Senators, but a vital change would have to be made so that representation was to be real, said Mr. G. Heaton Nicholls in the Senate this week.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DOES SOME "SOUNDING"

Threat to Force the
Franchise?

THE question of Indian franchise was raised by an important Government official with a Durban official of a Natal Indian organisation at Pretoria recently. This "sounding" on the part of the Government, The Leader learned from a perfectly reliable source, was that the Government would be fully prepared to extend the vote to the Indians on the basis of sectional representation, on similar terms to the Native Franchise Act, whose outstanding features are that Natives must only elect Europeans to represent them both in the House of Assembly and the Senate, and only from reserved Native constituencies.

He was convinced, said the Indian representative, that this offer would not be accepted by his people. "Well, I will find the other body who will," said the Government spokesman, of words to that effect, according to The Leader's informant.

An offer of this nature was circulated before, a former Durban senator was responsible. But both the Association and the Congress unanimously agreed in condemning the proposals.

A common viewpoint expressed at the time was that Indians should be enrolled on the common register.

For the present time they were quite agreeable to being represented by Europeans.

Indians accepted a higher qualification, based on education and land ownership, than was the requirement of the European voter.

Indians were acceptable to agreeing to a restricted number on any roll so that they would not dominate the European voting strength in any constituency.

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Sastri College Extension

THE large number of Indian students who have been refused admittance to the Sastri College at the opening of the new term has again reopened the question of making further building extensions to the college. A request for increased accommodation was made to the Natal Provincial Executive at Maritzburg on Wednesday by a deputation of the Natal Indian Association.

The deputation pointed out the necessity of having additional classrooms. "We respectfully urge," it said, "that the Executive will consider our appeal for the erection of additional classrooms sympathetically so that our youths who are eager to gain the benefits of secondary education will, without any difficulty, be absorbed in the Sastri College."

We should like to add our own support to this request, but we do not think that we have found any lasting solution to this problem of wanting increased accommodation by building of new rooms. For the position will soon again arise of requiring still more rooms to meet the increasing number of students passing the P.S.C. each year.

What we feel is that some of the primary schools, both in Durban and outside, should extend the scope of their work, so that they can prepare students for the Junior Certificate examination instead of ending at the Standard VI stage. This would relieve the congestion at Sastri.

We cannot think of any difficulties in view of the increasing number of graduate teachers in our schools, who are fully qualified to undertake the work. The Education Department might make a survey in this direction.

In the meantime the refusal have been causing a great deal of disappointment. We have been told of the case of a little fellow who had done very well in his primary school and when, when told that there was no room for him at Sastri, burst into tears.

There is a danger that such refusals may damage a boy's keenness for further studies, and if it does happen nothing will bring it to life again. In addition, it may mean the destruction of a promise of advancement, whether of a career or of talent. Such a loss will reflect on the community as a whole.

INDIAN SOLDIERS IN AFRICA

Services in the Last War Recalled

NOTING the sandy frontier of Libya and Egypt, dispersed in the sun-drenched hills of Palestine and along the marshy banks of the Suez Canal, are the encampments and fortifications of thousands of Colonial troops.

These dusky warriors have come from all parts of the Indian Empire to aid in the defence of the Motherland. Their names are legion. There are big, bearded Sikhs with their picturesque turbans, muscular Pathans from the Nepalese hills, the dour, bronzed, complexioned Gurkhas with their wicked curved knives, Bengali Lancers, Punjabis, Dogras, Bahubins, Mahatras, Jats and others.

Opposing them on the Italian side of the frontier are Ashara in khaki shorts, recruited from Libya and Italian East Africa, mounted Bersers from the Libyan desert, and fuzzy haired, brown-eyed Abyssinians who have sold their services to Italy.

When called by white officers with their own haversacks (coloured N.C.O.'s) Colonial troops are good fighters.

The Bengali Lancers showed their mettle in the last war in the battle for the Dykes of Flanders, says Every-body.

Attacking in overwhelming numbers, the grey masses of the German infantry in October, 1914, had forced the Belgians back from ditch to ditch, and occupied the vital village of Hamme, capturing the church tower from which, just as the Belgians, who had been fighting continuously for 14 hours, were about to give in, they heard on their flank galloping hoofs. Then they raised a cheer. The blue-uniformed Bengali Lancers had arrived.

At Neuve Chapelle and scores of other French towns, Saxons and Patians distinguished themselves with the bayonet. There are ex-soldiers in Britain today who remember the torments have wrought by the Patians at Ypres.

Especially remembered is the bleak, wet evening of November 5, 1914. For days Britons and Germans had hampered at one another from mudlogged trenches and as dusk fell, first but still awaiting each other's counter-attack, the opposing troops peered between the sandbagged parapets.

Suddenly the British became aware of stealthily advancing dark figures which had come up from behind. No word was heard, but beneath their feet, without warning, the earth seemed to give way. The British were hurled forward into the German trenches. For a few minutes there was deep silence. A wild splutter of musketry, intermingled with cries and groans.

Very little of the German soldiers' bayonet attacks on the British trenches was heard. The British were hurled forward into the German trenches. For a few minutes there was deep silence. A wild splutter of musketry, intermingled with cries and groans.

Troops from British India held the left flank of the Suez Canal when the Turks attacked in 1915 and acquitted themselves well. They made an abortive attempt to relieve the gallant General Townshend in Mesopotamia, helped by the capture of Germany's African colonies and were at Gallipoli.

Indian Ashara have not so far shown up well in this war. One of the reasons for this may be Italian treatment of their village women, who have not joined up. Italy has brought her troops to Libya and the natives in her other colonies have no cause to welcome Italian rule.

Another reason is that the Colonial soldier lacks his white colleague for strength and guidance. The somewhat temperamental character of the Italian soldier does not inspire Italy's native troops to risk their own lives.

Many of them are still equipped with ancient flint lock rifles. A difficulty common to the use of all native troops except those from mountainous districts, such as the Patians, was the lack of the most physically fit people in the world, is that of accommodation.

The issue of Egypt, however, are excellently suited to Colonial troops and the British soldiers against the Patians are in no small measure due to these dusky warriors.

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Human education generally was very much improved, but no wonder was the Sabha removed from Greytown to Johannesburg, where in the township had the standard of education of the children and today they are getting him moulded.

A HINDI MEMBER

THE CAMPS DRIFT FLOOD

Will you please allow me through the courtesy of your column to express my congratulations to the Camps drift flood. Mr. R. Babu Singh and Mr. R. Ramprasad, the storekeeper of Port Natal, for their heroic deed in rescuing many of those Indians men, women and children who were in a state of danger during the recent flood which ran through the district of Port Natal. To them my special thanks for their gallant efforts in removing people from places of extreme danger to safety.

A man of not more than three feet in height was rescued by being carried out on the shoulders of Mr. R. Babu Singh who waded through the water or a mixture of water and mud, and carried him to the shore. Mr. R. Babu Singh and Mr. R. Ramprasad, the storekeeper of Port Natal, for their heroic deed in rescuing many of those Indians men, women and children who were in a state of danger during the recent flood which ran through the district of Port Natal. To them my special thanks for their gallant efforts in removing people from places of extreme danger to safety.

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Postscript: G. MAHARAJ

Our Readers Speak . . .

LETTER FROM IN DUBS

The incident reported over the signature of "Student of Democracy" in your columns of January 25 is a reflection on the part of the tram authorities of Durban. I don't know if the complaint was lodged in writing to the manager and an inquiry held. In the meantime may I bring to the notice of your readers and the public concerned the following paragraph, which appeared in the Sunday Times, January 26, by its Oakes correspondent:

"The chief of the Soma branch of the Municipal Tram Company has been summoned to the police station, represented severely and warned to see that the tram drivers and conductors are more respectful to passengers."

"The cause of this 'driving' was an incident in which a passenger had started to board a tram at Articho. While he had a foot on the first step of the car and a foot on the platform, the tram began to move. When the door started to close he was thrown back on to the platform and the momentum caused him to crash against a lamp post. I should like to meet the 'Student of Democracy' at the M. K. Gandhi Library by appointment convenient to him."

S. J. RANDEHA

RELIGION AND THE POOR

I was rather shocked to read in the Leader that not a single Muslim merchant was present at the conference of Indian public bodies convened by the Maritzburg Indian Unemployed Relief Committee to fight poverty and to alleviate the sufferings of poor Indians. It is surprising, too, to me for the non-attendance of Muslim merchants as I know Maritzburg—although a very small town—has several business men and merchants amongst the Muslim, Hindu, and Tamil sections, whose assistance would be a boon to the poor in times of distress.

From what I could gather from its report in the Leader is that religious feelings have been the cause of the non-attendance.

Let me remind my Muslim brethren that to give alms and render assistance to the poor is a religious duty of every caste, colour, or creed, is one of the principal commandments of our religion which must be observed.

M. H. CAREEM

CINEMA AT THE V.D.S.

One of your letters published last week by Maritzburg Press (Tomb) referring to the Hindu member of the Sabha, I like to enlighten him that I have been doing some public work in my spare time and I have been doing some public work in my spare time and I have been doing some public work in my spare time.

May I ask the writer for what purpose was the Sabha built? Secondly, why did the public donate money to it? Certainly not for the purpose of a school, but for the purpose of a school.

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Postscript: G. MAHARAJ

India—A Sacred Land

LECTURE BY MR. S. J. JOHN

Under the auspices of the Tongaat Young Men's Association, a lecture entitled "Life in India" was delivered by Mr. S. J. John, B.A. (vice-president of the T.Y.M.A.), at the T.H.S.B.A.A. Hall, Tongaat, on Saturday last. For the first time in Tongaat 139 people were present at such a gathering.

Mr. John considered the life in India in three different aspects, the spiritual, social, and the cultural. The essence of these make up the life of the people in India.

India has been one of the great civilising and humanising factors in the world. Mr. John went on to say, with a culture and civilization of her own, which had survived the efflux of time, despite severe handicaps in more than one direction. Above all a very appreciable degree of spiritual atmosphere was prevalent anywhere and everywhere. From the remotest part of the Himalayas to the southernmost point of India numerous places were considered sacred.

Talking of his visits he described the temples as works of architecture. He also described the Temple of the 1000 Pillars.

Touching on the student life in India he said that the Indian students of India were very much politically minded and they have a great belief in Gandhi and Nehru.

The policy of non-violence as advocated by Gandhi would undoubtedly prove to be a panacea for all the ills of the world, for in his policy lay the greatest spiritual force capable of bringing about a spiritual revolution.

The university life and experience of Mr. John were also described.

SHOOTING CASE SEQUEL

Interdict Order
Granted

Moses Thomas, who was alleged to have been shot at Ladysmith, made application to the Supreme Court this week calling upon Balraj to discontinue his residence at 417 Church Street, Maritzburg, which is being erected by the Maritzburg Muslim and Islamic School Trust.

The proceedings commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Hafiz Ahmad Saied, followed by Hafiz Ismail Koraiah and Hussein Mohamed Bulah.

Mr. Adam Isahab, the president, in a short speech mentioned that, owing to the increasing number of Muslims taking up residence at the lower end of Church Street, it has become very necessary that a Mosque should be erected in a suitable locality.

The present site purchased by the Trust on the Mosque was now being built was within the reach of all Muslim residents residing in that locality.

He appealed to all Muslim brethren to assist with funds and in kind as to enable the Trust to complete the Mosque and other buildings.

Mr. August Ebrahim Moses, in an emotional speech, spoke highly of the efforts of the Maritzburg Trust in bringing about the erection of this new Mosque and prayed to the Almighty that their ambitious might be fulfilled and the Muslim community should not be backward in giving their support.

The other members were Messrs. I. A. Haddad, M. F. Raza, Syed Shahabuddin (Durban), and several others. Moslems Syed Mohamed Look, after a lecture on the necessity of a new Mosque, followed by special prayers, then laid the foundation.

"A GRATUITOUS INSULT AND REFLECTION" Commercial Morality of E.A. Indian Traders

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the president of the Durban Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Newton, by Mr. A. I. Kajer, on behalf of the South African Indian Congress:—

My attention has been drawn to the following comments in an article headed "Union Trade with East Africa" in the January number of South African Industry and Trade by the Editor:—

"While Mr. Manette's interview deals with many of the essential which would be exporters must observe, we must ourselves add a few points for moral consideration. We do not hesitate to say that outside the European traders business morality in East Africa is not on the same plane as we are accustomed to find in our home market. This does not render trade impossible. The existence of this factor accounts for the necessity of conforming to a special type of organisation."

I submit that the comments of the Editor of this journal, which purports to represent South African industry and trade, are unjustified and cannot be intended as a gratuitous insult and reflection on the commercial morality of the Indian traders of East Africa, who, besides the European traders, form the largest groups of traders and industrialists of East Africa.

Before my Congress takes the necessary action of drawing the attention of the East African Indian Congress.

He made a presentation of a purse of notes collected from past and present members of the staff.

Mr. John Ebrahim, in replying, thanked the staff for the tangible expression of its feelings towards him and made a few anecdotal references to the early days of the hospital.

Maritzburg's New Mosque Foundation Stone Laid

On Sunday last a large gathering of Maritzburg Muslims and from Durban, Richmond and districts attended the foundation laying ceremony of the new Mosque at 417 Church Street, Maritzburg, which is being erected by the Maritzburg Muslim and Islamic School Trust.

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A Thick Ear—for Duty

There was a non-European soldier in Maritzburg this week. He looked smart in his uniform. He was not afraid of doing his duty. He saluted him for his loyalty. He carried with him his stick and a thick ear.

He got his thick ear for doing what he—and all of us feel—his duty. He was in Vryheid. Some of the folks there did not like his uniform. They tried to kick him off the pavement. He resisted. They hit him, among other places, on his ear. That is how he got his thick ear. If he remained there he might have got something worse.

So he had to come to Maritzburg. Here I met him, says a leader in print, looking for justice.

MARRIAGE OF MR. JACK RATHNUM

The marriage of Mr. Jack Rathnum, son of Mrs. S. Janakay Naidoo, of 104 Sparks Road, Overport, Durban, to Miss Kanagasabesan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arumugam Vaidyalar, of Klerksburg, Transvaal, took place at the Mayville Theatre on Sunday.

The theatre was packed to capacity and the bridal couple received many presents.

The bridegroom is not the secretary of the Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association as reported in last week's Leader, but his young brother is.

El-Haj E. M. Avas and Mr. Essop Vaidya were the guests of the Mercantile Country Club, Ladysmith, last Saturday.

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MARITZBURG CRICKET

The match between Orientals and Royals for the Cassimjee's Cup was played at Maritzburg on Saturday and will be continued today.

A. H. Rawat and Y. S. Cassimjee opened for Orientals and the two batsmen battled freely, the score reaching 111 when A. H. Rawat was caught brilliantly by E. Cassimjee off Tel Chetty.

Y. S. Cassimjee scored 50 not out. A. H. Rawat 25, H. A. Bapat 12, A. K. E. Bapat 14, and S. M. Kishor 11. At the close of play Orientals led by 257.

Royals' attack was fairly good with Tel Chetty, the best bowler in Royals' attack.

M.I.C.C. WINS EXCITING MATCH
Schools lost to M.I.C.C. on the first innings by 54 runs for the Peters Shield on Sunday.

M.I.C.C. had the first knock, scoring 195 runs. B. Mohan contributed 40, K. Danavaram 42, being clean bowled by E. Moolih, R. Harriman 33, S. Harry 20, U. C. Dayanand 19, when he was clean bowled by S. Reddy.

Schools opened their innings with Dr. Peters and P. Nalliah, the first wicket fell at 3 when P. Nalliah was caught behind the wicket by D. E. Desai off R. Harriman for a duck. S. Reddy was the best of the school's batsmen, contributing 55 in the score of 141, hitting five fours and three sixes. V. Anandaram, the school's veteran, was clean bowled for 33 by U. C. Dayanand, Dr. Peters with 27, being caught and bowled by U. C. Dayanand.

R. Harriman was the best bowler in M.I.C.C.'s attack, capturing seven wickets for 45 runs.

M.I.C.C. scored 167 for 2 at the close of play.

TOMORROW'S MATCH
M.I.C.C. vs. Central

NEW SOCCER CABINET

The annual meeting of the Durban Indian Football Association was held at the Indian sports ground, Durban, on Tuesday last and the following were present: Messrs. S. N. Moodley (president) in the chair, L. Singh, A. Moodley, M. John, M. K. Naidoo, M. W. Daniels, G. Subban, R. L. Boodhoo.

T. D. Naidoo, W. Frank, R. Rijn, and M. Moodley (Stella), A. Moonsamy, and P. Mosa (Academy), J. Ramani, and Charles M. Pillay (Old Calliope), E. Subban, and M. A. Moola (Sastri College), K. Thimabala, and L. D. Lall (Sastri College), R. Moonsamy, G. Morgan, S. G. Kaval, and A. Joseph (Warwickshire), D. Naidoo, and S. Rasthann (S.A. Police), D. V. Naidoo, P. Dhanraj, C. Doree, and P. Govender (Vanderbark), Dr. A. Pathe (D.F.R. Association).

The following clubs sent their affiliation, but were not represented: Duffield, Stars, Central, Ave. Pirates, Jokers, Evergreen, Rangers, and Africa.

After the usual business the following election took place:—

Patrons: Mahatma M. K. Gandhi, and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

President: Mr. S. N. Moodley.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. W. Daniels, M. John, M. K. Naidoo, G. Subban, and R. L. Boodhoo.

Joint Hon. Secretary: T. D. Naidoo, and Rev. C. C. M. R. L. Boodhoo.

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. Wolpert, and Abraham.

Forceful Batting by M. Kisten at Curries Fountain

The competition for Asmal's Cup was continued last weekend, and quite interesting matches were witnessed.

On the main ground Young Muslims met the Sastri College, who are not tiring too well owing to many of their players having left college and joined other clubs. This gave the Muslims an easy victory.

Stella met Stars on the No. 1 ground. This match resulted in a win for the Stella. M. Kisten (Stella) was top of his form, knocking 82 runs in 35 minutes, hitting eight sixes, one century, on the Sastri College ground and three fours. This player is a powerful batsman, something of the type of Eric Dutton.

Kismet batted first against Verulam Temple. Roy Haffeeje and A. S. Ramdass batted very well.

On Sunday the Ottoman and Central had easy victories over Sastri College and Stars respectively. The match between Stella and Young Muslims was more interesting. Subrayao (Stella) took 9 wickets for 42, in ten overs. Young Muslims vs. Sastri College: Young Muslims, 39; Hendricks 40, J. E. Akooze 27. Sastri College, 17 for eight wickets.

Kismet vs. Verulam Temple: Kismet, 153 for 5; Roy Haffeeje 71, A. S. Ramdass 55. Verulam Temple, 25. Stella vs. Stars: Stella, 129 for 9; M. Kisten 32, T. Hayman 14, S. Moonsamy 16, Stars, 104; Imad Khan 22, Docrat 15, Y. M. Moll 20, Ballim 15.

Stella vs. Young Muslims: Muslims, 103; Mahomed 25, Amal 16, Subrayao 9 for 45 runs. Stella, 34 for 7; Subrayao 24, Kisten 19.

Sastri College vs. Ottoman: Sastri College, 49; Ottoman, 52 for 1; 1 Valued 27 not out.

Stars vs. Central: Stars, 94, Docrat 40.

TENNIS FINAL RESULT

Moonlighters Tennis Club met Central Tennis Club in the final for the Planck's Memorial Natal Challenge Shield on Sunday last at the Moonlighters' tennis court, Swanton, under the patronage of Mr. J. S. Jugnath. It resulted in a win for the Moonlighters by 6 sets to 3.

The outstanding pair in this competition were D. Ramanarain and Eswop Gany, who were the unluckiest Natal pair for the Natal League and Planck's Memorial competition.

We Moonlighters have won this memorial shield two years running and also the league shield, 1939-40.

Detail scores were:—

FIRST ROUND

G. H. E. Paruk and G. Narian beat C. C. Govender and J. C. Naidoo 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

D. Ramanarain and Eswop Gany beat S. R. Govender and M. S. Pillay 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

S. Rasthann and A. E. Naidoo beat T. M. Moodley and J. Govan 6-2, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

SECOND ROUND

G. H. E. Paruk and G. Narian played R. Govender and J. C. Naidoo 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

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A BILLIARD SOCIAL

At a social function held under the auspices of the White City Billiard Saloon on Sunday last trophies were presented to the winners and champion of the snooker tournament held recently. There were about a hundred guests who were welcomed by Mr. Dawood Khan, who acted for the proprietor, Mr. Abdullah Khan.

Mr. G. M. Butler, who presided, heartily congratulated the successful competitors.

The other speakers were Messrs. A. H. Sedat, V. M. Latiff, A. M. Langry, Goolam Dastagor, Jack Naidoo, B.A., and Professor Sultan Khan.

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VEHEMENT PROTEST OF INDIAN RACEGOERS Deputation to Durban Turf Club

THE action of the Durban Turf Club for permits, with photographs, from Indians to enter the gold and silver rings has been the subject of vehement protests by Indian racegoers, who view this injunction as "an insult and a stigma based on colour, and as one not in keeping with the best traditions of the Turf."

Replying to the charges the secretary of the Durban Turf Club states: "It was never the intention of the stewards of this club to cast any stigma based on colour on any of the patrons, and the production of the passport photographs was intended to put a stop to the trafficking in permits which has taken place in the past."

There was a joint deputation, led by Mr. Ashwin Choudhree, on behalf of the Natal Indian Association, with Messrs. S. M. Moodley, C. I. Harris, A. Naidoo, Mahomed Adam and S. Rajpaul, on behalf of the permit-holders, to the meeting with the stewards at the club's offices on Thursday.



"We, the undersigned, have the honour to represent respectfully the Natal Indian Association (a body officially recognised by the Union Government and the Government of India as representing the Indian community of Natal) and the Natal Indian Association Permit Holders' Club," states the memorandum which was submitted to the stewards, "at the time of the meeting of the club's committee on Thursday, 14th inst., to protest against that right from the Indian community to the club's extended its patronage to those who are not of Indian blood."

It is with no little sense of pride that we watched its continued progress from somewhat small beginnings to its present position as one of the leading clubs in the country and we feel that the club's meritorious achievements cannot be denied them in some measure the measure the Indian community have contributed to its success.

It is therefore speaking it would not out of place to trace briefly the relationship between the club and the community we have the honour to represent. In the first instance Indians showed to take an active part in the actual part of racing. There instances of horses owned by Indians that participated at the club's carrying the colours of Indian racegoers.

In the course of time the community found that this right had been taken away from them. They also there time when an Indian was allowed on the racetrack without the right of a permit. There was no thing as a permit. A differentiation was later introduced in that the club's offices two hours before the race. The subsequent outcome

SEGREGATION AT SASTRI COLLEGE ATTACKED Old Boys Object to Different Staff Rooms

A STRONG attack against the practice of having different staff rooms for Indian teachers and European teachers at Sastri College was made at the annual meeting of the Sastri College Old Boys' Club held last Saturday.

A resolution was moved by Mr. E. I. Moodley calling upon the College Principal to immediately discontinue this humiliating practice.

Various speakers on the resolution maintained that it was the duty of the Old Boys of the College to see this segregation disappear.

Although the resolution was defeated by a very small margin it was quite clear that a section of the Old Boys viewed this practice with disgust.

Three Old Boys of the College who are now on the College staff did not take part in the discussion, and Mr. M. D. Naidoo asked the House to note that the College teachers present did not deny the practice of segregation at the College.

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Durban Turf Club and Permits

THE action of the Durban Turf Club for photos on permits, for entry to the gold and silver ring, from its Indian patrons is certainly ill-considered. First of all the permit system is wrong. No permit is required by the other patrons of the turf, and any individual who makes himself a nuisance is liable to be dealt with by the officials of the club, which expects everyone to conduct himself in a manner which will give no offence to his neighbour, and should he fail so to conduct himself he is immediately removed from the premises. Why not this attitude towards the Indian? The permit system is based on the supposition that every Indian is rude, unable to behave himself in a crowd, dirty and everything bad. The permit carries, as far as the Durban Turf Club is concerned, an exemption from the accepted and openly acknowledged attitude in regard to the Indian. Those of our compatriots who attend race meetings might demur at our interpretation of the permit system, but it is nevertheless true. Most of those organisations which try to create racial bars based entirely on colour seem to forget the fact that human feelings of pride, of dignity, of self-respect and so forth are not confined to themselves only, and should remember that a brown-skinned man is not a brown heart. The Durban Turf Club says has taken place in the past. This is a condition that arises the world over, for the one is the outcome of the other. If we might venture a suggestion we would say the away with the permit system altogether. Treat each racegoer on an equal footing, appeal to his best and if he fails below the standard that regulate public gatherings then deny to him the entry to your gold and silver ring to which he is not a deserving entrant, whether he be an Indian or European. For if racing carries any connotation of sport and sportsman-ship then it is unport-mannish to discriminate a whole race because its dirtiest does not happen to be the same shade as yours. To do anything less is to accept the position that it is the intention of the stewards of the Durban Turf Club to cast a stigma based on colour, however badly its secretary may want to deny it.

A Confession of Faith

BY SRINIVASA SASTRI, P.C., C.H., LL.D.

O Brahmins parastate in the Tamiya district, I was born in poverty, but inherited a good brain. My parents pinched themselves hard to keep me at school and college. My father was of the priestly class, but having no regular emolument, had to toilsome far and near for his livelihood. My mother, born in a secular family, was proud by nature and, as soon as I could understand, used to confide in me her humiliation at the privations which he endured and the insults which he submitted to from the village. She had a melancholy and pious disposition and, by unworldly resort to street expiations of sinners, gathered a vast deal of mythological lore, which formed in me an eager listener, he says in the Indian literature. I remember my father often saying to me: "Go in and ask that shrew, she knows more than I." Pushed before me time into the dark mysteries of sin, hell's tortures and the millennium of deities, I heard with trembling a course in Sathasharma, where the author sets out a fully elaborated table of man's transgressions of the eternal law and the punishment for each transgression.

To drive home these lessons, I was taken to a temple on the walls of which were depicted in lurid colours the scenes of hell with sinners undergoing tortures calculated to make the spectator's flesh creep. The horror of the pictures has not yet wholly faded out of my mind. At midnight the night still has tears for me. For several years, while in the home of the high school, I severely slept without a prolonged nightmare in which horrid goblins danced weird dances and made faces at me. Relief would come only in the morning when I woke with my young body perspiring and unrefreshed.

Life, however, is not without compensations. Some dramas, not many, alas, were comforting and reassured me. One in particular gave me an ecstasy of religious satisfaction, so much so that I did not expect a sympathetic hearing from anyone and would not share it even with my mother. It was on record now for the first time. As I lay asleep, the sky was suffused with a soft glow, out of which the eye glimpsed parts of a divine figure, filling the arched, arched, face, radiant with self-satisfaction, so radiant, that the light became brighter, and the form of Maha Vishnu, with majestic beauty, disclosed itself to my unprepared vision. He lay head north and feet south. To the right lay morning when I woke with my young body perspiring and unrefreshed.

At the culmination the adulation, as I recollected the scene in later years, to admit of only one description, if description it may be called. Let the reader turn to the twelfth sika in the Gita chapter of the Bhagavadgita. "If a thousand eyes could be converted to blue together in the sky, the united brilliance might approach the resplendence of the Supreme."

Though brought up on Hinduism, I was a strong boy and spent many hours out of doors, in sports and exercises in several of them. By this means the glow of my inner life was held in check, and I grew up a healthy though delicate lad, maintaining a balance between seriousness and calculation.

In my teens, owing to the acquisition of a modern outlook, my mother's influence waned. I turned elsewhere. I was a favourable preview of the early products of English education. I had faith in the modernised rituals and

ceremonies. Religious thought, however, was sustained by an indefatigable longing for salvation. The personality of Jesus Christ fascinated me. But my years of mind was shattered. Life's integrity could not continue in the growing dichotomy between belief and practice. This phenomenon is common in all educated communities, but at that time was stigmatised as the peculiar curse of new India by Christian missionaries seeking to increase their flock. Gradually I was attracted to the experiential school of philosophy, which I blended in a manner peculiar to myself with the pessimism of Buddhist teaching. Life took on a sombre hue. Moral judgments stiffened to the point of severity. Pleasure and laughter seemed illegitimate and were always shunned with remorse. Speech too was an indulgence next door to sin and must be limited to necessity.

The doctrine of Karma held me in the grip of its logic. I was a determinist and held no doubt whatever that free will was a delusion and a snare. Samara could be transcended only by a rightly practiced contraction of activity ending in its complete annihilation. The Gita precept of action without attachment came later, and though I have welcomed it with open arms, has not succeeded in establishing itself as a guide to practical conduct. Works are idle without efficiency, efficiency is, at the present stage of man's evolution, dependent on combination, perseverance and zeal; those seem hardly possible without careful calculation from time to time of the result of effort.

Is all this attainable without "sanga"? I would fain believe it, but reason forbids. My heart revels with ineffable rapture in the last eight verses of the "Bhakti" chapter. Their lofty idealism penetrates my soul through and through. I do not believe that, as a companion code of ethics, it can be paralleled in the world's literature. When, however, I try to get hold of the various precepts, they fly heavenward and leave me disoriented and prostrate.

So I shift, like a drifting log, between hope and blank despair. The struggle between the head and the heart, described with self-satire pathos in religious writing, rages perpetually within me. It is only my lifelong practice of self-control that checks the outbursts of my inmost being behind a bland expression of face.

T. H. Huxley, J. S. Mill and Herbert Spencer emptied my mind of its slight doctrinal equipment. Many agnostics claim a tranquillity of spirit which I envy. I am hapless in the plea of nothing after death. I hang in my inmost being for some experience, some revelation, some authentic sign to bring the consolations of religion within my reach.

George Eliot somewhere portrays the content and the certainty of the uneducated mind and asks whether it is not a blessing when compared to the by the wisdom of science and philosophy. Nevertheless, her unpeppable terms for the likes of me. There are moments, for me, when I should advance in the attainment of the rhetorical perfection of the philosopher. "Will you be the eye to the content of the pie in the inquiring mind?" But a new post has said that there is more faith in to believe what is in half the crowd. Satisfaction is not proved to one's satisfaction of one's last reason.

The years have wrought a slight change in me. It is perhaps a small, but a little. Travel in India, where

(Continued on next column)

Our Readers

Speak . . .

Allow me a small space in your esteemed paper to point out the surprising attitude taken up by the Telugu community of Stella Hill. They insist that the future head of the school must be a Telugu man. If the same attitude is taken up in the other centres it will mean a division in the Indian community, which has been and even today, is causing untold harm to us.

Why not leave it to the manager to make his own choice? I would suggest that preference be given to the most deserving applicant, irrespective of caste and creed. It remains for us to see how the manager will treat the matter.

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WORK FOR THE POOR

St. Anthony's Makes an Effort

St. Anthony's sewing-class began its meetings for the first time, for the year 1941, on Wednesday last in the parish clubroom, Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg.

There were 20 members present with the hon. secretary, Mrs. V. Juan, and the sewing-mistress Mrs. O. H. Cavanaugh.

This Society was formed on October 5, 1938, by the Rev. Fr. L. Gahnd O.M.I., to provide for the needs of the poor of his parish. Excellent work was done by the members in the past two and a half years, some 400 garments having been made and distributed to poor families. Members are instructed in plain sewing, fancywork and knitting.

The society is financed by the subscriptions of the members and occasional contributions of sympathisers. An earnest appeal is hereby addressed to readers of the Leader for donations in cash or kind in order that this Society may continue its noble work.

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they make more of life than we do in India has tinged the austerity of my youth with hedonism. Inextricably has lost a little ground, and extraversion has gained it. Laughter and enjoyment are no longer taboo. I don't judge my brethren nearly so harshly as before. Clarity, the greatest of the great things of life, informs my thought and does more than ever. Action, not inaction, is my principle now, alas, too late. I try, following the Gita up to a point, not to be over-strictly ethical by success or fast down by defeat. Moderation is still to me the silver string that runs through all the virtues.

I would print in large capitals the 16th sika of the 6th chapter of the Gita, in which the aspirant to yoga is enjoined to shut everything out and fasten, over-receptive and vigilance. Brown, then, in its worldly wisdom was a move of the golden mean. From a boy-became and panacea have left me. Only the highways of philosophy for me.

Science and magic, rivers of the sacred ash and whippers of miracle-working mantras have never stirred me. The new and short-lived fashions of this fair home of genuine spiritual and philosophy and pseudo-sciences have been swept away by the power of the modern mind. I cannot show away my judgments in any sphere to another, however good and worthy.

INDIAN FAMILIES THROWN INTO THE STREETS

In connection with the amendments to the Motor Carrier Transportation Act the following memorandum was submitted to the Minister of Railways and Harbours (with him was Dr. Hjalmar Reitz, chairman of the Transportation Board) at Cape Town last week by a deputation, consisting of Messrs. B. R. Naidoo, R. H. Moodley and A. L. J. Harris, representing the Natal Non-European Taxi Owners' Association.

We, officials of the Natal Non-European Taxi Owners' Association, who have returned from Cape Town after the interview with the Minister of Railways, said to a Leader reporter that he was satisfied with the results of the interview.

The Minister, he said, was very fair and the deputation was able to submit a point of view hitherto unknown to him—that of the non-European taxicabmen.

The Minister assured the deputation that in the preparation of any future regulations concerning taxis the non-European Association would be consulted and recognition would be given to the association.

A European's Generosity

A European philanthropist, who desires to remain anonymous, donated 15 dozen loaves of bread to the Pietermaritzburg Indian Relief Committee.

The Committee distributed the bread to Indian victims of the recent food disaster in the Camps Drift area.

INDIAN WOMEN WAR WORKERS

Representatives of the Cape Corps, Indian and Malay Corps Gifts and Comforts Committee met at the offices of the South African Women's Auxiliary, Johannesburg, recently to ascertain views regarding the proposed campaign and real room for the members of the Cape Corps, Indian and Malay Corps.

The meeting was convened by Mrs. N. Norgarth, Assistant Provincial Commander of the Women's Auxiliary, and Lt. Col. A. Morris, Officer Commanding the Indian and Malay Corps, and Mrs. Mary Rogers, chair-lady of the Cape, Indian and Malay Corps Gifts and Comforts Committee, were present.

Over twenty-five applications were received from women for essential services.

A committee was organised and known as "The Cape Corps, Indian and Malay Corps Women's War Workers Finance and Advisory Board."

Messrs. G. W. Craze and K. Thambi were elected joint secretaries and Mr. S. D. Rayappa, secretary.

The committee has agreed to work in conjunction with the Women's Auxiliary, and a day meeting for all their will be held in the Pietermaritzburg, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Friday, February 15.

Gifts and contributions in kind may be addressed to the secretary, No. 12 Bickley Arcade, on Market and Durban Roads, Johannesburg, phone 33-0222.

The crash occurred at his residence in Sea View on Sunday last of V. S. S. Chetty, who was a well-known social worker in the district.

Results of the Interview

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Sastri Finds Extra Rooms

As a result of representations made recently in connection with additional accommodation for students at the Sastri College, it is found that rooms near the college have been hired for the purpose.

Three rooms have been taken in the Hargrove buildings, Warwick Avenue.

The 55 students who were refused entrance will now be taken.

Pentrich Muslim Society's Officials

At the eighth annual meeting of the Muslim Society, Pentrich, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

Treasurer: Messrs. I. S. Gammie, Akos Camosar, K. Mooran and S. Moosdeen Awaras Sath (all re-elected).

Patron: Akos Camosar (re-elected).

President: Akos Camosar (re-elected).

Vice-President: Messrs. Izzat Abdul, Mahmood Ally, and S. Moosdeen, Joint Hon. Secretaries: Mahmood Mooran (re-elected) and Dawood Akos.

Treasurer: Mr. Abdul Awaras (re-elected).

Auditor: Mr. A. H. M. (re-elected).

Committee: Messrs. Nya Raboo, M. Ali Mooran, K. Ramjani, Nabe Baeer, Hassan Moosdeen, Khan Mooran, Mahmood Mooran, Mahmood A. Sath and Akos Mooran.

Executive Committee: M. Ali Mooran together with the chairman and the joint hon. secretaries.

INDIAN TRADE WITH E. AFRICA

Mr. H. H. Fennell, the latest Indian Trade Commissioner in East Africa, has returned to India on the expiry of his three years' term of office.

In an interview, Mr. Fennell said that since the outbreak of the war, East African territory looked to India for almost all their requirements and imports from India had gone up very considerably.

He expected that in the near future India would hold a predominant position in the East African import trade. Stoppage of foreign sources of supply had affected India an excellent opportunity to receptive her markets, but for this purpose Indian traders should take more active and personal interest in the East African consumer.

opened up by Indian enterprise to take several hundreds of Indians who would otherwise have been thrown into the employment market with no prospect of being absorbed in any employment.

(5) We would point out that the taxi business in Natal on a conservative estimate, supports and maintains 5,500 Indians, men and women and children.

(4) At the outset, our Association desires to point out that the Non-European taxi owners welcome the Bill in so far as it seeks to bring all legitimate taxis under control, for we in common with the Government, feel that there should be a measure of protection for legitimate businesses. The "taxi cabs" which ply for hire against legitimate taxis are as much a source of worry to our business as they are to the taxi-owners and local authorities. We, therefore, feel that the bringing under control of all taxis will bring an end to "pirate taxis."

(5) We object to Sub-section (iii) (d) of Section 4 of the Bill on the ground that it is against the equity and justice to twice punish a person for the same offence. The Natal Motor Ordinance of 1937 provides for penalties for any contravention of its provisions which in themselves are severe. We submit most respectfully that the provisions of the said sub-section are too drastic and severe, and should be deleted.

(6) In Sub-section (g) of (b) of section 2 of the Bill, we fear that the words "within any area or areas or between such places as the Board or a local board may decide" are of far-reaching effect, and when the Local Transportation Board or the Local Board use those powers conferred on them, we fear that the non-European business which has been created by sheer industry and enterprise would be ruined and the hundreds of Indian

families would be thrown into the streets.

It is needless for us to point out that the business of the taxis is peculiar in that they have to wait for customers. In the case of Railways, Omnibuses and Trolley Buses, they run along definite routes and at definite times, and are therefore in a position to always rely upon a regular stream of passengers. The taxis on the other hand, only receive a portion of the passengers. A taxi is called upon to pick up a passenger or a number of passengers at any time, and is expected to go to any place that the passenger or passengers would want them to go.

To the development that has taken place around Durban and beyond the boundaries of Durban, the Non-European Taxi has contributed no mean share.

We would point out that Indians who were at one time living within a short distance of the centre of Durban, are now living many miles away from the centre of Durban and practically all of them are dependent upon motor transport. This calls for roads and facilities which would be an almost impossible task for any other mode of transport. They travel to places where there are no railways, to where the Non-European taxis supply the Non-European of Natal with a need which no other enterprise could supply. We would say that if the Non-European taxis were removed from the roads, the Non-European population of Natal would be seriously handicapped.

As we have already pointed out we have no objection to being brought under control, but to attempt to restrict us to certain defined areas is, we strongly feel, to curb the activities of the legitimate taxi business, and in view of the vested interests that have been created, such a clause would be highly detrimental.

We would respectfully urge in all earnestness for the removal of this clause from the Bill.

We earnestly ask that the observations which we have made herein will receive your sympathetic consideration.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Household Hints

Leave a cake in its tin for about five minutes after taking it from the oven, then turn it out of the tin on to a clean cloth in your right hand and, holding it thus, stand it right way up on a wire tray. It will then keep its shape whilst the steam is escaping, even if it is very light.

Methylated spirit rubbed on the feet will help to harden the skin and will act as a stimulant when the feet are tired.

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Mice will keep away from the kitchen or pantry if you sprinkle cayenne pepper on the shelves and near the food.

Lemon juice used in cakes made with dripping will take away any strong flavour.

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