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110 MINUTES TO SCORE 19

Spectators Have a Hard Time

The Stanger United C. C. met the Cato United C. C. of Durban, in a friendly match at Stanger on Sunday last. Winning the toss the visitors elected to bat. Their opening pair carried the total to 26 before a separation was effected. J. Chengiah bowled exceptionally well and created havoc among the batsmen, finally capturing 7 wickets for 20. C. M. Reddy with 14 and Kanabathy 23, batted confidently for Cato United. The innings closed for 72.

Stanger passed their opponents' total for the loss of 5 wickets. Chengiah was in all round form scoring a hard hit 40. V. C. Augustine enjoyed a merry knock for 35 while E. Gangat and D. E. Moola were associated in a second wicket partnership for 10 that took 45 minutes to compile. The former batted for 110 minutes for his score of 19. A. Lalsing with 17 assisted Gangat to defy the bowling. The innings was declared closed at 153 for 9. P. S. Pillay and Essop Omarjee being undefeated with 6 and 5 respectively.

In their second innings Reddy again did well to score 23 and with C. Naicker, 20, added 42 for the second wicket. Thereafter wickets fell regularly and the side was all out for 80. The only other batsman to reach double figures was C. Naiker, 12. Chengiah again had matters much his own way claiming 5 for 25, while G. R. Bux captured 3 for 5.

Requiring 5 runs to win on the double innings, Stanger lost 2 wickets. G. R. Bux with 15 not out made the winning hit. Stanger thus won by 8 wickets on the double innings.

The following will represent the Stanger United C. C. against the United C. C. of Maritzburg at Stanger tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.: V. C. Augustine (Capt.), S. A. Mather, E. Gangat, D. E. Moola, E. V. Mohamed, J. Chengiah, C. A. Mather, E. Omarjee, K. P. Padayachee, G. R. Bux and A. Lalsing. Reserves: K. Bux, E. Omarjee and E. A. Kalla.

Tongaat Soccer

Mr. C. K. Moodley, Joint Hon. Secretary of Natal Indian Association, Chaka's Kraal and District Branch, and Hon. Secretary of Chaka's Kraal Indian Sporting and Social Welfare Society, writes: The following players represented Chaka's Kraal at the Five-a-Side Football Tournament for the Sun Rise Indian Football Club's Floating Trophy held at Tongaat on Sunday: Natal Moonsamy (Captain), D. S. Moodley, T. A. Moodley, Kista and Madray.

The final match was played between Chaka's Kraal and Springboks of Mount Edgecombe, resulting in a win for the latter team 2—1.

A NATAL CRICKET TEAM

Giving his views on the prospects of the Natal team at the forthcoming South African Cricket Tournament to be played in Durban during Easter, a leading Natal cricket official said that Natal chances were rosy and suggested the Natal side of the following players:

V. S. Cassimjee, Ted Chetty, Jimmy Jack (Pietermaritzburg); D. E. Asmal, T. Nallliah, E. Essay (Klip River); G. Mahomed, M. Kisten, G. H. Davrat, E. I. Timol, Davidson Jack (Durban).

DURBAN CRICKET RESULTS

Some interesting matches were witnessed last week for the Asmal's Cup competitions at Currie's Fountain.

On the main ground on Saturday Central went in to bat first against Kismet. C. R. Naidoo and M. C. Reddy played excellent cricket and the first wicket fell at 75, Reddy being the victim. Naidoo followed soon and the whole side was out for 113.

Kismet's opening pair, Omarjee and Manjoo, scored 57 runs when Manjoo was out, followed by Omarjee. R. Haffejee and A. S. Randaree knocked off the necessary runs without further loss.

Stars batted first and scored 100 runs: their chief contributor was Deerat with 51. Ottomans scored the necessary runs with the loss of 5 wickets. H. Kazi and A. G. Kazi batted well.

On Sunday Sastri College met Young Muslims. They scored 63 runs; in reply Muslims compiled 76 runs without loss, D. Paruk and G. M. Asmal doing the job.

Kismet made 164 runs in 100 minutes for the loss of 5 wickets against Bharat; C. I. Omarjee and A. S. Randaree were the chief contributors.

In reply Bharat put up a bold bid, but unfortunately managed to score only 90 for 6 wickets, K. S. Patel playing a sterling innings.

CENTRAL vs. KISMET

Central 113; C. R. Naidoo 35, M. C. Reddy 54, T. M. Moodley 11.

Kismet 116 for 2; C. I. Omarjee 23, Manjoo 25, R. Haffejee 17 n.o., A. S. Randaree 32 n.o.

STARS vs. OTTOMAN

Stars 100; G. H. Deerat 51.

Ottoman 105 for 5; H. Kazi 36, A. G. Kazi 22, I. S. Vahed 12 n.o.

SASTRI COLLEGE vs. YOUNG MUSLIMS

Sastri College 63.

Young Muslims 76 for no wickets; D. Parak 40 n.o., G. M. Asmal 30 n.o.

OTTOMAN vs. CENTRAL

Ottoman 159 for 5; H. Kazi 52, E. I. Timol 45.

Central 93; C. R. Naidoo 25; R. A. Naidoo 30, S. K. Reddy 11, V. Govender 12.

BHARAT vs. KISMET

Kismet 164 for 5; C. I. Omarjee 76 n.o., A. S. Randaree 43.

Bharat 90 for 6; K. S. Patel 51 n.o., V. Parbhoo 20, N. Desai 11.

TODAY'S FIXTURES
Asmal's Cup Competition

Central vs. Stella (Main).
Muslims vs. Stars (No. 1).
Bharat vs. Sastri College (No. 3).

TOMORROW

Ottoman vs. Kismet (Main).
Stars vs. Sastri College (No. 3)

Maritzburg Cricket

The match between Schools and Wanderers, played at Maritzburg on Saturday last, commenced in dull weather.

Schools compiled 154 runs, of which Dr. Peters was the top scorer with a well-played 36, being caught off S. Pillay; Doorasamy was next best with 31 caught off R. K. Naidoo; 25 was scored by the school's veteran, V. Arumugum, who was clean bowled by S. Pillay, P. Kain with 20, M. Sebastian 13, and K. Moothu 10.

Wanderers opened their attack with T. V. Naidoo bowling 6 overs with 1 maiden for 19 runs; N. K. Naidoo bowled 9.2 overs, 2 maidens, 13 runs for 2 wickets; R. K. Naidoo was the most successful bowler getting 5 wickets in 15 overs for 66 runs.

Wanderers went in in a slight drizzle and at the close of play had 77 for no wickets. T. V. Naidoo and N. K. Naidoo opened the innings scoring 42 and 34 respectively with 1 bye.

The umpires were Mr. A. H. Rawat and Mr. A. M. Asmall. The match will be continued today.

There was no match on Sunday owing to rain. Royals and Orientals replay for Cassimjee's Cup was postponed.

Central F.C.

The third annual general meeting of the Central Football Club was held at 253 Umgeni Road, Durban, on Sunday.

The following officials were elected: Patrons: Messrs. R. K. Chetty, Mannie Pillay, Archie Nair, Percy Nadaren, K. Moga Pillay.

President, Mr. M. R. Rajh.

Vice Presidents: Messrs. P. R. A. Reddy, K. V. Pillay, S. C. G. Pillay, R. M. Naidoo, N. C. Naidoo and C. R. Naidoo.

Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate, Mr. G. K. Pillay.

Junior Captain, Mr. Joseph Peters; Vice-Captain, Mr. M. N. Naidoo; Juvenile Captain, I. Moodley; Vice-Captain, G. S. Pillay; Manager and Trainer, Mr. Devraja.

COLLEGIANS F.C.

The annual general meeting of the Old Collegians' Football Club was held at the St. Aidan's Sydenham Boys' School Hall under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Nadasen Naidoo.

The election for the incoming season resulted as follows:—

Patrons: Messrs. Wm. Silas Seethal, K. R. Nair and C. V. Rippon.

President: Mr. J. Nadasen Naidoo.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. S. Pillai, J. Huber, Francis Eprahim, H. R. Jithoo, N. P. Williams, Abbas Khan, S. C. George, R. D. Naidoo, V. George, A. S. A. Gany, R. Kisten, Samuel David, V. Gerald, S. Rajpaul, and Dr. M. G. Naidoo.

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INNINGS DEFEAT FOR NEWCASTLE

The match between Railways (Ladysmith) and Ottomans (Newcastle) interdistrict final for Peters Bowl, played at Ladysmith Recreation ground on Sunday last, resulted in a win for the home team by an innings and 109 runs. Scores:

Ottomans (Newcastle), first innings, 17. E. N. Mohamed took 4 wickets bowling 5.1 overs, 3 maidens, 6 runs. S. Ramdeen took 4 wickets bowling 5 overs, 11 runs. Two batsmen were run out; W. D. Narrandes stumped them.

Railways (Ladysmith), first innings, 159. G. K. Nullah 79, A. Narrandes 16, G. B. Singh 15 n.o., W. D. Narrandes 13. Surtie took 4 wickets bowling 12 overs, 2 maidens, 30 runs. Methar G. H. Ansary and E. Omarjee shared the rest of the wickets.

Ottomans (Newcastle), 33. Methar 11 including a six. E. N. Mohamed took 7 wickets bowling 4.6 overs, 20 runs, G. K. Moodley took 2 wickets bowling 5 overs, 3 runs. R. Kallie took 1 wicket, bowling 2 overs 5 runs.

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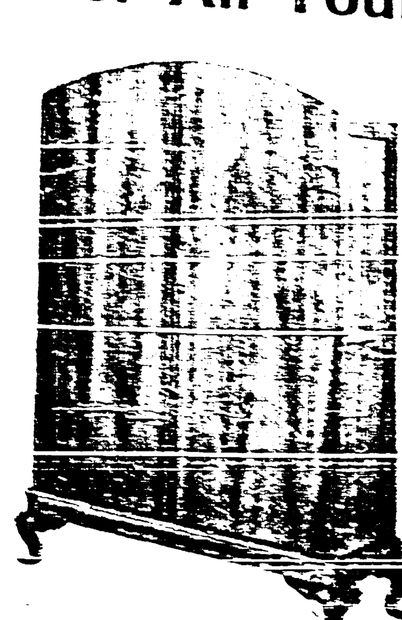
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PERMIT me to voice a complaint through the medium of your very popular paper of the attitude of a bus driver in the service of the Maritzburg Corporation.

The incident I will presently refer to bears similarity to the incident referred to in the columns of your newspaper a few weeks ago by one writing under the nom-de-plume, "Student of Democracy."

The difference between "Student of Democracy" and me is that while he did not mention as to whether he was or not an eye-witness to the incident he referred to in his letter to you, I happen to be more fortunate than he in that the incident occurred before my very eyes, writes J. M. (Joe) Francis.

On the afternoon on Tuesday, February 18, I went to the City Hall bus terminus to board a bus to take me to Retief Street.

I was there a few minutes before the arrival of the bus and noticed two Indian women with other passengers waiting for a bus also. The bus arrived, and, after the last of the passengers it had brought into town had alighted, these two Indian women boarded the bus, intending to pay their fares and occupy seats at the back of the bus reserved for the use of non-Europeans.

To my surprise, I should say annoyance, the driver asked the women to get down and board the bus after the European passengers standing immediately behind them had boarded the bus. His exact words, and I was within earshot of same, were "Europeans first." The women, surprised and speechless at the strangeness of this request, did as this self-imposed lord of the Municipal Bus Service had commanded.

I would be glad to know from the proper authorities if instructions had been given to bus drivers to see to it that non-Europeans (even though they may have arrived earlier) make way for Europeans when boarding municipal buses and, if so, reasons for same?

Any human being, with a spark of decency, would not have treated women, regardless of creed, colour or denomination, in the manner that this public servant treated these women unless he regarded them as being subhuman.

What difference it makes I cannot say, or whether the European in any way loses his status by having a non-European board a bus before him. It may be that Europeans consider it an honour to board buses before their black brethren.

N.I.C. ON THE ALERT

"THE Natal Indian Congress is taking all the necessary constitutional action to stop the perpetration of another glaring case of injustice," said Mr. A. I. Kajee, when referring to the attempt made by the Durban Corporation to expropriate Indian land at Riverside, Sydenham and Merebank.

"It would appear," he said, "that the reason of the acquisition of land where Indians have settled for over half a century, according to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Gunn, is socio-economic and as in the case of the Mayville slums, their proximity to the European settlements of Red Hill and Durban North are the main reasons which are actuating the Council in its campaign of expropriation.

"It would appear from the various official reports of the Corporation that expropriation under the Slums Act is a hazardous one in view of the Minister requiring a guarantee that alternate housing must be made available.

"Therefore Section 11 of the Housing Act is being invoked as a short circuit. The Umgeni North European township predicts the displacement and the following ... Indians.

"The action of expropriation contemplated by the Town Council, under the Housing Act, would appear to be the conduct and policy laid down by the Council at its meeting in September 1940, which reads, inter alia, 'as far as possible all demolition under the Slums Act, No. 53 of 1934, as amended by Act 4 of 1937 be suspended in the meantime.'

"If the City Council is of the opinion that people should not be dehoused under the Slums Act it is difficult to understand how it would require dehousing by expropriation, under the Housing Act."

Mr. Kajee said that the Council cannot hold up the erection of buildings, for which plans are prepared according to building regulations, on any piece of ground proposed to be expropriated until such time as the Minister has given his consent to expropriation.

"Let all Indians, who have their plans passed by the Council, proceed with their building schemes, in spite of the letter preventing them to do so from the Building Inspector's office.

"The Congress was watching every step of the City Council in its attempt at following out such an electorally unjust policy and we will not allow the Council to get away with it," said Mr. Kajee in conclusion.

MOVE TO PREVENT PUNDIT PERFORMING CEREMONY

Induction of Non-Brahmin Into Order of Brahminhood

Threats of assault, which looked so serious that many wanting to attend refrained from going, synchronised with one of the greatest progressive steps taken by Hinduism either in South Africa or elsewhere when a non-Brahmin was admitted into the order of Brahminhood at Mount Partridge, four miles from Maritzburg, on Sunday last.

Orthodoxy was up in arms, mainly inspired by those who felt that they would be losing their vested interests—the respect of the Hindu public to the Brahmin-born and the donations given to Brahmins for performing ceremonies.

When it became known that the ceremony was to be performed by Pandit R. B. Maharaj he and his family were threatened with dire consequences if he (Mr. Maharaj) persisted in proceeding with the ceremony.

The following is a copy of the letter he had received:—

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A general committee meeting of the Indian Society for the Advancement of Music and Art (Northern Natal Branch) was held at the Glencoe Indian School Hall on Sunday last.

Representatives from the following centres attended the meeting: Newcastle, Dundee, Burnside, Waschbank, Dannhauser and Glencoe. Also present from Durban were Mr. C. R. Warriner, president of the Council, Messrs. P. R. Singh and P. B. Singh, secretary and treasurer of the Society respectively.

In the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch, inspector Mr. P. J. du Toit, Mr. C. R. Warriner presided over the meeting.

Among other important matters discussed at the meeting it was decided to hold the Music Festival in Glencoe during the Easter holidays commencing on Good Friday, April 11, 1941.

It was also decided to have the opening ceremony in Glencoe on Saturday, April 12, at 3 p.m. and a grand concert of all finalists on the night of Easter Monday, April 14, 1941.

For further particulars regarding the scholastic, general and vernacular syllabus the Secretary of the branch, Mr. S. Manickum, Indian School, Glencoe, will give further information.

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The following were the results of the Dancing Championship Competition, held at 60, Commercial Road, Durban:—

Waltz: 1, Mr. R. Shan and Miss P. Thompson; 2, Mr. Bobby Singh and Miss Aisa Bessiah; 3, Mr. Willie Gopaul and Miss Rita Bailliarie.

Quick Step: Mr. R. Shan and Miss P. Thompson; 2, Mr. V. Mohammed and Miss R. Clarivette; 3, Mr. Maharaj and Miss Irene Vistor.

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The committee of reorganisation, before submitting its report, asked several leading women in India whether they had any practical suggestions to make for the improvement of the college. The replies, some of which are reproduced below, serve as an indication of the popular demand.

(1) Hindustani should be made a compulsory subject.

(2) An experimental school for poor children should be started in the premises of the college.

(3) The wearing of swadeshi clothing should be made compulsory.

(4) There should be some reduction in the scale of fees and more stipends and scholarships should be provided.

(5) Recognition should be obtained for the college diploma by Government and Universities.

(6) The college should have a special department which can give its undivided attention to research work, in home science or in rural uplift.

(7) A rural school should be attached to the college to serve as training ground for the students. Every student should spend five or six months in a village and then should submit to a test.

Adequate training for women to become efficient teachers of domestic science in girls' schools is also given in this college. The course is a very comprehensive one. After completing the Home Science course, the student has to study for one year more, taking up Physics and Chemistry, or [illegible] and Biology.

That the training given by the college is greatly appreciated throughout India, is manifest by the fact that the demand for such trained hands has been increasing steadily. Many of them have gone back to their respective provinces and have started either Domestic Science schools or rural uplift centres. In this connection mention must be made of Shreemati Saraswa Faran, an ex-student of this college, who has recently started a Domestic Science school for girls at Trivandrum, Travancore. This institution has already become popular.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Messrs. Sorabjee Rustomjee, A. S. Kajee and P. R. Pather, who spent a few days in Johannesburg and Pretoria during the weekend have now returned to Durban.

Messrs. C. R. and S. R. Ballim, of the firm of M. Mosam, Nylstroom, are visiting Durban. They are the guests of Mr. M. A. Ballim, of the Royal Tinsmith Works.

Mr. R. N. Naidoo, the well-known bus owner and a committee member of the Natal Indian Association, is shortly leaving Durban for Port Elizabeth, where he and his family will take up residence. His health necessitates a change. He will stay at 60 Juta Road, Korsten.

Mr. B. Athmanand Maharaj, B.A., and Miss Leelawathie Ianreeparsadh Maharaj have returned from the Cape Province after a short visit. Miss Maharaj intends to leave for India soon to take up medicine.

The proprietor of the White City Billiard Saloon, Mr. Abdulla Khan, is making a holiday tour of the Union. He will accompany the Sparks C.C. The trip starts tomorrow.

Mr. P. K. Moodley (president), Messrs. E. Adamjee and Mahomed Ebrahim (vice-presidents), and Mr. C. K. Moodley (Joint hon. secretary) of the Natal Indian Association, Chaka's Kraal and district branch, were present at the marriage of Mr. Essop Sader held at Tinley Manor on Sunday last. The bride is the sister of Cassim Dawood, joint hon. secretary of the Natal Indian Association, Chaka's Kraal and district branch.

The marriage took place last week of Mr. Arunasalam, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Chetty, of Durban, to Miss Visalatchiammal, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. N. Chetty, of Port Elizabeth, at the Mayville Theatre Hall, Durban. Pandit Nayanah Raj officiated.

A large gathering of guests from many parts of Natal and the Cape was present.

Miss Mickel R. Santos, of the Maritzburg Indian High School, has won a bursary available for teaching. T.3 certificate at Dartnell Crescent School.

Death of Mrs. L. R. Chetty

The funeral took place at Camp's Drift on Friday afternoon of Mrs. Agnes Chetty, wife of Mr. L. R. Chetty, who died at the age of 38.

The funeral proceeded from her late residence in St. Anthony's Church and after a service, burial took place at the Catholic Cemetery, Maritzburg.

She leaves a large family and relatives to mourn her untimely death. The chief mourners were her husband, children, her parents, brothers and sisters. There was a large gathering at the grave to pay their last tribute. There were many floral wreaths.

Education For Girls On National Lines

THE purely academic nature of women's education, which is generally imparted in the schools and colleges in India, has caused a good deal of criticism. It has been argued that it is quite unsuitable for the future wives and mothers. College education, therefore, is still looked upon with distrust, and in poor and middle class homes, it is regarded as a sort of luxury that can be easily dispensed with. In fact, the over-emphasis on academic education for women engendered a neglect and lack of respect for such of the household occupations as cookery, laundry, and housewifery, writes S. R. in The Orient.

The leading women of India recognised this necessity. The problem was discussed threadbare in the Second All-India Women's Conference held in 1928. The All-India Women's Education Fund Association was thus started with the avowed object of remodelling the system of women's education and making it more suitable for the needs and demands of Indian life. Lady Irwin was its first president and Mrs. Hustomji Faridoonji its Honorary Secretary. The outcome of their strenuous efforts is the present Lady Irwin College for women at New Delhi. Opened in 1932, this unique institution is the only one of the kind in India. When Lady Halifax came to India for the second time sometime back, she paid a visit to the new buildings of the college and was much pleased to see the materialisation of her cherished dream.

The most noteworthy feature of the curriculum of the college is the provision of studies in Home Science, subjects of Domestic Science, such as, Cookery, Laundry, Housewifery and Needlework, Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, Dietetics, Hygiene, First-Aid, Home Nursing, Mothercraft, Eugenics, Gardening, Civics and Child Psychology.

THE TWIN ARTS

No course of studies for women can be complete without learning the twin arts—Music and Dancing—which have been recognised as optional subjects. Instructions are given in Indian Music, which includes, besides vocal, instrumental music, such as flute, violin, sitar and guitar.

A very remarkable feature of the college may be said to be the "Practising Cottage." This is a small cottage built by the side of the main cottage building in which four students at a time stay for about five weeks. Here, they run the whole household, i.e., cook their own meals, furnish and decorate their rooms according to their taste and entertain some guests, if there are any. This gives them a sense of responsibility and trains them further for their future career of maintaining their own home after their marriage. It may, however, be mentioned that the furnishings and the style of living at this "Cottage" are of a high standard and wholly unsuitable for a poor or a middle class household of India.

The college is fortunate enough in having a band of enthusiastic honorary workers, in addition to the paid staff which has already proved its efficiency. The Directress, Mrs. Hannah Sen, is a popular figure in the college. These enthusiastic honorary workers are very regular in attendance. Amongst this group mention must be made of Mrs. T. S. Pillai, who teaches English to the girls, Mrs. Asaf Ali, wife of Mr. Asaf Ali, a member of the Congress Working Committee, who teaches current affairs, and Miss Korah, who lectures on Mothercraft. Their work is, however, interrupted for a few months, whenever any of them leaves for Simla.

As far as possible, the subjects taught have been aligned on national lines. Clothes are washed with indigenous soaps, saris are dyed with vegetable products, and old Indian designs in embroidery have been reintroduced.

RURAL UPLIFT

The girl students of this college are also given training in the work of rural uplift. A rural camp was organised by the students to help the affected villagers round about Delhi. The particular significance of this camp lies in the desire of the students—to quote from their own journal, Jagrati—'to become village minded and devote their little bit, directly or indirectly, towards a development and fuller awakening of village life.' These camps are useful for the girls in ways more than one. The most important aspect of these camps is that they help to bring the girls in close contact with life and problems of villagers.

There is still room for further improvements and for bringing this institution into line with modern thoughts and needs. With this end in view, in March last year, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur invited a number of eminent educationists to suggest ways and means for its reorganisation. A committee of reorganisation was accordingly formed under the chairmanship of Mr. S. K. Datta with Mr. Amarnath Jha, Vice-Counsellor of Allahabad University, Miss M. Chattopadhaya, Principal of Sir Ganga Ram Girls' School, Lahore and Mr. Majeeb of the National Institution of Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi, as members. The committee has, it is understood, made some recommendations for improvement. These recommendations are now under consideration of the committee of management of the college.

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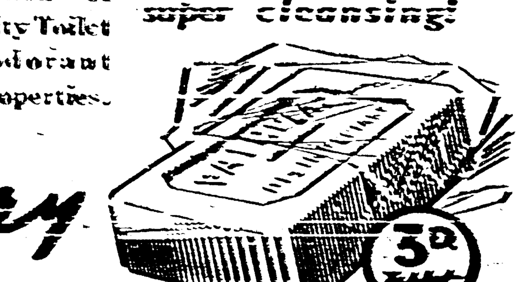

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The question of the opening of a library at the Shri Vishnu Temple, Maritzburg, was discussed at a meeting of the committee held recently.

It was decided that a library be opened for the use of all interested in Hindi and Sanskrit literature.

Mr. B. Bookhan, Treasurer of the Temple, in order to commence the library donated one hundred Hindi books devoted to various subjects.

The library is now open to the public on every week day between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Our Readers Speak . . .

APPOINTMENT OF HEADMASTERS

In the last issue of "The Leader" I read an article about the Headship in the Stella Hill School. It was signed "Pelraàloo."

I do not agree with the writer when he mentions the fact of the district petitioning for a Telegu man. This shows there is very strong prejudice in this school. Recently I sent my child to this particular school and she was not admitted, but a number of Telegu children were admitted.

I disagree with the writer when he states that Hindustani communities saw that their school had a teacher of their own creed. May I say that there is no such case in the Hindu's school management.

I like to point out the facts (as resident of the listener) that there are sectional feelings in this school. They have an excuse to say they accept in the introductory class only children who are 8 to 10 years old when they have admitted children of less than 8 years old who are of Telegu birth.

I may strongly say that the matter of the appointment should be left entirely in the hands of the managers and let the deserving applicant get the post.

K. MARIJ

Cato Manor.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

I was pleased to read the article by Mr. Hans Maghrajh on the question of acquisition of land by the Durban Corporation. From the article I noticed that three areas, namely, the Kirkwood Avenue, Mayville and the Jacobs areas were purchased by the Durban Corporation under the Slums. These properties were purchased by the Corporation under the Slum Act not because of it being slum but by reason that the property could be purchased at the Corporation valuation plus a maximum of 30 per cent. Properties in the Kirkwood Avenue area were valued long ago by the Corporation. In one instance about approximately 2 acres of ground which runs across from Stamford Hill Road to Umgeni Road has been purchased by the Corporation for £2,700, when the actual value of land in that area is £500 to £600 for an eighth of an acre. The weapon of the Slum Act was exercised only to bargain with the Indian. There has been cases of properties purchased by the Corporation from Europeans where a large sum of money had to be paid to the European sellers in which cases the Slum Act was not used.

"A RATE-PAYER."

CAMP'S DRIFT AND AMENITIES

Kindly permit me to express my views on the conditions that exist in this area. After a rain the roads are deplorable to motorists and pedestrians, so that doctors and others are always reluctant to come here, owing to the damage that is done to their cars.

The Corporation has always neglected this area in providing good roads, etc.

This area was once declared by the Corporation as slum but today one sees good houses being built so that Corporation rates increase. In spite of these amenities, namely good roads, street lighting, postal service and other facilities, as other areas enjoy, are denied in return for the taxes we pay.

Hoping "The Leader," on behalf of the residents in this area would voice something.

C. S. MOODLEY.

P.O. Pentrich.

DURBAN CITY COUNCIL DISHONOURS ITS WORD

Having resided in the Borough of Durban for a number of years I must agree with the facts stated under the heading, "Durban City Council Dishonours Its Word," an article written by Mr. Hans Maghrajh, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress. The main point that struck me was that the European should pay half rates owing to absence of amenities, etc. Being a European and a true Britisher one must admit that the statement is correct and that the Indians should not be asked to pay more than half rates. We Europeans have all that we want, the wants of the Indians fall on deaf ears. It is really an act of injustice of the Durban Corporation to expropriate their land without providing for land when they are dehoused.

We cry for justice and fair play and condemn Nazism, but in practice with the common law the European is treated differently than the Indian. Why, may I ask?

I hope some able reader and supporter of the Indian cause will come out and help the unfortunate voiceless section of the ratepayers.

I am a regular reader of The Leader.

"A BRITISHER WITH NO DISTINCTION FOR OTHER COLOURED BRITISHERS."

"Dead" Woman Sits Up

A sixty-year-old Hindu woman of the village of Baruipur, 18 miles from Calcutta, has been admitted into the Medical College Hospital after an extraordinary sequence of circumstances.

It is stated that the woman who had been suffering from malignant malaria suddenly became unconscious and her neighbours, believing her to be dead, removed her to the burning "ghat" for cremation.

When the body was placed on the funeral pyre, the woman suddenly sat up. The mourners were convinced that the body had been possessed of an evil spirit and they ran away.

Some of them, however, soon returned and dealt lathi blows on the body, causing multiple injuries on the woman's head.

Meanwhile, the story had spread throughout the village and the local police appeared on the scene and took charge of the woman. She was immediately sent to Calcutta under a police escort for treatment.

Several members of the funeral party are reported to have been arrested.

New Mosque for Waschbank

A meeting was held in the Madressa on Saturday last to discuss the building of an entirely new mosque, for the present madressa mosque provides inadequate accommodation for the local Moslem community, which has slightly increased in population.

Mowlana Molvi Afrique Sahib, of Mayville, presided over the large meeting. The decision to erect a new mosque which will satisfy the much needed requirements of the Muslims, was unanimously carried after a lengthy discussion.

The Joint Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. M. S. Mall, M. E. Ameen and A. K. S. Mall wish to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £643 16s. from the Moslem community, towards the building of the mosque.

The following officials were unanimously elected, after the formation of the body: Patrons, Messrs. Mowlana Molvi Afrique Sahib, S. I. Mall, E. I. Ameen, I. E. Master, M. S. Mall; President, Mr. M. S. Mall; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. I. E. Master and M. E. Ameen; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Ebrahim E. Ameen and S. E. Bhigjee; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. M. S. Mall, M. E. Ameen and A. K. S. Mall.

The collection committee members will, in due course, go out for collection, and an appeal is made to Moslems to give liberally towards the fund.

The Waschbank Muslim Mosque Trust, through the medium of "The Leader," desires to thank Molvi Afrique Sahib for the able manner in which he presided and for his kindness in sacrificing his time and energy in impressing upon the local Moslem community the great advantages that will be gained in the erection of a mosque.

DONATION TO GLENCOE MOSQUE

The donation to the Glencoe mosque and Madressa Islamia Trust from the staff of Messrs. I. A. Ameen and Co., Glencoe, as named hereunder, have donated 155 pockets of cement for the erection of the mosque and madressa: Mahomed Sayed, Tayeb Hoosen, Rassool Khan, E. J. Khan, Cassim Bhigjee, Yusuf Bhigjee, D. C. Motala, Abdool Rahiman, S. K. Moolan, Shaik Hoosen, Tippoo Khan and M. G. Nakooda.

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EXPROPRIATION CONDEMNED

THE residents of Merebank were stirred with deep resentment at the Corporation's contemplated acquisition of land in the Merebank Area which was mainly occupied and owned by Indians. The ratepayers had an inkling of this matter as a result of the notice given to certain owners to cease building operations in spite of the plans which were passed by the Building Inspector.

This culminated in the calling of a mass meeting of ratepayers here, under the auspices of the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association, on Sunday last to record a protest at the Corporation's arbitrary plans. There was a very large representative gathering of property owners at the meeting.

Mr. Jacob Powys, the chairman, briefly outlined the development of Merebank since a few years before the inception of the Health Boards up to the present and pointed out that Indians had lived here for well over thirty years. He stressed the fact that various developments had been made here by the Indians themselves without the least encouragement by the Corporation.

"The average Indian," he said, "sacrificed his all, although a small wage-earner for the purchase of a plot of land whereon he could build and for the Corporation to come now and try to deprive him of his cherished and hard-earned possession can only be described as heartless and not in keeping with British justice and fair play."

Continuing, he said that from the beginning there was apprehension when there was talk of incorporation and now that incorporation had taken place the fifth instalment of dehousing the Indians had come to hand. The others being Bell Street, Orient Lane, Kirkwood Avenue and now Sydenham, Riverside, Briardene and Merebank. He said that everywhere there was a talk of a new order but the Indian in this city was faced with a "dark and gloomy order."

He exhorted those present that since the coming fight for the retention of their properties was a severe one, all differences in politics and in other matters should be set aside and all their efforts should be exerted to oppose to the bitter end the Municipality's contemplated measure.

Since the City Council, it was believed, were going to purchase Indian properties piecemeal he warned those present not to negotiate with the Corporation individually to sell their properties.

One speaker said that he feared the Corporation was planning to force the Indian into locations eventually.

Another proceeded to say that the reward for Indian support in men, money and material both in this country and from India in the prosecution of the present war was the most inequitous application of the Housing Act in ousting the Indians further and further inland.

"No matter what happens, do not yield an inch of your ground to the Corporation," said Mr. C. R. Naidoo, during the course of his speech.

The others who also spoke against the proposed acquisition were Messrs. Ashwin Choudree, A. E. Shaik, M. E. Paruk (Natal Indian Association), T. M. Naicker (Riverside, Briardene and District Ratepayers' Association), S. Powys, M. Nainsingh, N. C. Chetty, J. K. Govindor, S. M. Maharaj, R. N. Govender, R. B. Richards, M. R. Moodley, N. S. Chetty (Merebank) and S. Gopaul (S. Coast Junction Ratepayers' Association).

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That this meeting of Indian property owners of the Merebank Area emphatically protest against the action of the Durban City Council in its attempt to expropriate properties in this area predominantly Indian-owned as it feels that such an attempt would result in dehousing the Indians and make more acute the housing difficulties of the Indian community, and it empowers the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association to oppose it with every means at its disposal."

Alleged Shooting Incidents

D. Badasing, Indian male, who appeared at the Durban Court on Wednesday, was released on his own recognisance in connection with an alleged shooting incident.

The victim was a Coloured girl, Ella Cockrane, aged 16. She is detained at Addington Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the right breast.

Her condition is improving.

NO PHOTOS BUT TICKETS PUNCHED

Durban Turf Club's Decision

The stewards of the Durban Turf Club have decided to do away with the passport requiring photos, as a permit of entry to the Club's meetings.

This was communicated to the Natal Indian Association from the Durban Turf Club.

"We are indebted to your suggestion and punching of tickets will be used in future meetings," states the Club's letter.

The Treasurer of the Maritzburg Nizamia Muslim Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Hajee Abdulla M. Kaka 10/-, Jacob Moolana M. Haneff 12/-, M. Mahomed 10/-, Mahomed Yusuf 10/- A. R. Essop 12/-, Sayed G. H. Hoosen 12/-, S.A. Framers £1.

Glencoe Boycott Off

The Glencoe Indian boycott of the public market, which had been in operation for the last two months, is now off.

The Glencoe board authorities, which had imposed racial segregation, providing an European and an Indian entrance, was opposed by the Indians.

Representations failed to secure its removal and the Indians declared a boycott of the market. This state of affairs had existed for two months.

During the week the Glencoe Board agreed to receive a deputation from the Natal Indian Congress and as a result the matter has now been satisfactorily settled.

Mr. A. I. Kajee, with Mr. C. M. Angalia and Mr. Ismail Asmall, in addition to the Glencoe Congress officials, attended the joint meeting.

Library for Stanger

At a special meeting of the Stanger Muslim Youth League, held at Stanger last week, it was unanimously decided to open a library. A lecture was delivered on the benefits and advantages of having a library by Moulvi Bayat, Principal of the Stanger Madrassa Anjuman Islam, with respect to the general upliftment of the members as a whole.

It is really hoped that this library will fulfil a long-felt need in the district and that it will lead to the gradual establishing of a literary and debating society.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Patron, Mr. G. A. Mather; President, Mr. F. A. Bux; Hon. Sec., Mr. G. R. Bux; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Essop Omarjee; Vice Presidents, Messrs. E. M. Moola, A. G. Bux, M. H. Loonat, A. E. Kolia and M. S. Kajee; Committee, Messrs. Presidents, Messrs. E. M. Moola, A. Ali, A. Ismail and A. E. Moola.

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No reasonably disposed Indian would deny to the European most of the rights and privileges which he enjoys. The Indian is civic-minded enough to appreciate the addition of beautiful buildings to the cities in which he lives, the amenities that are created, but what he is opposed to is that he is being kept out of the things for which he also has to pay.

A Temple Library

The question of the opening of a library at the Shri Vishnu Temple, Maritzburg, was discussed at a meeting of the committee held recently.

It was decided that a library be opened for the use of all interested in Hindi and Sanskrit literature.

Mr. B. Bookhan, Treasurer of the Temple, in order to commence the library donated one hundred Hindi books devoted to various subjects.

The library is now open to the public on every week day between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A mass meeting, under the auspices of the Natal Indian Association, will be held in the Durban City Hall tomorrow at 2 p.m., to protest against the City Council's expropriation move.

Our Readers Speak . . .

APPOINTMENT OF HEADMASTERS

In the last issue of "The Leader" I read an article about the Headship in the Stella Hill School. It was signed "Pelrañloo."

I do not agree with the writer when he mentions the fact of the district petitioning for a Telegu man. This shows there is very strong prejudice in this school. Recently I sent my child to this particular school and she was not admitted, but a number of Telegu children were admitted.

I disagree with the writer when he states that Hindustani communities see that their school had a teacher of their own creed. May I say that there is no such case in the Hindustani school management.

I like to point out the facts (as resident of the district) that there are sectional feelings in this school. They have an excuse to say they accept in the introductory class only children who are 8 to 10 years old when they have admitted children of less than 8 years old who are of Telegu birth.

I may strongly say that the matter of the appointment should be left entirely in the hands of the managers and let the deserving applicant get the post.

K. MAROE.

Cato Manor.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

I was pleased to read the article by Mr. Hans Maghrajh on the question of acquisition of land by the Durban Corporation. From the article I noticed that three areas, namely, the Kirkwood Avenue, Mayville and the Jacobs areas were purchased by the Durban Corporation under the Slums. These properties were purchased by the Corporation under the Slum Act not because of it being slum but by reason that the property could be purchased at the Corporation valuation plus a maximum of 30 per cent. Properties in the Kirkwood Avenue area were valued long ago by the Corporation. In one instance about approximately 2 acres of ground which runs across from Stamford Hill Road to Umgeni Road has been purchased by the Corporation for £2,700, when the actual value of land in that area is £500 to £600 for an eighth of an acre. The weapon of the Slum Act was exercised only to bargain with the Indian. There has been cases of properties purchased by the Corporation from Europeans where a large sum of money had to be paid to the European sellers in which cases the Slum Act was not used.

"A RATE-PAYER."

CAMP'S DRIFT AND AMENITIES

Kindly permit me to express my views on the conditions that exist in this area. After a rain the roads are deplorable to motorists and pedestrians, so that doctors and others are always reluctant to come here, owing to the damage that is done to their cars.

The Corporation has always neglected this area in providing good roads, etc.

This area was once declared by the Corporation as slum but today one sees good houses being built so that Corporation rates increase. In spite of these amenities, namely good roads, street lighting, postal service and other facilities, as other areas enjoy, are denied in return for the taxes we pay.

Hoping "The Leader," on behalf of the residents in this area would voice something.

C. S. MOODLEY.

P.O. Pentrich.

DURBAN CITY COUNCIL DISHONOURS ITS WORD

Having resided in the Borough of Durban for a number of years I must agree with the facts stated under the heading, "Durban City Council Dishonours Its Word," an article written by Mr. Hans Maghrajh, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Congress. The main point that struck me was that the European should pay half rates owing to absence of amenities, etc. Being a European and a true Britisher one must admit that the statement is correct and that the Indians should not be asked to pay more than half rates. We Europeans have all that we want, the wants of the Indians fall on deaf ears. It is really an act of injustice of the Durban Corporation to expropriate their land without providing for land when they are dehoused.

We cry for justice and fair play and condemn Nazism, but in practice with the common law the European is treated differently than the Indian. Why, may I ask?

I hope some able reader and supporter of the Indian cause will come out and help the unfortunate voiceless section of the ratepayers.

I am a regular reader of The Leader.

"A BRITISHER WITH NO DISTINCTION FOR OTHER COLOURED BRITISHERS"

"Dead" Woman Sits Up

A sixty-year-old Hindu woman of the village of Baruipur, 18 miles from Calcutta, has been admitted into the Medical College Hospital after an extraordinary sequence of circumstances.

It is stated that the woman who had been suffering from malignant malaria suddenly became unconscious and her neighbours, believing her to be dead, removed her to the burning "ghat" for cremation.

When the body was placed on the funeral pyre, the woman suddenly sat up. The mourners were convinced that the body had been possessed of an evil spirit and they ran away.

Some of them, however, soon returned and dealt brick blows on the body, causing multiple injuries on the woman's head.

Meanwhile, the story had spread throughout the village and the local police appeared on the scene and took charge of the woman. She was immediately sent to Calcutta under a police escort for treatment.

Several members of the funeral party are reported to have been arrested.

New Mosque for Waschbank

A meeting was held in the Madressa on Saturday last to discuss the building of an entirely new mosque, for the present madressa mosque provides inadequate accommodation for the local Moslem community, which has slightly increased in population.

Mowlano Molvi Afrique Sahib, of Mayville, presided over the large meeting. The decision to erect a new mosque which will satisfy the much needed requirements of the Muslims, was unanimously carried after a lengthy discussion.

The Joint Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. M. S. Mall, M. E. Ameen and A. K. S. Mall wish to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £643 16s. from the Moslem community, towards the building of the mosque.

The following officials were unanimously elected, after the formation of the body: Patrons, Messrs. Mowlana Molvi Afrique Sahib, S. I. Mall, E. I. Ameen, I. E. Master, M. S. Mall; President, Mr. M. S. Mall; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. I. E. Master and M. E. Ameen; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Ebrahim E. Ameen and S. E. Bhigjee; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. M. S. Mall, M. E. Ameen and A. K. S. Mall.

The collection committee members will, in due course, go out for collection, and an appeal is made to Moslems to give liberally towards the fund.

The Waschbank Muslim Mosque Trust, through the medium of "The Leader," desires to thank Molvi Afrique Sahib for the able manner in which he presided and for his kindness in sacrificing his time and energy in impressing upon the local Moslem community the great advantages that will be gained in the erection of a mosque.

DONATION TO GLENCOE MOSQUE

The donation to the Glencoe mosque and Madressa Islamia Trust from the staff of Messrs. E. A. Ameen and Co. Glencoe, as named hereunder, have donated 135 pockets of cement for the erection of the mosque and madressa: Mahomed Sayed, Tayeb Hoosen, Rassool Khan, E. J. Khan, Cassim Bhigjee, Yusuf Bhigjee, D. C. Motala, Abdool Rahiman, S. K. Moolan, Sheik Hoosen, Tippoo Khan and M. C. Nakooda.

VEDA DHARMA SABHA FUNDS

As per J. R. Singh: M. E. Lakhi, Ltd., Greytown, £2 2s.; Reid and Co., Maritzburg, £1 1s.; Ericsen Bros., Durban, £1 1s.; Fred Emery (Pty.), Ltd., Durban, £1 1s.; W. Dunn and Co., Durban, £1 1s. Total, £6 6s.

EXPROPRIATION CONDEMNED

THE residents of Merebank were stirred with deep resentment at the Corporation's contemplated acquisition of land in the Merebank Area which was mainly occupied and owned by Indians. The ratepayers had an inkling of this matter as a result of the notice given to certain owners to cease building operations in spite of the plans which were passed by the Building Inspector.

This culminated in the calling of a mass meeting of ratepayers here, under the auspices of the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association, on Sunday last to record a protest at the Corporation's arbitrary plans. There was a very large representative gathering of property owners at the meeting.

Mr. Jacob Powys, the chairman, briefly outlined the development of Merebank since a few years before the inception of the Health Boards up to the present and pointed out that Indians had lived here for well over thirty years. He stressed the fact that various developments had been made here by the Indians themselves without the least encouragement by the Corporation.

"The average Indian," he said, "sacrificed his all, although a small wage-earner for the purchase of a plot of land whereon he could build and for the Corporation to come now and try to deprive him of his cherished and hard-earned possession can only be described as heartless and not in keeping with British justice and fair play."

Continuing, he said that from the beginning there was apprehension when there was talk of incorporation and now that incorporation had taken place the fifth instalment of dehousing the Indians had come to hand. The others being Bell Street, Orient Lane, Kirkwood Avenue and now Sydenham, Riverside, Briardene and Merebank. He said that everywhere there was a talk of a new order but the Indian in this city was faced with a "dark and gloomy order."

He exhorted those present that since the coming fight for the retention of their properties was a severe one, all differences in politics and in other matters should be set aside and all their efforts should be exerted to oppose to the bitter end the Municipality's contemplated measure.

Since the City Council, it was believed, were going to purchase Indian properties piecemeal he warned those present not to negotiate with the Corporation individually to sell their properties.

One speaker said that he feared the Corporation was planning to force the Indian into locations eventually.

Another proceeded to say that the reward for Indian support in men, money and material both in this country and from India in the prosecution of the present war was the most inequitous application of the Housing Act in ousting the Indians further and further inland.

"No matter what happens, do not yield an inch of your ground to the Corporation," said Mr. G. R. Naidoo, during the course of his speech.

The others who also spoke against the proposed acquisition were Messrs. Ashwin Choudree, A. E. Shaik, M. E. Paruk (Natal Indian Association), T. M. Naicker (Riverside, Briardene and District Ratepayers' Association), S. Powys, M. Nainsingh, N. G. Chetty, J. K. Govinder, S. M. Maharaj, R. N. Govender, R. B. Richards, M. R. Moodley, N. S. Chetty (Merebank) and S. Gopaul (S. Coast Junction Ratepayers' Association).

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That this meeting of Indian property owners of the Merebank Area emphatically protest against the action of the Durban City Council in its attempt to expropriate properties in this area predominantly Indian-owned as it feels that such an attempt would result in dehousing the Indians and make more acute the housing difficulties of the Indian community, and it empowers the Merebank Indian Ratepayers' Association to oppose it with every means at its disposal."

Alleged Shooting Incidents

D. Bodasing, Indian male, who appeared at the Durban Court on Wednesday, was released on his own recognisance in connection with an alleged shooting incident.

The victim was a Coloured girl, Ella Cockrane, aged 16. She is detained at Addington Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the right breast.

Her condition is improving.

NO PHOTOS BUT TICKETS PUNCHED

Durban Turf Club's Decision

The stewards of the Durban Turf Club have decided to do away with the passport requiring photos, as a permit of entry to the Club's meetings.

This was communicated to the Natal Indian Association from the Durban Turf Club.

"We are indebted to your suggestion and punching of tickets will be used in future meetings," states the Club's letter.

The Treasurer of the Maritzburg Nizamia Muslim Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Hajee Ebrahim M. Kala 10/-, Janab Moulana M. Hameef 12/-, M. Mahomed 10/-, Mahomed Yusuf 10/- A. R. Bhaim 12/-, Sayed G. H. Hoosen 12/-, S.A. Fraziers £1.

Glencoe Boycott Off

The Glencoe Indian boycott of the public market, which had been in operation for the last two months, is now off.

The Glencoe board authorities, which had imposed racial segregation, providing an European and an Indian entrance, was opposed by the Indians.

Representations failed to secure its removal and the Indians declared a boycott of the market. This state of affairs had existed for two months.

During the week the Glencoe Board agreed to receive a deputation from the Natal Indian Congress and as a result the matter has now been satisfactorily settled.

Mr. A. I. Kajee, with Mr. C. M. Angalia and Mr. Ismail Asmail, in addition to the Glencoe Congress officials, attended the joint meeting.

Library for Stanger

At a special meeting of the Stanger Muslim Youth League, held at Stanger last week, it was unanimously decided to open a library. A lecture was delivered on the benefits and advantages of having a library by Moulvi Bayat, Principal of the Stanger Madrassa Anjuman Islam, with respect to the general upliftment of the members as a whole.

It is really hoped that this library will fulfil a long-felt need in the district and that it will lead to the gradual establishing of a literary and debating society.

The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Patron, Mr. G. A. Mather; President, Mr. F. A. Bux; Hon. Sec., Mr. C. R. Bux; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Essop Omarjee; Vice Presidents, Messrs. E. M. Moola, A. G. Bux, M. H. Loonat, A. E. Kolia and M. S. Kajee; Committee, Messrs. Presidents, Messrs. E. M. Moola, A. Ali, A. Ismail and A. E. Moola.

The name of the Library decided upon was "The Sir Ikbaal Library."

Cricket Shield Returned To Donor

At the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Cricket Union in Maritzburg last Sunday, it was felt that the figure on the shield presented by Dr. M. K. Peters, of Maritzburg, for competition in the Natal fixtures was not an appropriate one. It is desired that Dr. Peters be asked to have the ornamental figure removed and replaced by something that represented cricket, such as the figure of a cricketer, or a bat or ball.

A deputation was thereupon appointed to interview Dr. M. K. Peters. The interview took place.

The deputation, on its return, reported that they were unsuccessful in their mission.

The council then unanimously decided that the shield be returned to the donor, Dr. M. K. Peters, and that all competitions played thus far for the shield be undertaken to have been played for the old Pandav Shield.

This means that the Pandav Shield, which deserves a well-earned retirement and which the council had decided to replace by the Peters Shield, has once again to be brought out for active competition.

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"Other than that you must come with a bodyguard of about 20 well armed. Otherwise you won't be able to see your wife and children. We will leave the person who is being appointed pundit, but we are going to deal with people who are going to make him a pundit.

"We are.

"The Black Masks of Mahulala" !!!!

A deputation representing Hindu orthodoxy awaited on Mr. Maharaj before the ceremony. He was warned not to proceed with the initiation as the step was not in accordance with Hindu scripture.

Mr. Maharaj expressed his willingness to go on with the ceremony and said that he was prepared to debate the subject at a gathering of Hindus.

Rumours were rife in Maritzburg during the week that an assault would be made on all those either taking part in or attending the ceremony. Because of this many refrained from going but those who went witnessed an inspiring ceremony of initiation into the orders of Vedic Purohits of Mr. Outar Shivrathan.

The occasion, described by one of the speakers, was indeed a privileged one. The initiation was one of the strongest attacks made on the pernicious caste system which divided Hindus at every stage. Loyalty to the caste group was stronger than the solidarity of the Hindus as a whole. The caste system always kept in suppression a large body of its adherents. It denied to them all amenities of advancement and maintained a sense of inferiority complex. The system was entirely destructive and in practice made Hinduism—which theoretically denied caste by birth but by action—as the world's worst religion.

The initiation was a step forward, construed the speaker, and this Maritzburg act was a milestone in the progress of Hinduism not only in this country but elsewhere.

Pundit Jugmohan Singh said that according to the sacred books of the Hindus caste determined a man's status not by birth but by action, by all men were born equal. He cited examples from the Vedas in support of his statement.

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ITALY'S PLANS FOR INDIA

Oriental Students Taught Fascist Doctrines

HOW "Reformers for India" are being trained in Rome in so-called "Oriental Institutes"—which in reality are centres for the teaching of Fascist doctrines—is revealed by a former student of Aligarh University.

Rome is the cradle of an organisation where future "Reformers for India" are being trained. They are taught that the Fascist regime is the one panacea for India's ills. Dictatorship alone can solve India's problems.

The Instituto per l'Oriente e per l'Europe Orientale is supposed to popularise Indian culture amongst the Italians. In practice it trains Indian students in the art of Fascist propaganda.

With a hole of about £12 a month (this sum is generally ample for student life in Rome, and one can live for £9 a month in Naples) innocent young Indians are lured to Italy.

Once a month these Indians are expected to address an Italian audience on Indian affairs. Usually anti-British outbursts characterise such lectures. For the rest of their time they are subjected to an intense course of Fascist doctrines.

Another institute—entitled the Instituto Orientale—carries on an even more virulent form of Italian propaganda.

Furthermore, not only is anti-British training given in the guise of popular culture, but there is definite evidence of training Indians so as to foster enormously enormous rage hatred between communities.

One of the Institute's directors had before the war been kept always on the trot in India, disguised as an archaeologist, but really keeping his Government informed on Indian conditions.

At one of the unofficial gatherings of these Indian students in Rome, a discussion arose about the future form of Indian Government.

FASCIST PRINCIPLES

When an outsider observed that India's governments were steadily advancing on Democratic lines, a young Indian jumped to his feet and cried that he, as a Fascist, condemned all forms of Democratic ideologies. He hoped to devote his life to the task of seeing that India was governed on Fascist principles. The State composed of a small group of men presided over by a guiding genius was the only suitable form of Government.

"Fascism denies that numbers, as such, can be the determining factor in human society," he asserted. "We, who are going to shape India of the future on a Fascist model, deny the right of numbers to govern by means of political consultations."

The future plan of Indians then receiving training in Rome was to assert the irremediable inequality of men in political activities.

Fascism is absolutely opposed to a doctrine of liberalism, both in political and economic spheres.

One of the graduates of this Institute earns a good salary as a Hindustani broadcaster at Bari. He tries to convince anyone who will listen to him that his countrymen must realise that the individual exists only in so far as he is within the State, and is subjected to the requirements of the State.

THE BLACK HOLE MYTH

Banned from Bengal Text Books

A Gazette notification issued by the Government of Bengal states that there should be no mention about the alleged Blackhole Tragedy as a historical fact in the text-books and prize-books to be used in the educational institutions of Bengal. Books now in use in the primary and secondary schools in Bengal should be corrected accordingly in the reprints and future editions.

The Hindu, of Madras, commenting editorially on "The Blackhole Myth," states:

It was Lord Rosebery who said of the Irish question that it had "never passed into history because it has not passed out of politics." The remark is applicable to India also. No objective history of this country under British rule has been possible, for obviously the points of view of rulers and ruled tend to be at variance even when interpreting the same historical data.

The broader question of interpretation apart, there have been gross falsifications of facts. One of these is the so-called Blackhole Tragedy, which was meant to vilify the Indian ruler Sirajud-Dowla at whose hands the British suffered defeat at Calcutta in 1756. The story is familiar to all school children who learn it just as if it were gospel truth: the wicked Siraj ordering 146 Europeans, including a woman, to be confined in a room 18 feet by 14 feet, the horrible sufferings on the fateful night and the death by suffocation of 123 of them.

The historicity of this "tragedy" has long been suspect, for it has rested entirely on the narration of Holwell, whose reputation as a truthful chronicler was far from high. A Muslim historian of the same period refers to this incident, while it is obvious on reflection that it is physically impossible to "pound in" 146 adults in such a small room.

And yet this nightmare of a story has passed as history for all these years and it was left to a determined political agitation to remove a deliberate slur cast on our national honour by an interested and untrustworthy chronicler.

The Bengal Government is to be congratulated on their decision to expunge from school text-books any mention of the Blackhole myth.

Farewell to Mr. A. Baboolal

The Clare Estate School Old Boys' Club held a pleasant social on Wednesday last in honour of Mr. Adhar Baboolal, who matriculated at Sastri College, and who is now proceeding to the Witwatersrand University to take up a course in medicine.

The president, Mr. S. P. Singh, on behalf of the Old Boys' Club, spoke at length about the Baboolal family, and presented Mr. Adhar with a fountain pen as a token of goodwill and remembrance.

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Mr. Iswar Singh said it would be foolish of them to accept illiterate Brahmins as their spiritual preceptors. They also had Kaythrias, who never performed the duties required of them. In fact Kaythrias were in other countries than in India, for in India there was not a man who ruled, who protected the defenceless, except with the power and authority of another race.

Mr. E. G. David, president of the Vedic Dharma Sabha, said that those who had opposed the ceremony should be treated as enemies of Hinduism. They should be ostracised socially. They should not be invited to any of their functions or to their homes.

Other speakers were Messrs. C. R. Singh, Suttar, B. Bhola, S. Maharaj, Sooman, Ramrup Maharaj, Harry, Ram Rampersad, Ramgarib, F. Ramlagan and N. Ganpat Singh.

Mr. R. R. Maharaj spoke as the advertising pundit. Pundit Shivrathan, the newly-ordained priest, suitably replied.

RUSTOMJEE OR KAJEE?

The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society introduced a very debatable subject at a weekly meeting held on Tuesday last. The subject was "which of the two Political Indian Leaders are right in their doings as far as the mass of the Indian community is concerned: Mr. A. I. Kajee or Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee?"

Messrs. C. E. Bayat and S. M. Kajee lead the motion, and the following members also spoke: Messrs. M. E. Parak, E. M. Kajee, G. H. Cassimjee, Humza Hajee, Ismail M. Kajee, A. Mota, Essop Moosa, A. D. Hassan, S. M. Rehman, A. M. Kadoo, Yassin Jamal, A. H. Rawat, M. I. Cassimjee and Mahomed Ismail Bayat.

No vote was taken.

At the next meeting to be held at the "Sir Mahomed Iqbal Library and Mahomed Ali Jinnah Hall on March 8, commencing at 7.30 p.m., Mr. C. E. Bayat will move in the form of a lecture "That Muslim Inspectors are necessary for Madrassas in Natal."

Visitors are welcome.

On July 1, 1940, 755 qualified accountants were enrolled under the scheme for the registration and certification of accountants on an all-India basis on the Register of Accountants maintained by the Central Government under the Auditor's Certificate Rules, 1932. The number enrolled in the previous year was 734.

LADY RAMA RAU'S PLEA

A plea for a radical change in the social condition of women in India was made by Lady Rama Rau, addressing a meeting under the auspices of the Social Workers' Society in Bombay.

After fifty years of social service, Lady Rama Rau said that the social environment of women remained much the same. The girl was still snatched from her birth. The daughter's services was always sacrificed for the sake of the man.

Lady Rama Rau referred to the work of the All-India Women's Conference and stated that there should be separate departments for dealing with the legal status of women and for looking after the social status of women.

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Double Programme at Avalon

AVALON has an excellent double programme for the first half of next week. "Winners Take All" and "The Return of the Cisco Kid" are bracketted together, and on Thursday Ronald Colman appears in the greatest picture of his career in "Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back."

As every Monday and Saturday are prize nights at the Avalon, this most popular non-European picture house will be full to capacity. The management does see that nobody is disappointed and for all taste provision is made.

Prize fights in which two battlers hammer away at each other are not to be pretty exciting affairs, but when seven of them get inside the squared circle at the same time, well the excitement isn't a matter of speculation any more—it's sure-fire!

That's what happened in "Winner Take All," featuring Tony Martin, Gloria Stuart, Henry Armetta, Slim Summerville and Kane Richmond.

Sparring the services of a "double," Tony Martin squared off against six of the film colony's most able scrappers, over a thousand pounds of beef, bone and muscle. It is a quick action picture, with thrills and laughter galore.

Warner Baxter again dons the sombrero and silver-mounted guns of his most famous character in the 20th Century-Fox production, "The Return of the Cisco Kid," which opens on Monday at the Avalon Theatre.

O. Henry's lovable outlaw, who inspired the greatest legends of the colourful West, meets his most thrilling adventures—and his most beautiful senorita—as he rides back over the border in his most exciting and most romantic film.

But while a hundred posses hunt the bullet-proof bandit whom no gaol can hold, and a thousand senoritas sigh for him, Cisco yearns for the one girl he can't have.

Production Chief Darryl F. Zanuck gave lovely Lynn Bari her most important role to date as the beauty for whose love the romantic bandit robbed banks, burned down gambling and generally risked his neck.

Dashing Cesar Romero presents a picture that is a far cry from his usual suave characterisations, as Lopez, the Cisco Kid's faithful but bloodthirsty henchman, while Henry Hull, who lately scored as the irascible newspaper editor in "Jesse James," is seen as Miss Bari's shy but lovable old grandfather. Chris Pitmond is also featured as Cisco's sincerest friend for Miss Bari's hand, while others prominently cast are C. Henry Gordon and Robert Barrat.

Altogether a most entertaining evening's programme.

The interest is sustained in the change of programme when Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back, Ronald Colman, one of the screen's most versatile actors, makes the greatest picture of his career.

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"Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back"

MARITZBURG'S KEEN CRICKET

Orientals Win Peters Shield Final

M.I.C.C. won the toss and sent Orientals in to bat in ideal cricket weather on Sunday last. Orientals' first wicket fell at 50 when Brynnohan caught and bowled A. H. Rawat for 35.

Soon after that the wickets fell like ninepins till A. I. Rawat and I. S. Cassimjee were associated in 5th wicket partnership. Each of these two batsmen had a life before going into double figures, being both missed by S. Shunmugam. I. S. Cassimjee with 46 was clean bowled by Dunasagram. Then G. H. I. Bayat went in to force the pace with a quick 25 not out and A. I. Rawat with 76 not out, after which the Orientals declared for 229 for 5 wickets. I. S. Cassimjee 25, being caught.

The M.I.C.C.'s attack opened unusually well V. C. Dayanand bowling in place of R. Harinarian, the usual opening bowler. He bowled 9 overs, 31 runs, 2 wickets; K. Dunasagran bowled 5 overs, 11 runs, 1 wicket; R. Brijmohan 12 overs, 2 maidens, 32 runs, 1 wicket; R. Harinarian bowled 14 overs, 2 maidens, 56 runs, 1 wicket. R. Harinarian and S. Shunmugam opened M.I.C.C. innings, when 31 was reached Shunmugam was caught by D. I. Rawat off A. I. Rawat for a fine 15, hitting 5 fours and a single; R. Harinarian was unfortunate in not making his 100 being caught by D. I. Rawat off E. S. Adam for 92, hitting it up in 90 minutes, his score included 14 fours and one six. James played a fine innings for 18 being caught and bowled by A. Soboman. V. C. Dayanand, the captain, with 17 was clean bowled by A. I. Rawat and D. E. Dewa made 14. He was unfortunate in playing a ball on to his wicket off A. Soboman.

A. I. Rawat secured Orientals' at-tack from the wide around end, bowling 12 overs, 2 maidens, 79 runs, 5 wickets; E. S. Adam 6 overs, 40 runs, 2 wickets, and A. Soboman bowling 22 overs, 48 runs, 3 wickets.

Orientals won the match by 52 runs and 5 wickets and will play the winners of Ladysmith and Durban on the winners' ground for the Natal Final.

There was a keen and exciting match played in Maritzburg on Saturday, when Schools met Wanderers in the second innings after a fortunate win for the Wanderers by 3 runs on the first innings.

Mr. S. Reddy, the Schools' veteran bowler, who knocked up 83 runs, after taking 3 wickets to his credit, was bowled by R. K. Naidoo who, after a considerable amount of tactful bowling was able to knock out the centre stump by an inspin lolly pop.

The game ended with a score of 133 runs for 3 wickets.

Muslim Women Do Their Bit

The secretaries of the Maritzburg Mosque and Islamia School Trust beg to acknowledge the further donations of building material towards the erection of the new mosque at 437, Church street, Maritzburg from the following: Messrs. A. E. Issue 1,000 bricks; G. M. and E. M. Essat in memory of their two sisters, 2,000 bricks; Transvaal City, c/o Clonard Farm, 1,000 bricks; A. C. Hardi family, 1,000 bricks; Ismail Parak of Ismail Sons, 2,000 bricks; A. Bhyat and Sons, 2,000 bricks; A. Hassan in memory of his mother, in memory of his late father, mother, and son Adam A. L. O-man, 3,000 brick.

Muslim ladies have taken an active part in raising funds from the members of their own sex towards the erection of a mosque and over £100 in building material and cash has been collected in Maritzburg and they are making efforts to collect amount in surrounding towns.

In order to give the Indian representatives an opportunity to study the Estcourt Council's memorandum, the Indian Penetration Commission adjourned its sitting to March 26, after meeting at Estcourt last week.

Durban Cricket Results

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Stars: 51; Durgat 14, Ramadree 88. Muslims: 44 for 1, D. P. Parak 19 n.o., I. G. M. Asmal 15.

BHARAT vs. SASTRI COLLEGE

Bharat: 53; Bhola 37 n.o. Sastri College: 88 for 7; Ayub 31, Sekram 14.

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Sprints: 100; 220; 440; 880; 1 mile and 5 miles.

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A. G. Thumbadoo and I. Emmanally opened the Stella second innings and scored at a fast rate. With the score at 51, Emmanally was bowled by [illegible] for a well played [illegible]. N. Vemblie followed next.

Old Collegians then resorted to body-line bowling with the result that Vemblie was hit on the jaw from a ball from Fitie. Vemblie was soon out at 58. R. R. Thumbadoo followed and these two brothers A. G. and R. R. made merry at the expense of the Old Collegians.

In quick time they put on 105 runs partnership for the third wicket. A. G. Thumbadoo was hit out for a chanceless 55. M. Abrahams followed at 145 and when stumps were drawn they were together, the score being 172 for 3. R. R. Thumbadoo being undefeated for 52 and M. Abrahams 24.

Young Natalians F.C.

The tenth annual meeting of the Young Natalians F.C. was held at the residence of Mr. Kitty Boyd on Sunday last when the following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. H. Youngs, E. F. Peters, A. G. Pillay, S. Muthray and K. Tommy; president, Mr. R. Krishnasamy; life vice-presidents, Messrs. N. R. Moorgas, G. Perumal, G. K. Naidoo, H. H. Rawat, S. V. Nathan, V. V. Pillay, V. C. James, S. Rathnam and L. S. Chetty; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Mahabeer, P. Enoch, T. Baijoo, H. Ali, B. Sewpaul, B. Bhughwan, K. M. Mudliar, N. Naidoo, I. S. Cassimjee, R. Manickum, V. S. Joe, H. Chetty, Joe Pillay, Bobby Singh, M. Noel, Bill Poonsamy, S. Padaychee, C. Doorasamy, V. V. Moodley, P. Peters, V. K. Pillay.

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Yorks F.C.

The eighth annual meeting of the Yorks Football Club was held on Sunday at Mr. V. R. Gopaul's residence. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Isaac Anthony and T. V. Naidoo; president, Mr. V. R. Gopaul; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. V. Soobiah, S. S. Naidoo, T. V. Gopaul, K. Muthoo, M. Perumal, S. Puckree, J. Thomas, C. S. Naidoo, R. R. Naidoo, P. Kain, I. [illegible], A. H. Rawat, Ismail Amod, G. M. Jasat, A. Moosa, R. D. Naidoo, G. Murugan and M. R. Naidu.

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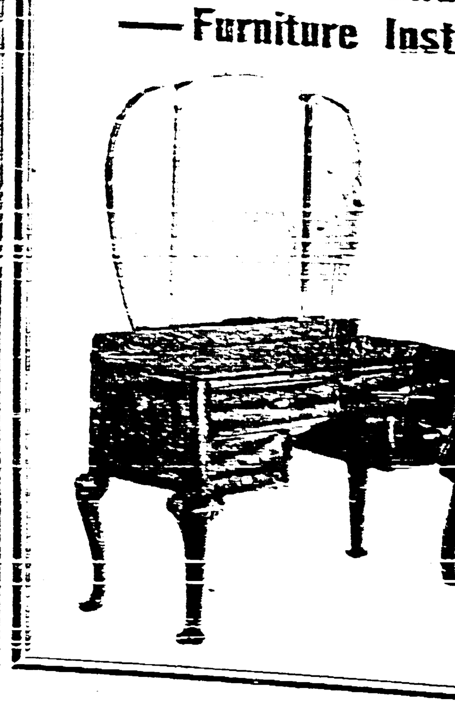
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POLICE ORDER MEETING TO DISPERSE

RESOLUTION PASSED DESPITE DIN

Mr. S. Rustomjee Drowns Opposition Voices

A mass meeting, organised by the Natal Indian Association, held in the City Hall, Durban, last Sunday, to protest against the proposed plan of the City Council to expropriate Indian land at Riverside, Sydenham and Merebank, was prematurely closed on account of rowdyism.

A section of the audience, who desired that certain of their speakers should be given a hearing, swamped the rostrum and the front of the platform, and by keeping up a continuous din, prevented the meeting from proceeding.

When it came to the resolutions being put to the meeting, there was a vocal competition between Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and this crowd as to who could shout the loudest and Mr. Rustomjee won. He got the meeting to pass his resolutions, even if they did not hear every word of the resolution. A large show of hands indicated the feeling of the majority, who had occupied their seats patiently throughout this display of disorder.

The chairman at this stage declared its meeting closed, but the officials would not vacate the platform for fear that the members of the Nationalist bloc would take charge. So both sides persisted in remaining, despite appeals to disperse, until the police intervened.

They gave the meeting ten minutes within which to disperse, and within this time the hall was completely vacated. A youth, who tried to get noisy, was taken in charge.

After the meeting the crowd who were responsible for the obstruction formed into procession and marched down West Street into Grey Street, where they called a halt for speeches. On the arrival of the police in pick-up vans the gathering quickly broke up.

As a sequel Dawood Ahmed Seedat and Mahomed Ahmed Dhai appeared charged under Section 9 (1) of the National Security Regulations in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The section reads: "No person shall do any act (including the utterance of any words or other sounds) which he intends shall have the effect, or which is likely to have the effect, of preventing, interfering or disturbing any lawful gathering."

The case was postponed until March 19. Seedat was granted bail of £100 cash or Government securities and Dhai's bail was £50.

Speaking on the resolution, Mr. Rustomjee said that they were facing a very grave issue. They should meet it as Indians first and foremost. Thousands of them were being thrown into the streets and not any of those who were howling in the hall.

Mr. S. Rustomjee

Let not their patience be excited or turn to anger. Their protest must be in keeping with the dignity of the Indian community of South Africa and the dignity of Mother India. The action of the City Council could be condemned in the strongest language but he would like to be moderate.

The speaker wished the Europeans to know their viewpoint too. There were millions of their people fighting in this war. He wanted to ask General Smuts and the Mayor if they favoured the move: that while their brothers were at the front was it fair that their homes should be taken away?

SHOT IN THE EYE

"The City Council has given us a shot in the eye," said Mr. Rustomjee. Continuing, Mr. Rustomjee declared that they should consider the question as Indians, not from the standpoint of the association or congress, liberal or any other group. "If you compromise with the City Council in this matter you are finished. You will get segregation in other forms. We are your humble servants and are quite prepared to do anything in the cause of our brothers."

At this stage Mr. Rustomjee quoted the minutes of the City Council referring to the expropriation of Indian land.

When Coloured houses were placed in Sydenham they had not objected. They felt that all sections of the people, whether European, Coloured or Native should have the right to live under the South African sun.

Mr. Rustomjee warned Indians not to sell their properties to the City Council, either direct, or through agents, under any circumstances. Once they had agreed then they would get no more money, despite what they might claim, than the Municipal valuation, plus 30 per cent. If they were compelled to sell then they must sell to a fellow Indian.

"I ask you," said Mr. Rustomjee, "in the name of the Indian community of South Africa, in the name of your Motherland, not to barter away your birthright. Under no circumstances sell to the Corporation, which has gone behind the building inspector's office to stop you from building. This is all outside its authority. When the Council wants to secure slums, it leaves the area untouched for years and then comes and declares it a slum. I say, God willing, the Council will never succeed this time as it has done in Mayville."

Concluding, Mr. Rustomjee warned those who were making a noise that if they broke up the meeting they would be letting down the poor people.

At this juncture Mr. A. D. Seedat mounted the platform, moving towards the rostrum. He was stopped by Mr. A. Christopher on behalf of the chairman. Altercation resulted, bringing the proceedings to a standstill.

Amid the shouting the resolutions, proposed by Mr. Rustomjee and seconded by Mr. A. Choudree, were declared carried.

The resolution protested against the expropriation, declaring "that the action of the Durban City Council is unwarranted, repressive in its character, and a wanton piece of attempt at spoliation, disregarding the vested interests of thousands of Indians resident in these areas."

The other resolution authorised the association to make representation.

Following are extracts from the president's (Mr. A. M. Lockhat) speech, which was read to the meeting by Mr. S. R. Naidoo, (translated in Tamil by Mr. Abbai Naidoo, and in Hindustani by Mr. Satyadow):—

"Most of us have seen the growth of Durban from its small beginning and with it we have seen the gradual drift of our people from the old Borough into areas which have now been incorporated into Greater Durban.

The amount that the Council intends spending is £[illegible] in this expropriation scheme. Money is no concern to the Council when it comes to dishousing Indians from their own homes.

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Brown Man Does Not Flinch But White Man Runs

Indian soldiers are displaying marvellous courage and tenacity in the fight for Keren, says the British United Press correspondent. They have taken hills in the face of machine-gun fire and hand grenades and wiped out Italian machine-gun posts at the point of the bayonet. Hindu and Sikh stretcher-bearers risk their lives daily, regardless of caste distinctions.

One Rajput commanding a platoon, though wounded in the arm, led his men until hit in the legs, and then, leaning against a tree hurled grenades at the enemy until hit again.

A determined Italian night attack was stopped by another Indian N.C.O. with two men. He bayoneted two Italians and then hurled grenades at the remainder who fled.

Another Rajput stalked a machine-gun post, bayoneted the four machine-gunners and wiped out another machine-gun nest with his bayonet. He was later killed by a bomb.

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M. Abrahams was the top scorer for Stella with 41 runs—a well-played innings. With the dismissal of Abrahams the Stella's innings was brought to a quick close at lunchtime for 160 runs.

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K. Thumbadoo came on with his slow "stuff" and clean bowled Essop for a very well-played 47 runs. The Old Collegians' innings was brought to a close at 106 with Chinsamy undefeated for 19. Stella led by 54 runs on the first innings.

A. G. Thumbadoo and I. Emamally opened the Stella second innings and scored at a fast rate. With the score at 31, Emamally was bowled by Elkie for a well played 19. M. Vemblie followed next.

Old Collegians then resorted to body-line bowling with the result that Vemblie was hit on the jaw from a ball from Elkie. Vemblie was soon out at 35. R. R. Thumbadoo followed and these two brothers A. G. and R. R. made merry at the expense of the Old Collegians.

In quick time they put on 105 runs partnership for the third wicket. A. G. Thumbadoo was hit out for a chanceless 51. M. Abrahams followed at 145 and when stumps were drawn they were together, the score being 172 for 3. R. R. Thumbadoo being undefeated for 58 and M. Abrahams 24.

Young Natalians F.C.

The tenth annual meeting of the Young Natalians F.C. was held at the residence of Mr. Kitty Boyd on Sunday last when the following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. H. Youngs, E. F. Peters, A. G. Pillay, S. Muthray and K. Tommy; president, Mr. R. Krishnasamy; life vice-presidents, Messrs. N. R. Moorgas, G. Perumal, G. K. Naidoo, H. H. Rawat, S. V. Nathan, V. V. Pillay, V. C. James, S. Rathnam and L. S. Chetty; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Mahabeer, P. Enoch, T. Hollins, H. Ali, R. Sewnuml, R. Bhughwam, K. M. Mulliar, N. Naidoo, I. S. Cassimjee, R. Manickum, V. S. Joe, H. Chetty, Joe Pillay, Bobby Singh, M. Noel, Bill Poonsamy, S. Padeychee, C. Doorasamy, V. V. Moodley, P. Peters, V. K. Pillay.

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Yorks F.C.

The eighth annual meeting of the Yorks Football Club was held on Sunday at Mr. V. R. Gopaul's residence. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Isaac Anthony and T. V. Naidoo; president, Mr. V. R. Gopaul; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. V. Soobiah, S. S. Naidoo, T. V. Gopaul, K. Muthoo, M. Perumal, S. Puckree, J. Thomas, C. S. Naidoo, R. R. Naidoo, P. Kain, I. S. Cassimjee, A. H. Rawat, Ismail Amod, G. M. Jusat, A. Moosa, R. D. Naidoo, G. Murugan and M. R. Naidu.

Committee, Messrs. V. R. Gopaul, N. K. Naidoo, R. K. Naidoo, T. V. Gopaul and K. C. James; secretary and treasurer, Mr. N. K. Naidoo; assistant secretary, Mr. T. V. Valiathum; senior captain, Mr. S. M. Kadoo; vice-captain, Mr. S. Moonsamy; junior captain, Mr. M. A. Moosa; vice-captain, Mr. Rehaman; juvenile captain, K. J. Pillay; vice-captain, K. Chetty; senior and junior manager, Mr. T. V. Gopaul; juvenile manager, Mr. R. K. Naidoo; delegates to the M.D.I.F.A., Messrs. N. K. Naidoo and M. M. Moosa.

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Mr. S. Rustomjee Drowns Opposition Voices

A mass meeting, organised by the Natal Indian Association, held in the City Hall, Durban, last Sunday, to protest against the proposed plan of the City Council to expropriate Indian land at Riverside, Sydenham and Merebank, was prematurely closed on account of rowdyism.

A section of the audience, who desired that certain of their speakers should be given a hearing, swamped the rostrum and the front of the platform, and by keeping up a continuous din, prevented the meeting from proceeding.

When it came to the resolutions being put to the meeting, there was a vocal competition between Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and this crowd as to who could shout the loudest and Mr. Rustomjee won. He got the meeting to pass his resolutions, even if they did not hear every word of the resolution. A large show of hands indicated the feeling of the majority, who had occupied their seats patiently throughout this display of disorder.

The chairman at this stage declared its meeting closed, but the officials would not vacate the platform for fear that the members of the Nationalist bloc would take charge. So both sides persisted in remaining, despite appeals to disperse, until the police intervened.

They gave the meeting ten minutes within which to disperse, and within this time the hall was completely vacated. A youth, who tried to get noisy, was taken in charge.

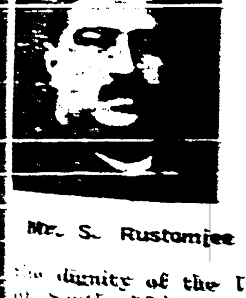
After the meeting the crowd who were responsible for the obstruction formed into procession and marched down West Street into Grey Street, where they called a halt for speeches. On the arrival of the police in pick-up vans the gathering quickly broke up.

As a sequel Dawood Ahmed Seedat and Mahomed Ahmed Dhai appeared charged under Section 3 (1) of the National Security Regulations in the Durban Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The section reads: "No person shall do any act (including the utterance of any words or other sounds) which he intends shall have the effect, or which is likely to have the effect, of preventing, interfering or disturbing any lawful gathering."

The case was postponed until March 19. Seedat was granted bail of £100 cash or Government securities and Dhai's bail was £50.

Speaking on the resolution, Mr. Rustomjee said that they were facing a very grave issue. They should meet it as Indians first and foremost. Thousands of them were being thrown into the streets and not any of those who were howling in the hall.


Mr. S. Rustomjee

Let not their patience be excited or turn to anger. Their protest must be in keeping with the dignity of the Indian community of South Africa and the dignity of Mother India. The action of the City Council could be condemned in the strongest language but he would like to be moderate.

The speaker wished the Europeans to know their viewpoint too. There were millions of their people fighting in this war. He wanted to ask General Smuts and the Mayor if they favoured the move; that while their brothers were at the front was it fair that their homes should be taken away?

SHOT IN THE EYE

"The City Council has given us a shot in the eye," said Mr. Rustomjee. Continuing, Mr. Rustomjee declared that they should consider the question as Indians, not from the standpoint of the association or congress, liberal or any other group. "If you compromise with the City Council in this matter you are finished. You will get segregation in other forms. We are your humble servants and are quite prepared to do anything in the cause of our brothers."

At this stage Mr. Rustomjee quoted the minutes of the City Council referring to the expropriation of Indian land.

When Coloured houses were placed in Sydenham they had not objected. They felt that all sections of the people, whether European, Coloured or Native should have the right to live under the South African sun.

Mr. Rustomjee warned Indians not to sell their properties to the City Council, either direct, or through agents, under any circumstances. Once they had agreed then they would get no more money, despite what they might claim, than the Municipal valuation, plus 20 per cent. If they were compelled to sell then they must sell to a fellow Indian.

"I ask you," said Mr. Rustomjee, "in the name of the Indian community of South Africa, in the name of your Motherland, not to barter away your birthright. Under no circumstances sell to the Corporation, which has gone behind the building inspector's office to stop you from building. This is all outside its authority. When the Council wants to secure slums, it leaves the area untouched for years and then comes and declares it a slum. I say, God willing, the Council will never succeed this time as it has done in Mayville."

Concluding, Mr. Rustomjee warned those who were making a noise that if they broke up the meeting they would be letting down the poor people.

At this juncture Mr. A. D. Seedat mounted the platform, moving towards the rostrum. He was stopped by Mr. A. Christopher on behalf of the chairman. Altercation resulted, bringing the proceedings to a standstill.

Amid the shouting the resolutions, proposed by Mr. Rustomjee and seconded by Mr. A. Choudree, were declared carried.

The resolution protested against the expropriation, declaring "that the action of the Durban City Council is unwarranted, repressive in its character, and a wanton piece of attempt at spoliation, disregarding the vested interests of thousands of Indians resident in those areas."

The other resolution authorised the association to make representation.

Following are extracts from the president's (Mr. A. M. Lockhat) speech, which was read to the meeting by Mr. S. R. Naidoo, (translated in Tamil by Mr. Abbai Naidoo, and in Hindustani by Mr. Satyadew):—

"Most of us have seen the growth of Durban from its small beginning and with it we have seen the gradual drift of our people from the old Borough into areas which have now been incorporated into Greater Durban.

The amount that the Council intends spending is £664,434 in this expropriation scheme. Money is no concern to the Council when it comes to dishousing Indians from their own homes.

"If we were to take a bird's eye view of the present-day Durban, one would find that practically the whole

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Brown Man Does Not Flinch But White Man Runs

Indian soldiers are displaying marvellous courage and tenacity in the fight for Keren, says the British United Press correspondent. They have taken hills in the face of machine-gun fire and hand grenades and wiped out Italian machine-gun posts at the point of the bayonet. Hindu and Sikh stretcher-bearers risk their lives daily, regardless of caste distinctions.

One Rajput commanding a platoon, though wounded in the arm, led his men until hit in the legs, and then, leaning against a tree hurled grenades at the enemy until hit again.

A determined Italian night attack was stopped by another Indian N.C.O. with two men. He bayoneted two Italians and then hurled grenades at the remainder who fled.

Another Rajput stalked a machine-gun post, bayoneted the four machine-gunners and wiped out another machine-gun nest with his bayonet. He was later killed by a bomb.

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Nearly 2,000 persons assembled at her late residence to pay their last respects.

The funeral took place at the Clairwood Cemetery.

The following is the list of wreaths: Her loving husband and her dear ones, All at Home, Mr. and Mrs. Pusian and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pillay and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dorasamy and Bros., Messrs. P. Cunden and family, Messrs. A. [illegible] Bros., Mr. P. [illegible]gan and family, Mr. P. Marimuthoo and family, Messrs. K. P. [illegible], Messrs. Tom Murugan Bros., Mr. Murugan and Sons, Messrs. R. Thambiran Bros., Mr. and Mrs. Madrumuthoo Manuel, Mr. K. Soobramoney and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Naidoo, Messrs. M. R. Pillay Bros., Indian staff, Umhlanga Rocks Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Naidoo, United Indian Social Club, Officials and Members of South Coast District Indian F.A., Clairwood Physical and Culture Club, Officials and Members of South Coast D. I. Cricket Union, Officials and Members of Indian Social Service Committees, Clairwood School Old Boys' Club, Messrs. V. P. Naidoo and Sons, Mr. and Mrs. Mappera and family, Dr. H. Buxbaum, Mrs. Salachie, Indian Staff of King Edward VIII Hospital, The Odeon Band, Officials and Members of Springfield F.C., Mannie and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank and family, Messrs. T. Chinsamy and Chinsamy David, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Chinsamy and family, Indian staff of African Ass. Agencies and Sons Ltd., Clairwood School Old Boys Cricket Club, Mr. and Mrs. Soobramoney and family, Indian Staff of Baker's Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cooper and Bros., Mr. and Mrs. L. Dass and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Naidoo and family, South Coast Junction F.C., Mr. and Mrs. Frank, K. Soobramoney Bros., Y. L. M. Naidoo and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pillay and family.

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Sixth Race: 1. Adowa; 2. First Kite II; 3. Cezanne.

Seventh Race: 1. [illegible]; 2. Mauritius; 3. Tippoo Tib.

Eighth Race: 1. [illegible]; 2. Juggery; 3. [illegible].

At the annual meeting of the Mayville District Indian Football Association the following officials were elected for the ensuing season: Patrons, Messrs. A. Christopher and A. W. S. Pillay; president, Mr. R. Lutchmunsamy; secretary, Mr. R. [illegible]man; assistant secretary, Mr. [illegible] Soobiah; vice-presidents, Messrs. [illegible] Gengiah, H. R. Jithoo, R. [illegible] J. Raman, R. Raichun, [illegible] and V. S. V. Pillay; treasurer, Mr. [illegible] Reuben; hon. record clerk, Mr. C. K. Pillay; auditor, Mr. R. M. Chetty.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

The directors of the Bombay Bazaar gave a dinner at Peter's Lounge on Saturday in honour of the marriage of one of its members, Mr. Ramchand Bassaram, which took place in Hyderabad Sind on February 28.

Mr. A. I. Kajee left for Cape Town on Wednesday. He will join Mr. Aboobaker Moosa, one of the directors of the Avalon Theatres, who is now in Cape Town.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Perumal (born Thamayanthie Koopee Murrie), at McCord's last week.

Mr. H. Boinsing, who was ill for the past two weeks, is still confined to bed. He is at his residence in New Gelderland.

A tea-party was given by the Kismet Tennis Club in honour of Mr. I. A. Kajee, who has left Durban for Johannesburg to take up medical studies. Mr. A. E. Shaikh, the patron of the club and Messrs. M. I. Omarjee, Y. Vawda, Y. S. Kadwa and others wished Mr. Kajee all success in his medical studies.

Mr. T. S. Chetty, the well-known sportsman of Springfields and its adjoining areas, and a vice-president of the Natal Indian Association (Puntan's Hill Branch), who has been indisposed, is making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. I. Singh, of Benoni, is holidaying in Durban. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moganlall.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN INDIA

SPEAKING at the concluding session of the seventh biennial conference of the National Council of Women in India, the chairman, the Maharani of Travancore, said:—

"The resolutions that have been passed cover a wide ground and are commensurate with the many-sided activities of women in India, and their various requirements and ideals. Not the least important amongst the resolutions that have occupied the attention of the Conference are those relating to legislation, the registration of marriages, the active discouragement of polygamy, the complex problem of divorce and the revision of the family law so as to assimilate the position of women members of the family with that of men in regard to marriage, inheritance and guardianship.

In this direction progress is best achieved through the formation of competent committees, which will, after obtaining the best advice, draft legislative measures, framed on the lines of least resistance and not open to the charge of abrupt disintegration of the family. Here, as in most other matters, good feeling between the workers of both sexes and close co-operation of lawyers and legislative reformers with the leaders of women's movement have to prevail.

"The next important matter that has engaged the attention of this Conference relates to village work. It has been my view that this task of village reconstruction is best approached by establishing nuclei of concentrated activity which will serve as centres of work and instruction.

"Many social matters and questions affecting labour and public health have also been raised and discussed. In these subjects the field is extensive enough to need the collaboration of everyone in the country.

"In all such endeavours, the best results are achieved not solely by regional workers in the technical aspects but by the co-operation of individuals trained in business methods. Many institutions in this country either for child welfare or rural uplift or other forms of co-operation come to grief because of lack of business methods. What may be described as skilled managership is the foundation of success in social and co-operative work of all types. I therefore make an appeal for embarking on social welfare and allied work with a strictly business outlook.

"Resolutions have also been passed in regard to child welfare and beggary. Many useful ideas have been disseminated in this Conference, and I feel confident that they will be of great value in the carrying out of the programmes formulated in our resolutions.

"In bringing this conference to a close let me express the hope that the coming year will witness a period of continuous and enthusiastic work and such an arousing of public conscience as would enable the speedy initiation of the many reforms for which we are pressing. Is it too much also to hope and pray that long before we next meet, the world would have emerged from the present chaotic conditions and would witness a period of political equilibrium and social reconstruction in which women will play their appropriate and essential part?"

Muslim Female Education

"Your aim of giving a liberal literary education, combined with a sound knowledge of domestic science, could not be bettered, and I trust that that aim will never be sacrificed to the mere passing of examinations," observed Lady Lumley, presiding over the prize distribution of the Anjuman-i-Islam Girls' School in Bombay.

Lady Lumley added: "I know there is room for much improvement in Muslim education in this province of Bombay which is undoubtedly not all it should be, and nothing will contribute more to progress than the provision of well educated and well run homes."

Lady Lumley felt confident that the school deserved and would obtain the wholehearted support of every member of the community. There was no denying the fact that it would require a great effort to overcome the indifference in many quarters in regard to female education, but Lady Lumley knew that success would come if they persisted.

AN INDIAN WAY OF LIFE

"The art of a nation is the expression of its soul. If we would preserve the soul of India, let us be true to the spirit of Indian art and Indian culture," said Mrs. Rukmini Arundale speaking on "The Essence of Indian Culture" at Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay.

The meeting was held under the auspices of several women's organisations. Mrs. Hansa Mehta presided.

Art, said Mrs. Arundale, expressed the essence of the artist's emotion. Emotion was more powerful than intellect. The true artist was one who was not only capable of deriving emotional inspiration, but of adequately communicating it to others.

The speaker pleaded for the development in this country of an outlook and a way of life essentially Indian, and advised her audience not to succumb to a servile imitation of the West.

PRESERVING ANCIENT TRADITIONS

"It is the pride of the Indian woman that she has preserved the Hindu religion and Hindu culture in spite of the many foreign influences right from the time of Alexander the Great . . . . I would take this opportunity of appealing to the All-India Women's Conference to take the question of compulsory education for girls in right earnest."

These observations were made by Her Highness the Rani Saheba of Sandur State in the course of her presidential address to the Ladies' Conference at Bellary.

Introducing the Rani Saheba to the gathering, Mrs. Sathe, wife of Mr. Sathe, Conservator of Forests, paid a tribute to the Rani Saheba for [illegible] helping the Ruler of Sandur "in all the State matters." Coming from a well-known Maharatta family and educated in England, the Rani Saheba, she said, had travelled widely abroad and took keen interest in the women's movement. Mrs. Sathe then garlanded the Rani Saheba amidst cheers.

The Rani Saheba in her address, among other things, said: "Not in the distant past we find that our ancestors and yours in the Ceded Districts were under the same Ruler, the famous Raja Murar Rao of Gooty, the ancestor of the Ruling House of Sandur. But for the Indian women I am afraid our country would have lost much of its ancient traditions and culture which the nation most values. Let us preserve and carry forward our ancient traditions and culture and let us see that every girl is educated."

Advocating compulsory education of girls, she said that it was more necessary than for boys. She expressed the hope that in Sandur such compulsion would be enforced "in due course."

Adverting then to the uplift of the depressed classes, she touched on the utilitarian and humanitarian gains resulting from the reclamation of them into the Hindu fold. Concluding, she urged the women to lend full support to the British war effort.

Mrs. G. S. John, Mrs. Bhaskar and Sri Sri Devi spoke on the motion appealing for parental co-operation in education. The motion was passed.

Sponsored by Mrs. Sathe, the resolution stressing the necessity for student excursion parties into the rural areas was carried. Kumari Ganga Bai Rebbona supporting the motion, depicted the plight of the rural folk steeped in illiteracy, ignorance and poverty and exhorted teachers to arrange for periodical excursions into the villages.

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Wool fibre is tube-like and is covered with tiny overlapping scales. Heat causes them to shorten and there is shrinkage of the garment; rubbing causes them to get interlocked; strong alkali causes rotting.

Woollen garments should therefore be washed in lukewarm water; the soap should be mild, the garment should be squeezed, not rubbed, and the iron should be warm, not hot.

Silk is a very delicate fibre. It does not shrink like wool, but rubbing breaks the fibre, strong soap injures the material and heat destroys the colour and finish. Silk should be washed like woollens.

Cotton and linen are vegetable fibres. They are stronger and resist the action of heat, alkalies and acids better. Strong acids will, however, destroy the fibre, so in removing stains only dilute acids should be used, and they should be removed at once.

When the material is a mixture of animal and vegetable fibres it should be washed like wool or silk.

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Sunday's Rowdyism

IT is the first time in the history of the Indian community in Durban that the police have had to intervene for the purpose of dispersing a meeting, an unfortunate reflection on the law-abiding character of the Indian community. Those who brought about this state of affairs have done the cause which they professed to serve an irreparable injury.

While there might have been a little more tactful handling of the situation by those who controlled the meeting, there was no valid reason for any member of the audience to demand the right to speak, and still much less to persist in holding up the proceedings.

In the course of a statement issued by the Nationalist bloc of the Natal Indian Association, whose members were mainly responsible for this "hold-up," it was stated that:—

> The Nationalist bloc deplores the unconstitutional, undemocratic and high-handed attitude of the officials of the Natal Indian Association in calling a mass meeting and yet denying the members of the audience the right to express their opinion on the subject concerned, which resulted unfortunately in the breaking up of the meeting. The Nationalist bloc emphasises the fact that it was no intention of those who demanded the right to speak to break up the meeting.

The meeting was called by the Natal Indian Association, which, no doubt, must have arranged their list of speakers, and they claimed the right to extend the hospitality of their platform to anybody they chose. If the platform was denied to those wanting to speak they could have found some other place for making their representations, for as persons with a sense of responsibility they would have recognised that the cause was too great to allow any semblance of disunity to appear in the Indian community. If the Nationalist bloc had recognised the fact that the cause was greater than their own "right" to speak, where they were not wanted, their worth as public workers would have gone up appreciably in the estimation of the community. By wrecking a meeting because some of its members were not given a hearing—and, in fact, there was nothing new that they could have added to the information already at the disposal of the meeting—it was shown that their own vanity was hurt, which they counted more than the cause. In the meantime they have certainly brought discredit on the name of the Indian community and injured the cause which they profess to support "whole-heartedly."

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPIRE CAUSE

REPLYING to the debate on India's war effort in the House of Commons, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, told the House something of the contribution which India has made, and is preparing to make, to the Commonwealth's cause.

Mr. Amery recalled India's great part in the last war, when she put over a million and a half trained men into the field, and said India would do it again provided the equipment was there.

Mr. Amery said: In respect of something like 90 per cent. of military supplies India will soon be self-sufficient so far as the requirements of her own forces are concerned. Over a very large range of supplies, indeed, she can furnish far more than her own requirements. To quote only a few instances; she has sent overseas 100,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and 400,000 rounds of gun ammunition, 1,000,000,000 sandbags, 1,000,000 pairs of boots, and 30,000 tents.

Broadly speaking she is aiming, in cooperation with the Dominions and colonies east and south of Suez, at meeting in respect of a very wide and steadily increasing range, the whole field of military equipment, all the needs of our armies in the Middle and Far East to whatever number of divisions they may be raised. Even so there is still abundant room for the further expansion of India's war effort.

In order to afford India the benefit of our latest experience in this direction, as well as to furnish the Ministry of Supply here with a revised picture of India's potentialities and of the help required to convert them into actualities, the then Minister of Supply sent out some three months ago, at my suggestion, a strong technical mission under the leadership of Sir Alexander Roger.

I believe that, with Sir Alexander Roger's drive and vision and with the eager cooperation both of the Government and of private industry in India, the Mission will be able to initiate a substantial advance, both in volume and in range of production, the fruits of which will become increasingly apparent as the war continues.

My Rt. Honourable Friend the Minister of Labour and myself have been concerting arrangements both for the dispatch to India of an additional supply of competent instructors and for bringing of young Indian workers over here where, working side by side with British workers, they may learn not only our most up-to-date methods but something of the spirit of British industrial organisation as displayed in its co-operation with the war-effort.

So much for the material aspect of India's share in the common effort against the common enemy. What of the moral and spiritual side? Where does India stand in the struggle against the forces of tyranny and oppression. Where are her sympathies enlisted? With which side are her interests identified?

One form in which that sympathy has been expressed has been in the contributions which have poured in spontaneously from Indians in every walk of life, from Ruling Princes to working men, some giving lakhs of rupees, some only a few annas, both to the Viceroy's General War Purposes Fund and to every fund raised in this country for purposes connected with the war.

Our Readers Speak . . .

HINDU CASTE SYSTEM

As one who is deeply and sincerely interested in all matters relating to the solution of the various Indian problems whether it be religious, social, marriage, love, or politics, I am compelled by an irresistible urge to voice my opinion on one of the noblest initiatives taken by Mr. R. B. Maharaj in 'casting out' the outcaste caste evil.

The initiative in itself is a great undertaking with many dangers, but it will bring in its train immense benefit; an understanding and love between Hindu and Hindu, thus accelerating the progress and development of the Hindu religion in particular and the Indian race in general. Harmonious relations between Hindu and Hindu is impossible with the caste system between.

This caste discrimination, which is based on a very high degree of selfishness and vanity, retards the development of the spiritual influence upon which Hinduism and all religions are based. The fundamental principles of all religions returns to one God. The caste system at one time brought such terrible friction amongst Hindus that it almost left our Mother Country and Hindu religion in ruins. But fortunately a great reformer saved her from a certain disaster.

It would benefit our Hindu friends a lot if they think of that Great Hindu, Mahatma Gandhi, who has led a life long struggle for the Untouchables, which was a direct result of caste differentiation. Hindus follow the religion as outlined in the Vedas, the Gita and other sacred books. Surely the Mahatma must be following the same. Then why not follow your leader? Is he misrepresenting to you the religion of Hinduism? I don't think so. Surely he must be wellversed in the Vedas and Gita.

The anonymous letter written by the Black Masks of Mahulala is in itself evident of the evils of the caste system.

Isipingo. M. H. CAREEM.

COLOUR BAR IN COURTS

Being a regular subscriber of "The Leader" I would like to ventilate my feelings. I read in "The Leader," "The Privilege of the White Skin and Colour Bar" raised in the House of Justice.

I was ashamed when reading it as I did not know that there were "Colour Bars" in the House of Justice. I know that there are "Colour Bars" in places like buses, parks and gardens, but this is the first time for me to hear that there are "Colour Bars" in a place like the House of Justice.

I would like The Natal Indian Association to put an end to this matter, both in Maritzburg and Durban.

DISGUSTED.

What the Stars Foretell

By JYOTISHI

While taking a glance at the planetary positions for the month of March it is found that this moon will be partially eclipsed in the Zodiac sign Virgo (Kanya Rashi) on Thursday, March 13, visible over Pacific Ocean, America, Australia and the eastern part of Asia. This is unfavourable to public health and growing crops.

The War Lord Mars (Mangal) is gradually progressing towards the sign Capricorn (Makar Rashi) which is said to rule India, has favourable aspects. It denotes that between the middle of March and up to May 5, the demands of self-government will become very insistent and I think that the words of another astrologer (Mr. Raphael) in connection with these planetary positions in his astrological notes will operate during the said period, which are as follows:—

"It is remarkable that Indians, far from seeking to profit by our embarrassment in Europe, have helped rather than hindered us in the titanic struggle for freedom against tyranny. Although the mind of India, not unnaturally is bent on achieving self-government, it is also prepared to wait until the Nazi tyranny has been ended, indeed, so hateful to the average Indian's high standard of ethics is this creed of brute force that India is already making important contributions to our war effort.

"We have promised India self-government; instead of approaching this admittedly difficult problem (which includes diversity of races and religions) in a negative manner, let us give at once all possible positive constructive help to set India on her own political feet.

"If we do we shall be rewarded in a manner that will astonish the world and hasten the rapid downfall of our common enemies. Of that there can be no doubt, as consideration of India's past restraint in face of strong excitatory planetary influences and an inspection of the remarkable horoscope of Mahatma Gandhi clearly show.

"The astrological warnings against playing about with this problem are very plain, especially at the beginning of 1941. The matter is urgent."

The aspects between Mars and Jupiter (Mangal and Guru) denotes religious matters. These will attract public attention concerning reforms and religious controversies.

CASTE SYSTEM

Having read in your estimable paper of a non-Brahmin being ordained as a priest, I for one felt very proud indeed to see him elevated to that position. I don't see any reason why such a person should not be made a priest. Surely he must be learned and well versed in the Vedas and its tenets. The Vedas if well read tells us that if a person who is well learned and versed in the Vedas can be promoted to a "Brahmin." The other way round Brahmin means a learned person; therefore I see no reason for all the fuss that has been made by the certain sections of the "high-class" Hindus of Maritzburg.

I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. R. B. Maharaj and his followers in making this function a success and I pray this will be the forerunner of many more.

G. P. NAIDOO.

Ladysmith.

NATAL CRICKET

In your last issue of The Leader there was something about a Natal Cricket team.

The team comprised players from Durban, Maritzburg and Northern Districts. What about the players from the County, South Coast and Mayville Associations? These are lucky associations. These associations have some really fine players. The selection committee is not aware of the fact.

I hope at least a few are selected from these associations.

S. NAIDOO.

CONGRESS ADDRESSES COUNCIL

HOFMEYR ASSURANCE RECALLED

'Cannot Countenance Expropriation of Indian Owned Land'

ON the subject of the proposed expropriation of land from the Indian owners at Sydenham, Riverside, Merebank and Wentworth, the Natal Indian Congress has addressed the Town Clerk, Durban, as follows:—

"We are directed by the committee of our Congress to write and convey to you the deep concern with which we view the proposed expropriation of some 625 acres of land from Indian owners in the Umgeni North Riverside area for European housing, some 1,227 acres in the Merebank-Wentworth area, and 73 acres in the Sydenham area for Coloured housing under the powers of the Housing Act, section 11.

"Our committee understands that in the original instance the clearance of slum conditions in those areas was contemplated under the Slums Act.

"We are sure that it has been your, as much as it has been our experience, that whereas house repairs or demolitions and reconstructions are readily conceded by the owners concerned, land expropriation is invariably resisted.

"Moreover, under the Slums Act, procedure before the Minister's consent can be obtained to slum declaration or expropriation, the Corporation is required to guarantee that alternative housing is made available.

"On September 30, 1940, the Public Health (Slums) Committee of your City Council resolved 'that there be no change in existing procedure in respect of minor and major repairs, but that as far as possible all demolitions under the Slums Act, No. 53 of 1934, as amended by Act No. 24 of 1937, be suspended in the meantime.'

"Our Congress understands that it is proposed to expropriate the land at Riverside—Umgeni North for the purpose of a European housing scheme of some 1,500 houses. This will displace some 4,000 Indian residents.

"The expropriation at Sydenham it, we understand, for the establishment of a housing scheme for the coloured community, whilst the expropriation at Merebank is for the establishment of a township for Indians, and a township for the coloured community.

"We are desired to emphasise that our Congress is in favour of the building of housing schemes for Indians and it has consistently struggled with your city council to this end, on account of the incomprehensible delay that has been exhibited towards the housing needs of the Indian population of Durban.

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"This is borne out by the fact that the Housing Act was passed in the year 1920. Further in terms of the Cape Town Agreement entered into between the Union and the Indian Governments in 1926, an enquiry was conducted by the Central Housing Board into the housing needs of the Indian community of Durban and suburbs and a report with definite recommendations was made by the Board.

"It is to be recorded with all the emphasis we can command that nothing was done until the year 1939 when the first 50 houses at Cato Manor were taken in hand to be built for sub-economic tenants. This was followed by fifty houses for economic tenants. A further 25 sub-economic houses were built in 1940 at Springfield. These 125 houses built at a cost of £73,395 is the sum total of the city council efforts for the 90,000 Indian residents in Durban, against an expenditure as at 30/12/39 of £605,862 for the 86,000 Europeans resident in Durban (vide Central Housing Board report 31/12/39).

"Congress remains consistent in its attitude of pressing for more housing facilities for the members of the Indian community, but it cannot countenance the expropriation of Indian owned lands and the consequent displacement of our compatriots from areas such as Riverside, Umgeni North, and Sydenham for the sake of establishing housing schemes for the European and Coloured communities.

THE HOFMEYR ASSURANCE

"We would remind you that the Congress in its various representations to the Union Government at the time when the Slums Act was before Parliament expressed the fear that the powers of the Slums Act, would be used for the perpetuation of injustice inimical to Indian interests. This led to the then Minister of Interior and the present Minister of Finance, the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, giving the following assurance in his speech in the Senate on May 25, 1934:—

> "There is one final point that I would like to emphasise. The purpose of this Bill is the elimination of slums. In certain quarters the fear has been expressed that it has either been conceived with, or will be used to further some deeper policy of race discrimination. I would emphasise that this Bill has nothing whatever to do with anything of that nature. Its purpose is to wipe out our slum conditions, irrespective of the race or colour of slum owners or tenants and it has no ulterior motive. It will be administered in that spirit by me and my department. I have no reason to think it will be administered in any other spirit by the local authorities. I look to them to help us in applying it vigorously and effectively towards the attainment of its object as I have just defined it. It will, I am sure, be made to operate in a spirit of fairness and justice and without discrimination—and of that the powers vested in the Minister under the Bill are a guarantee if indeed, such guarantee were necessary."

"The committee of our congress submits that the contemplated acquisition is beset with a policy of racial discrimination, and we appeal to the city council to be consistent in its policy. It has decided to suspend for the time being (i.e. for the duration of the war) the demolition of premises under the Slums Act. It should not therefore adopt the incongruous policy of displacing hundreds of Indians to accommodate Europeans and Coloureds for whom there are large tracts of ground available in the city boundaries where their housing needs can be easily met.

"In conclusion we are respectfully desired to ask you to arrange for a deputation of our Congress to meet the special committee re housing so that the representations made in this letter may be amplified and our representations fully made.

"We are taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the chairman and members of the Special Committee re Housing of your Council, one to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, to the Hon. the Administrator, and to the Chairman of the Central Housing Board."

GREYTOWN WEDDINGS

Two weddings took place at the residence of Mr. Bhola at Greytown on Saturday last. Ramlaal, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathadeen, of Plessislaer, was married to the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sookraj, of Stanger, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bhola of Greytown, and Kanhayalaal, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathadeen, to the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bhola.

The pandal was suitably decorated, and two school girls, namely, Miss Lakpathie Bhola and Miss R. Kirpaal, sang the "mungalum."

In spite of wet weather a large number of guests were present. Messrs. Kirpaal, Bhokie and Kelly Bros. were responsible for the dinner arrangements while Mr. Jugdew Mathadeen of Plessislaer acted as M.C.

Special songs were prepared for the occasion by Messrs. Shaik Mohammed Hoosen and A. G. Hamid. Music was provided by R. Tommy, M. Parsad and A. Kishar (Maritzburg), Sookdaw and Sewcharan (Edendale).

The management committee of Sir Mohammed Iqbal Library, Maritzburg (with which is connected the Surti Sooni Madressa Trust), acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Messrs. Toddlers Shoes (Pty.), Ltd., 2 doz. chairs; J. B. Singh's Agency, ½ doz. chairs; Mr. Morris (representing Lurie Bros. & Co.), per Mr. C. I. Bayat, £1 and 14 books; Mr. Cristison (representing Messrs. Seabanks Pharmacy), per Mr. C. I. Bayat, £1.

The death occurred in Durban this week of Mrs. Monin Cassim Asmal. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Ebrahim Asmal and a cousin of Mr. M. I. Bobat.

Mr. V. K. Naidoo, of Chaka's Kraal, has completed the T.3B. Certificate. He was notified of his pass this week.

Seebran–Baboolal Wedding

A large number of people from Durban, Northern Natal and Transvaal attended the pretty wedding last Sunday in the "Pandal" which was prettily decorated, at Clare Road, Clare Estate, Durban, of Mr. Dindeyal, fifth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. P. Seebran, of 62 Bellair Road, Mayville, Durban, to the eldest granddaughter of Mrs. Baboolal (senior), and daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Jaichund Baboolall, of Durban.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. R. R. Shukla, of Durban, according to Vedic rites.

After the ceremony the best wishes of the guests were conveyed to the bride and bridegroom by Messrs. S. P. Singh, G. Mardhoye and R. R. Shukla.

The guests were entertained at luncheon after the ceremony.

Mohangee–Aurri

The marriage took place last Saturday at Mr. Chaturi Barber's residence at Tongaat, of the youngest daughter of Mr. Mohangee and late Mrs. Mohangee and sister of Messrs. M. Bahadur Bros., of Chaka's Kraal, to the second son of Mr. Aurri of Salt Rock, Umhlali.

Maritzburg Man's Marriage

The marriage of a well-known Maritzburg man Kuar Singh, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Alak Singh, of Maritzburg, to Bisnu Devi, second daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Kulpath Singh, of Cato Manor, took place at the bride's residence, according to Sanathan Rites. Many friends and relatives attended the ceremony from many parts of Natal.

THE STARS GUIDE MARRIAGE SUCCESS

Chose Time and Date Says Hindu Pundit

RESULT: HEALTH, WEALTH AND MORE CHILDREN

THE importance of astrological calculations in the arrangement of marriage is stressed by a correspondent of The Leader. The Hindu belief is that certain parts of the marriage ceremony should only be celebrated when the heavenly signs are most auspicious, for then only will the marriages be blessed.

The couple will prosper in health and happiness.
There will be many children—more boys than girls.
The marriage will endure.
There will be present all the other features making for a successful marriage.

A student of astronomy, Mr. Sadanand Maharaj, in the course of a letter to the Editor, emphasises the proper observance of auspicious time for the celebration of Hindu marriages and also suggests certain marriage reforms.

He says:

Marriage time should be fixed astrologically and this should be during the day and if necessary at night only when the auspicious time is better than the day. From the astrological point of view the auspicious time for marriage ranges from one and a half to two and a half hours approximately. This should be calculated for South Africa and specially for the place where the marriage is held. For our convenience we keep the marriage dates during the weekends; this is not right. We should study the welfare of the marrying couple and arrange the marriage dates when the most auspicious time is obtainable, whether it falls on a Sunday or a Thursday.

During the marriage ceremony the audience should observe silence until the ceremony is over. Liquor and meat should be avoided on this occasion.

The custom of veiling the bride should be done in such a way that she could be able to see and move along herself as there is no suggestion in the Shastras that a person should be blindfolded during the marriage ceremony and directed by others.

The practice of welcoming the bridegroom, which we call Agwanee or aratee, is based on the system of Shri Rama's marriage. On the occasion of marriages Agwanee and aratee are only important and the custom of Dwarpuja is unnecessary. Therefore this should receive our attention and all pujas should be done in the mandap at one time.

The bridegroom takes clothing for the mother of the bride and others which are not accepted by them. Therefore it is only necessary to take the clothes and jewelleries for the bride but not to the others, thus saving expenses.

The women should complete their customary ceremonies a few hours before the commencement of the marriage ceremony, by so doing the marriage can be celebrated in the proper time.

Times for marriage, songs, music, etc., should be fixed and carried out accordingly. No tea or cigarettes, etc., should be offered or used during the time of ceremony. These should be served before the commencement of the ceremony or afterwards, according to the time and occasion. The purification ceremony or Fulli Reading should be done one day prior to the marriage day.

These are some of the things which need urgent consideration, and there may be some more to which consideration may be given when necessary.

To give an example of astronomical reckoning: Saturday, March 1, marriage Lagna, under the Nakshatra Revatee, Meen Rashi, the most auspicious time on this day for Kanya daan was between 10.59 and 11.46 a.m., for at this time most of the planets were favourably situated.

The Nakshatra Revatee ended during the night at 9.48 o'clock, therefore the Tula Lagna was unfavourable for marriage which was found as auspicious from 9.48 to 10.19 p.m. Therefore, under astrological calculation, favourable Lagna was not found during the night or afternoon of that day.

We consult an astrologer for auspicious marriage day and pay for it, but do we act accordingly? Except for my Tamil brethren no one else could claim that they do. The Hindi section, which takes the trouble of ascertaining the marriage date and time, do not act by it.

There are various support of daytime weddings in our religious scriptures and astrologically auspicious time and date could be calculated, but regardless of all this most of our marriages take place during the night and solely depend on whenever the bridegroom's party arrives at the bride's residence, and the marriage ceremony only then begins. In the circumstances how can we claim that we act according to our Dharma and Jyotish Shastra?

Ceremony at Reunion

On Sunday amidst a large gathering of friends, relations and several well-known personalities and, with the Arya Bhajan Mundal providing songs, a Katha and the engagement ceremony of Mr. Dawnath, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Natalie, of Reunion, to Miss Kaispathee, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Ramnath of Isipingo progressed making the occasion a very interesting one.

Among those present included: Messrs. R. Gopaulsingh, L. Rajcoomaar, Adam Fayers, John Shadrack, S. Ramkissoon, R. Dehaloo, Sookdew Singh, and many members of the Isipingo Indian Society.

The marriage has also now taken place.

Veda Dharma Sabha Charity Accounts List per J. B. Sing, acknowledged: £5 10s.; I. S. Cassumjee (P.M. Burg), £1 1s.; S. M. Kolia (Ladysmith), £1 1s.; J. B. Sing's agency (P.M. Burg), £1 1s.; Howick Central Trading (Howick), 10s. 6d.; Bombay House (Richmond), 5s.; Ahmed Saed (Richmond), 5s.; total, £10 5s.

MOSQUE COLLECTION

The secretaries of the Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamia School Trust beg to announce to the Muslim community in the Union that the following officials have been duly appointed to collect monies on behalf of the Madressa Trust towards the erection of the new mosque and Madressa, which is now being built on the site 487 Church Street, Maritzburg: Messrs. Adam Habib (president and trustee), Shaikmadar (secretary and trustee), Sheik Ahmed (assistant secretary), M. H. Moosa (treasurer and trustee), Hafiz Hoosen Mahomed Badat (trustee), I. A. Haffejee (trustee), Hyder Khan (trustee), Sarwar Mahomed (trustee).

Further building donations from the following are acknowledged: Lilah, 2,000 bricks; Ebrahim Darsot, 1,000 bricks; M. H. Moosa, in memory of his late grandson.

£5,000 Building Scheme

The Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, has decided to build an up-to-date school and Madressa. The plans are prepared and a drive for the sum of £3,000 has commenced. Three hundred pounds have already been collected.

The Madressa Talimul Islam has now been merged with the society.

The treasurer of the Madressa, in submitting the financial statement, showed that receipts from donations amounted to £167 1s. 1d. Expenditure £158 15s. 1d., leaving a credit balance of £8 6s. 1d.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

In the course of a statement to the Press, the Mayor of Durban, Mr. Rupert Ellis Brown, explained that the City Council was at present seeking authority to buy certain lands in the Sydenham area for its housing scheme.

"Whenever possible the houses now standing, if they blend with the scheme the Council has in view, will be left," said Mr. Brown. "These people will later be given the opportunity of repurchasing from the City Council.

"A small portion of land in this area is also being expropriated for use in the City Council's Coloured settlement at Sydenham, and Indians now living on that land will be accommodated in the Indian housing scheme which is adjacent and there will be no hardship caused as they will be moved only a short distance from their present homes.

"The Wentworth and Merebank schemes will operate in the same manner as that at Sydenham, and the net result will be that the Indians will obtain better facilities, for these areas will be laid out in accordance with the best designs for town planning.

"Hygienic conditions as a result will be considerably improved and there is definitely no attempt on the part of the Council to oust the Indians from these areas."

Under the auspices of the Isipingo Tamil Classes Committee, a lecture on "Principles on Tamil Education" will be delivered by Mr. S. M. Pillay, Tamil journalist, at the Isipingo Indian School tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

Police Disperse Meeting

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of the fringe of Durban, bordering on the old Borough boundaries, are owned and occupied by Indians. Why is this so? The answer is simple.

"Our people living in these added areas are mostly poor. In days gone by they were not able to live within the Durban Borough owing to high rent and high cost of living, resulting in their migrating to and settling down beyond the Borough boundaries so as to be within easy reach of the centre of Durban, for, lack of transport facilities in those days meant walking to and from their places of employment.

"Our people purchased holdings in these areas, the purchase price being low and the terms liberal. These areas were developed by our people's own industry and enterprise. And as transport facilities were provided by our own people, since 1932, our people have drifted farther inland.

"The Durban Council is careful not to use the Slums Act for expropriation purposes because under the Slums Act the Council must satisfy the Hon. the Minister of Interior that it has made adequate provision for the re-housing of those who may be dehoused. For this reason the provisions of the Housing Act are being used instead in a subtle manner.

"Whilst the Council has not made public its intentions as to the use of these expropriated areas would be put to, it is, however, an open secret that the whole of the Umgeni Range and Brandons is to be made into an European area.

"The Council will in all likelihood spend thousands of pounds to canal the Umgeni River which would be made into a playing ground for Europeans. The Sydenham area is to be made available for the housing of Coloureds, and the Merebank and Wentworth areas for the housing of Indians.

"The scheme that underlies the Durban City Council's move is much more than what appears on the surface. It is the intention of the Council to oust all our people who are living in the added areas and shift them to an extreme end of the City boundaries.

"The Council's action to expropriate our land has no parallel in the history of Indian settlement in Natal. It attempts to attack our existing rights and to uproot our vested interests. It is a challenge to our living peacefully in those areas. Not even the Class Area Bill and Areas Reservation Bill contemplated such a far reaching attack on our rights. It is a form of tyranny that can find its parallel only in Nazi Germany.

"We in South Africa are a minority group. When so much is being said about the preservation of the rights of minority groups, the Durban City Council, the most pro-British in South Africa, is acting in a manner which is the very negation of this principle. If this policy of expropriation is persisted in, we would be justified in regarding it as no less than a form of repression of our people.

"It is incomprehensible to us that at this time when the whole world is in a state of disruption due to the war and when every section of the community is expected to do its bit to assist its country and empire in war efforts, in which the Indian community is not lacking, the Durban City Council should launch upon a scheme of dislodging and uprooting us from our homes.

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Packed Entertainment at Avalon

A double feature programme, "Jesse James" and "Wife, Doctor and Nurse," is on the Avalon bill for the early part of next week.

The "Jesse James" film shows him as he really was.

"Those who knew him or heard about him as youngsters," said Director King, "believe that Jesse James was driven to a life of crime by the persecution of enemies, and that the efforts of unscrupulous railroad officials to steal his mother's farm at Kearney, Missouri, for a right-of-way, started him on his bloody trail of banditry.

"In the film, we do not glorify him; neither do we picture him as entirely black. We have tried to respect the judgment of historians, without forgetting what those mountain people who were Jesse James' sworn friends thought of him."

Drama with a twinkle in its eye and a catch in its heart for every wife whose husband works with other women; for every husband whose wife wonders about his absence; for every girl whose boss is handsome—and married—is found in "Wife, Doctor and Nurse," wise and witty Twentieth Century-Fox picture starring Loretta Young, Warner Baxter and Virginia Bruce.

All that audiences ever loved in these three great stars are blended in the romantic drama of three modern people who know less than they think they do about the tricks love can play . . . the wife, modern, but not quite modern enough to share her husband—the doctor, who has two women in love with him and can't give up either one—and the nurse, so intimately a part of this man's life.

A compromise, dramatic, yet amusing and entertaining, is effected and becomes the solution to one of the year's most exceptional pictures.

One of the greatest combinations of talent ever gathered for one show makes Irving Berlin's "Second Fiddle," which will be Avalon's feature film commencing on Thursday most outstanding.

Just imagine, screen fans, Sonja Henie romancing with Tyrone Power to the melodies of Irving Berlin's six new songs with singing Rudy Vallee cutting in and Edna May Oliver cutting up and new-star Mary Healy and Lyle Talbot and Alan Dinehart all in it too, and Sonja skating her sensational ice tango for the first time on the screen—no, never mind your imagination, for that's the "what's-what" of "Second Fiddle."

Other Berlin hits in the film are: "I'm Sorry for Myself," "An Old-Fashioned Tune Always is New," "When Winter Comes," "Song of the Metronome" and "I Poured My Heart Into a Song."

The screen play by Harry Tugend, based on a story by George Bradshaw, is a realistic tale of what happens when Hollywood at last finds the girl deemed worthy of portraying the heroine of a great best-selling novel.

Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power in "Second Fiddle."

A scene from "Jesse James."

Ladysmith Stars

The second annual meeting of the Stars Football Club was held at Ladysmith (Asvat's Cafe) on Tuesday, March 5 and was attended by a large gathering.

The following were elected office bearers: Patrons, Messrs. E. M. Moola, C. S. Asmall and Hajee E. M. Asvat; president, Mr. E. I. Chupty; vice presidents, A. C. Asmall Snr., A. I. Bahadur and A. E. Asvat; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. A. Moola; capt., Mr. S. A. R. Karrim; vice-captain, Mr. E. M. Seedat; delegates to the N.D.I.F.A., Messrs. A. H. A. Ismail, E. M. Seedat and I. S. Adam; selection committee, S. A. R. Karrim (capt.), E. M. Seedat (vice-capt.), and E. A. Moola.

The first annual meeting of the North Coast Indian Football Association will be held at Khan's Tea Room, 61 North Coast Road, Umgeni, on Wednesday next at 6 p.m. sharp. Usual agenda.

The third annual meeting of the Maritzburg Muslim Football Club will be held at the Sir Mohammed Iqbal Library and M. A. Jinnah Hall tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Durban Cricket

The following are the Durban cricket results:

Muslims 59. (D. Paruk 16, G. Mahomed 29 n.o.)

Stella 54. (Kisten 17, W. Moodley 14).

Kismet 127. (A. S. E. Karodia 17, M. E. Jadwat 20, A. H. Coovadia 30, R. E. Haffejee 18, E. A. Manjoo 13).

Sastri College 110. (A. H. Bismillah 30 n.o., H. Mall 25, M. Sebran 25).

ASMAL CUP

Stella vs. Ottoman (No. 5).
Sastri College vs. Central (Main).

TOMORROW (NATAL CUP)

9 a.m., Railways (Northern Districts) vs. Muslims (Durban).

Mr. Joseph Michael, Maritzburg's well-known Indian cyclist, has retired temporarily from cycle races. He has won three years in succession at the Maritzburg Indian Sports Club meetings.

The fourth annual general meeting of the South African Railways and Harbours Indian Employees' Union will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Temple Yard, Greyville Compound, Somtseu Road, Durban.

All Indian employees of the Railway Administration are requested to attend.

Sydenham F.C. Reorganises

At the resuscitation meeting of the Sydenham United Football Club, which had been defunct for a number of years, has now been reorganised and has agliated to the Mayville District Indian Football Association (Sunday League). The following officials were elected: Patrons, Messrs. J. S. Roopnarian, N. Gungan and R. Reginald; president, Mr. R. Sookhdeo; secretary, Mr. R. Jaicuran; treasurer, S. Gopaul; vice presidents, Messrs. Essa Hassam, R. Gungan, S. Polton, George Moodley, A. C. Ayob, L. Munpath, L. Kunnoo, Rajoo, Joe Soodyall, B. Rahim, S. Rajpaul, J. Ramouther, R. Chetty, H. Huber, R. Mahomed, M. Latchman, A. S. A. Gany, Sunny Williams, and Dawood; captain, Mr. S. Roopnarian; vicecaptain, Mr. Mahomed Karrim; manager, Mr. L. Sewpaul.

The following officials were elected for the Dundee Indian Tennis Club, for the season 1941: Patrons, Messrs. C. M. Bob and Moosa Ayob; president, Mr. Fred Kallie; vicepresidents, Messrs. V. P. Pillay and R. Misra; hon. secretary, Mr. T. A. Emmanuel; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Dorsamy; captain, Mr. I. Ayob; vicecaptain, Mr. N. Nainey.

General Committee: Messrs. Fred Kallie, T. A. Emmanuel, D. Dorasamy, N. Nainey, S. N. Moodley, R. Misra, I. Ayob, M. N. Naicker.

Selection Committee: Messrs. I. Ayob, N. Nainey, Fred Kallie, T. A. Emmanuel and D. Dorasamy.

DURBAN SPORT MEETING

The Durban championship meeting, held under the auspices of the Durban Athletic and Cycling Union, took place last Sunday.

The first event on the programme was the marathon race, when 12 competitors took part, among them were G. Murugasen and D. Naicker of the Sunrush marathon fame, but unfortunately they did not finish the distance.

The winner, M. Naidoo, of Mt. Edgecombe, took the lead from the start and was never headed. He finished 35 minutes ahead of the second man.

R. Naipaul, the second man, ran very steadily throughout and P. D. Perumal finished third place, and the only two others to finish were B. Mungal fourth, and M. T. Pillay fifth, both of the Springbok Club.

All the cycling events were won by C. Julio, who put up an excellent performance, and excepting the quarter mile, the other events he won were very close, one within a wheel margin. R. Gopaul and Ruikham finished behind him.

In the flat events R. Sewgunker did very well, winning the 220, 440 yards and long jump. Roy Saliok won the senior 100 yards, this also being a close race, and was second in the 220 yards.

In the junior section M. R. Pillay won the 100, 220 yards and J. Cjupthar won the senior 880, 1 mile and 5 miles quite comfortably.

Owing to an objection the prizes for the two miles' walking race were held over.

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STANGER TEAM'S FOURTH VICTORY

Stanger United Cricket Club travelled to Verulam over the week-end to fulfil a friendly fixture against a combined Verulam XI playing under the name of Muslim Cricket Club.

Winning the toss, Verulam elected to bat. The hard-baked pitch gave the bowlers a lot of assistance and the whole side was out for the small total of 26.

V. G. Augustine and Chota Omarjee, who opened the bowling, captured 2 for 6 and 3 for 12 respectively. G. R. Bux had the batsmen guessing with his slow ones and claimed 3 wickets for 4 runs, while Padayachee took the last two wickets for 4 runs.

The home team gave Stanger a fright when they claimed the first four wickets cheaply and it was left to the fifth wicket to pass the total of the opponents. E. V. Mohamed, who has been doing well this season, and Kolia came to the rescue of the side and added 35 runs for the eighth wicket. When the latter was out for a patient 17, Kader Bux and E. V. Mohamed in a last wicket partnership added 37 runs and the innings closed at 112. Kader Bux was undefeated with 2 and E. V. with a very well played 64. Juggath and G. Bux bowling 16 overs each captured 3 for 40 and 6 for 57.

Verulam fared much better in their second innings reaching a total of 76. In a brief, but splendid innings Kathrada scored a chanceless 24 and was caught brilliantly in the slips by Chota off Augustine.

Juggath scored a painstaking 22 but the other batsmen found Chengiah among their stumps. G. R. Bux with 2 for 3 and Chengiah 6 for 27 were the most successful bowlers.

Stanger United thus had their fourth successive victory by the wide margin of an innings and 10 runs.

The following will represent Stanger against Chetty's XI of Durban at Currie's Fountain tomorrow at 10 a.m.: V. G. Augustine (capt.), D. K. Moola, A. Lalsing, Cecil, O. V. Mohamed, E. Gangat, Kanabathy, Chota Omarjee, E. A. Kolia, J. Chengiah and K. P. Padayachee.

Reserves: E. V. Mohamed, S. A. Mather and G. R. Bux.

Ottoman Top League Log

The following is the Ladysmith League log:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Ottomans	5	5	0	0	10
Moslem	5	2	3	0	4
Railway	5	2	3	0	4
Ladysmith	5	5	4	0	2

On Sunday Moslem played Ottomans for the League Cup. Winning the toss Moslem batted first and were all out on a perfect wicket for 58 runs. G. M. C. Asmal took 5 wickets for 12 and M. O. Ismail 3 wickets for 25. (A. E. Moola 11, A. S. Seedat 11, G. H. A. Chupty 22).

Ottomans, first innings, 174 (E. I. Chupty 42, G. M. C. Asmal 74, A. C. Asmal 22).

Moslem, second innings, 120 (D. M. Seedat 62, G. H. Chupty 22, M. S. Kharwa 10, A. Abdulla 16).

D. M. Seedat, a scholar of the local school, played a superb innings for 62.

Ottomans won on the first innings, 116.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

KNOCKOUT CUP

Moslems vs. Ladysmith.

S.A.R. vs. Moslems (Durban) at Durban.

MARITZBURG BATSMEN IN FORM

Three Players Exceed Centuries

On Saturday Royals met Schools in the league competition having the first knock compiling 200 runs for 2 wickets declared, of which J. Jack contributed 130 not out, thus breaking his own record score of 136. Playing free cricket he gave two "lives" after passing his 100, his score included 16 fours. Ted Chettyn was next best with 47, being caught by S. Reddy, bowled K. Moothu, with E. S. Chetty 19 being clean bowled by C. Doorasamy.

C. Doorasamy and V. Aroomogum opened Schools' innings. Their first wicket fell when V. Aroomogum was brilliantly caught by E. Cassimjee sitting down before the ball touched the ground off C. Ganas. Then P. Nulliah joined C. Doorasamy and these two batsmen took the score to 19 when P. Nulliah was clean bowled for 16 by Ted Chetty. M. Sebastian went in. He and C. Doorasamy played cautiously until the close of play, the score being 29 for 2 wickets. This match will be continued today at 2.30 p.m.

M.I.C.C. won the toss and sent United in to bat on Sunday last in the Cassimjee Cup semi-final. The Youngsters put up a gallant fight but luck was against them in both their innings. In their first knock they put up 60, being all out, of which L. Moodley compiled an invaluable 19 not out and R. Chandrapaul 15 being clean bowled by R. Harinarian. These two batsmen were the only ones to see double figures.

M.I.C.C. only used two of their bowlers in R. Harinarian and V. C. Dayanand, each getting 4 wickets. R. Harinarian bowled 5.2 overs, 2 maidens, 31 runs, 4 wickets and V. C. Dayanand bowled 6 overs, 13 runs, 4 wickets.

R. Harinarian and G. S. Danabalan opened M.I.C.C. record-breaking feat. Very hectic hitting by both of these batsmen added 313 runs for 1 wicket in 140 minutes of which G. S. Danabalan breaking all individual records with 166, was caught by Manikum, bowled G. Chela. R. Harinarian was undefeated with 144. When M.I.C.C. first wicket fell the captain, V. C. Dayanand, declared.

United's second knock did better, scoring 89 all out.

TOMORROW'S PLAY

9.30 a.m., Royals vs. Orientals.

Greenwood Park Tennis

The Greenwood Park Indian tennis court had turned over a new leaf to the sporting world last Saturday. It had recently undergone repairs and was opened for play.

This court, which was opened in 1929 by Sir Kurma Reddi, the then Indian Agent General, was the venue for many interesting matches, and its reopening will serve to stimulate the sporting spirit of the young men of the district.

The tennis court will entirely be run under a new organisation. Any members who are eager to join will be able to do so by paying no entrance fee, but a subscription of 2/6 a month.

The organisers are also enrolling lady members free of subscription as an encouragement for the girls of the district.

Messrs. K. Sina Pillay and D. B. Naidoo are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have so successfully reorganised the club. They, seeing the district was lacking in sport, were determined to reopen the tennis court and today there is a lovely court in Greenwood Park.

Municipal Workers' Sports Club

At the annual meeting of the Municipal Indian Football Association the following were elected officials for the forthcoming season: Patrons: The Mayor (Mr. R. Ellis Brown), Mr. E. D. Scott (Town Clerk); Life President, Mr. A. Christopher; Hon. President, Mr. H. A. Smith (City and Water Engineer); Hon. Vice Presidents, Messrs. W. Wallace, P. R. Robertshaw, Harry Narain, S. H. Durrasse; President, V. Chengiah; Vice Presidents, N. Madray, P. Sanderson, P. Sanasee; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Kisten Pillay.

The name has now been altered to The Municipal Indian Sports and Athletic Club, which will not cater for all varieties of sport instead of football as formerly.

The treasurer's report disclosed a credit balance of £7 5s. 11d.

SPARKS CRICKET TEAM ON TOUR

The Sparks Cricket Club unit of the Durban Indian Cricket Union, with a large number of its officials and wellwishers, left Durban by train on Sunday evening, on an extensive tour of the Union.

The team was seen off by its president, Mr. J. Raman, who was unable to travel owing to pressure of work.

The managers of the team are Messrs. Abbas Khan and A. K. Hayath and V. Abrahams, the touring captain.

Elaborate arrangements at Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kimberley, East London and Capetown have been made to receive the team.

Their first match was played at Pretoria on Wednesday.

The whole tour is anticipated to last at least three weeks.

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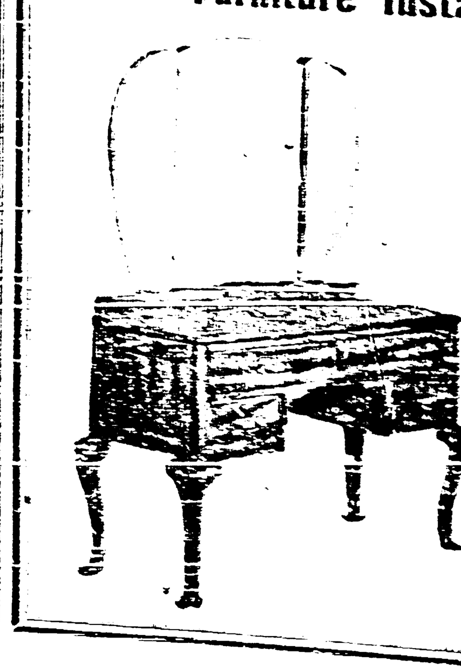
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THEY WERE CALLED "ILLITERATES"

AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS FORM TRADE UNION

Comparison of Salary Made With Unskilled Labourers

THE question as to whether the Natal Indian Teachers' Society should function as it had done in the past or whether a trade union of teachers should be formed was the topic of discussion at a special general meeting of Indian teachers held at the Dartnell Crescent Indian School, Durban, last Saturday.

"It is probably the most momentous meeting in the history of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society and you will be called upon to make a vital decision affecting the teachers, the Society and finally Indian education. You will be asked to consider the best way in which you could promote your interest and hence the interest of all Indian education . . . You must express yourselves frankly and freely, that is your right, the right of every free citizen and once you have arrived at a decision you must follow it unflinchingly," said Mr. Sirkari Naidoo, the President of the Society in declaring the meeting open.

Mr. E. Thomas said that the Society had battled for the last fifteen years for the betterment of the teachers. The issue they were to discuss affected over 500 teachers in the province, teachers whose salary was very low; it was below the bread line in the case of the third class teachers. In fact they drew a salary which compared very favourably with the salary of the native caretaker at his school. "The Society has done its best under the circumstances but there is no one to help us to fight. We table a memorandum and leave it to the mercy of the Provincial Executive," added Mr. Thomas.

A MERE PITTANCE

Mr. S. Panday, one of those responsible for the initiation of the move, said that the system in the past was that Indian teachers were paid a meagre pittance once every three months but since the investigation and report made by the Education Commission of 1928, the Education Department had made certain alterations in regard to status, salary, and other matters affecting teachers. Since 1935 Indian teachers were being paid on a monthly basis.

He went on to draw the attention of the audience to the position of teachers in aided schools who were holding a third class post. These teachers he said were being paid the "munificent" sum of £5 per month. They had to teach a class consisting on an average of 40-45 children, and were expected to show as good a standard of work as that of a teacher in a Government school who had a fewer number to teach, and who was being paid a better living wage.

Besides this disability, he said, the aided school teachers were not given sick leave, nor was provision made for the usual annual leave, and above all no provision was made for the payment of a pension to those who had spent all the best part of their lives in this "noble and honourable profession."

A teacher who had served for over 45 years had on retiring received no pension from the Department, but owing to the magnanimity of the mission to which the school belonged received a sum of £3.

There were several other cases of this nature. In quoting a departmental circular issued to aided schools, he said, the Director of Education had ordered that aided school teachers should on no account stay away longer than a specified period owing to illness. In other words it was a strict injunction that an aided school teacher had no business to fall ill.

Teachers who were married and had families to support were expected to live on £5 per month, according to western standards of living. In a country where an Act ordains that the minimum pay of an unskilled labourer should not be less than £4 17s. 6d. per month, the Education Department nevertheless, although a teacher be a graduate, and holding a third class post under the pernicious post system, pays him a sum of £5 per month.

DEPARTMENT AGREEABLE

Mr. Panday referred to correspondence passed between the Department of Labour and himself. He stated that the Department had ruled that a trade union of Indian aided school teachers could be formed.

If such a union was formed, he said that under the Industrial Conciliation Act employers or managers of schools would be compelled to form a Conciliation Board and go into the question of the grievances of Indian teachers. Any agreement arrived at by the Conciliation Board would be final, decisive and binding.

The Education Department had decided that they were not the legal employers of aided school teachers but that the school managers were. If the matter of higher payment were to be enforced under an Act the school managers would be compelled to resign, owing to their not being provided with sufficient funds by the Department to pay. Then they would know who their legal employers were.

In supporting Mr. Panday, Mr. A. N. Lazarus said that the aided teachers were moving in the right direction. It was important for them to unite and fight on trade union lines. "The time may come when you may have to use the strike weapon . . You must work towards a revolution which we need in the teaching profession. The aided teachers in their fight will expose the true state of affairs in Indian education."

"The man who sells bananas in the streets gets more," said Mr. J. Rowsen, who said that he had come with the idea of assisting the teachers. He, nevertheless, thought that Mr.

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THE PETERS' SHIELD DISPUTE

PREPARED TO REMOVE OFFENDING FIGURE

"As a life vice-president of your union, and as one who has been your president for the past ten years, I request that you take up this matter with the Natal Indian Cricket Union," said Dr. M. R. Peters, in referring to the shield presented by him to the Natal Indian Cricket Union, which was returned to him recently on the ground that the central figure on the shield was not appropriate to cricket, at a meeting of the Maritzburg District Indian Cricket Union.

An European salesman who has had a long connection with sport, and who has been selling sporting trophies for many years, was called by Dr. Peters to give his opinion on the figure. The effigy (an angel) explained the salesman, was internationally recognised in sporting spheres to represent victory. He therefore felt that it was quite suitable.

Mr. S. B. David, one of the delegates of the Union to Natal, said that amongst the factors that led to the return of the shield was the fact that the donor had during the course of the interview with the representatives of Natal stated that people who felt the figure was inappropriate were "illiterates."

Mr. M. Sebastian felt that although Dr. M. R. Peters had given his version of the interview more light could be thrown on the subject when the minutes of the Natal meeting came to hand. He felt that the Natal officials would not have taken the action they did had they not had good reasons for doing so.

The statement, which was said to have emanated from the donor, was unwarranted, said Mr. M. Sebastian.

After discussion it was moved, that since the donor was now prepared to remove the offending figure as requested by Natal and replace it with one appropriate to cricket an appeal should be made to Natal by this Union to review the matter once again.

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RED CROSS AT GLENCOE

Sister H. Tong Extends Work to Dannhauser

A most instructive and interesting demonstration was given at Dannhauser by three teams from Glencoe on Saturday.

There were present several prominent Indians and a large number of scholars. Mr. S. C. Vawda presided over the gathering.

Sister H. Tong, of Glencoe, who is in charge of the Indian classes, gave an able address on the advantages to be gained by forming a branch of the Red Cross in Dannhauser.

Glencoe classes, she said, was composed of the entire teaching staff of the Glencoe Indian school, and she felt proud of the progress made by the students since they joined the classes in September, 1940.

Mrs. Kirkwood, who is the secretary of the Glencoe branch of the Red Cross, then gave a short speech urging those present to form a branch in Dannhauser.

In introducing the European visitors who had accompanied the team, Mr. S. Manickum, headmaster of the Glencoe Indian school, referred to the active interest evinced by the following in the Indian classes: Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood and Messrs. P. Lourens and H. Weideman.

Mr. Manickum assured those present that all the members of the Glencoe branch would do their utmost to assist should similar classes be conducted in Dannhauser. He felt that Sister Tong's kind offer to travel out to Dannhauser weekly to take charge of the practical part of the course should not be missed.

The following residents, who also gave their support to the movement, were elected to form a committee in Dannhauser, with Mr. R. Patak as chairman, Mr. R. Loganathan as secretary; committee members, Messrs. S. C. Vawda and C. Gopaul.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. G. M. Agjee, of the Victoria Furniture Mart, has left on a three weeks' holiday, which he will spend in the Cape and the Transvaal.

Mr. Patel, a merchant from Trinidad, is now in Durban on his return trip. He is the guest of Mr. S. M. Paruk, of Derby Street.

Mr. Dave Rambeen, of Hardon Heights, had a housewarming party at his new residence. Among the guests included: Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Nanden, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. S. David, Mr. and Mrs. Persadie, Mr. and Mrs. Bhadal, Mr. and Mrs. R. Moodley, Mr. and Mrs. Ramnath and Mr. and Mrs. Lalla.

The marriage of Mr. D. E. Desai, a well-known Maritzburg sportsman and the sports reporter of The Leader, to Miss Howa Bi Ahmed Badat, will take place at "Dange," Cato Ridge tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The wedding was solemnised of Mr. R. G. Pillay, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ramsay Pillay, to Miss Mungamall, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ramah Rajah, both of Maritzburg, on Sunday last at the bridegroom's residence, 180 Berg street, Maritzburg.

The marriage of Jack Rathnum, third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Subravan Naidoo, of 101 Sparks road, Overport, to Kanagapoosanam, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arumugam Vandayar, of Klerksdorp, Transvaal, took place at the Mayville theatre last week.

Mr. Rassool Camroodeen, of 55 Crescent Street, Overport, left on Saturday last on a holiday tour of the Union. He will be away for a fortnight.

The betrothal took place at Randles road, Sydenham, last Sunday, of Mr. A. Thungavaloo, grandson of Mr. M. M. Govender, of Umzinto, to Miss Saraswati, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pavaday Naidoo.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mansoor, of Durban. She was born at her grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. Mamoojee, residence at Umzinto.

Pumpkin Halwa

Ingredients required: A well seasoned ripe pumpkin, sugar to sweeten, 6 ounces of ghee.

Method of preparation: Slice the pumpkin. Peel the skin; scrape out the seeds; mash the pulp after washing the slices in water. Cook the mashed pulp in steam, then take it and keep aside to cool. While mashing the pulp into a smooth paste take care that every sliced piece is well mashed in. Put the mashed pumpkin with the juice into a kadai and mix with it the sugar. Place on the fire and keep on stirring. When the halwa begins to turn into a thick paste, add the ghee by degrees and keep on stirring. Let the fire be smooth, otherwise the lower portion of the halwa will be burnt. When it is properly formed keep it down from the fire. Take a clean plate. Smear it with little ghee and pour the prepared halwa on it. After it is well cooled, cut it into slices and serve it with coffee or tea.

The New Women of India

TO the average tourist who comes to India nowadays, probably the modern Indian woman is as great an attraction as the Taj Mahal at Agra. Every country in the world has its modern girl who replaces old traditions and customs with new as the torch-bearer of progress. But the Indian modern girl seems to represent a process of change probably more accentuated than any other in the history of modern civilisation, writes "Sheela" in The Orient Weekly.

India's new woman has assiduously studied the ways of the West and is today demanding greater economic and social freedom. To release herself from the age-old bonds of home, she is fighting an up-hill battle, not only for freedom and rights of her own, but against her traditional self in order to harmonise her own being with the progress and change that surround her on all sides.

The traditional social status of the Indian woman, to be historically correct, is just as much a foreign importation as the new social status she is trying to win. It is said that in olden days, the Indian woman was always considered as the "compliment of man," and both man and woman recognised and respected the essential temperamental differences between the two sexes.

But during the past few centuries there has been a great change over India's indigenous social system with a consequent diminution of woman's social status. Her place came to be in the home in the strict sense of the term. In social life she was considered sinful, incapable and unintelligent. And for centuries this remained her social position, and during those centuries her character was moulded and disciplined under that system.

AN AWAKENING

Today the "downtrodden" woman of India is waking up. Coming in contact with other nations, she finds herself far behind the times. Stimulated by the freedom and activity of her Western and Japanese sisters, she has begun to fight against age-old customs in the face of embarassing sneers and jeers from the older generation.

Traditions, however, are very tenacious. There is the family system which holds the sceptre of social power in this country. Under the traditional social order woman had no existence except as a mother or wife. Not only was she socially and economically dependent on others, but even the surrender of her spiritual and moral life was complete and unquestionable.

An unmarried girl was a misnomer in a family. But with the contact of modern civilisation, the old type of family life is definitely on the down grade, and the individual is slowly coming to recognition.

However much the orthodox conservatives might condemn Western civilisation, it must be admitted that it has spread a new philosophy of life in replacing the individual for the family as the keynote of society. The traditional morality of the family, a morality dependent on the economic inferiority and social slavery of women, is giving way to a new morality which looks upon women as essentially human beings, subject to the same emotions and feelings as men.

The modern girl does not view spinsterdom with quite the same horror as her predecessor. She has begun to ask for a moral and social code that is applicable to men and women alike, for, she has realised that the double standard that existed was devised by men for the benefit of men.

The emancipated woman dislikes not only the origin of the old code, but also its component parts. Upon examining it, she has found that it had been connected chiefly of fear and duty.

THE TRUTH

Today, she has learnt the great truth that her life is her own and that one individual is as sacred as another. The modern girl has at last found her own personality. She merely feels that her life is her own and that she is responsible for all her acts.

Independence of action is the key-note of this new philosophy of life. And in this she demands freedom not only in the matter of choosing a husband, but the still more greater freedom to have or not to have a husband. The modern girl wants a New Deal in marriage.

The new code of life has not found acceptance everywhere. Many leading newspapers and journals still operate on older conventional lines. Moreover, there are many champions of the old code. It is impossible to lay mines under a social life that existed for thousands of years without mobilising hostile forces. Nor has the partial adoption of the code occurred without bringing in its train some abuses. But that is inevitable.

Nevertheless, in her effort to readjust the balance of virtues, the new woman has probably helped to allay the feverish interest in sex, first, by provoking frank discussion of it and second, by insisting upon a reduction upon its relative importance. She has proved that women should cherish not only the virtues of chastity and fidelity, but also other good qualities, especially frankness, courage, good sportsmanship, tolerance, forgiveness, cheerfulness, constancy, love, honesty and sincerity.

The new woman of India, like her sister in the West, has changed in many ways in the past ten years. Today, we could mention the accomplishments of at least a few women in our country in sport, adventure, industry, commerce, art and politics. It is an earnest attempt, which needs the support of all modern girls and especially of all modern students.

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Teachers and Trade Union

IT is notorious that the Government and the municipalities, which are supposed to advance the cause of the uplift of the Indians in this country, themselves do very little towards this end. It is obvious that no person can improve his standard of living without having the wherewithal to do so. Yet the Government and the municipalities, which employ Indian labour, pay wages at a rate which would render private enterprises liable to prosecution under the various wage determinations, gazetted from time to time by the Government.

There are the interpreters, police and teachers who are clamouring for an increase in their salaries, which are not adequate to maintain the standard of life which is required of them. Under the various wage acts no discrimination is made in regard to the pay as between one racial group of workers and another. All of them are treated alike; the Indian cabinetmaker is paid the same wage as the European cabinetmaker. Yet the Government, in their own service, always draw the line when they have to pay the European interpreter and the Indian interpreter, several of whom we know are doing the work that is expected of the European civil servant, but who, with years of service to their credit, get not a penny extra than the salary which is almost on a par with that of the European probationer.

In the Provincial service there are similar racial discriminations. The Indian teacher, with qualifications equal to or even better than those of his European prototype, is paid on a salary scale which in comparison with the European teacher almost ends where the latter's begins. His very maximum is the European teacher's minimum.

There is another class of teachers, who are employed in the State-aided Indian schools and who are doing identically the same kind of work as the teachers in the Government schools. In practically all respects there is no difference between the two groups. But when it comes to taking over the responsibility in regard to pay and to extend the privileges, which are granted to the teachers in Government Indian schools, then the Administration repudiates all liability. Then they become the servants of the manager and not of the State, which is responsible for laying down their salary scale. This also is framed with such mathematical ingenuity that those who have formulated it have seen to it that the majority of the teachers shall receive no more than £5 a month, no matter what qualifications they hold. This pay is slightly more than the minimum of £4 6 8 laid down for unskilled workers.

The teachers in the Government-aided schools have, therefore, decided, and not without due consideration, that their only hope to secure any improvement in their conditions of service is on trade union lines. It must have cost them an effort to disclaim their connection with "the noble profession" and "come down to the trades." In this change they are in good company. We need name only one of such organisations—namely, the Society of Journalists in England, which once had to decide whether it had to progress along professional or trade union lines, and many chose the latter, forming the National Union of Journalists as opposed to the Institute of Journalists.

It does not, however, matter what kind of organisation it is; the main thing is to get on with the job, forget about its "nobility"—for all work, even that of the sweeper, is "noble"—and to see that in its proper and efficient discharge it carries a remuneration adequate to maintain the position required of the individual. And the maintenance of "this Western standard" wanted by the Cape Town Agreement of the Indian community is no cheap one. If its sustentation means a better status for the community as a whole, then the teachers' fight for improved pay, even through a trade union movement, must deserve the support of all Indians.

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Administration Makes A Yearly Profit

By "A.B.C."

A new school term has commenced. To hundreds of Indian homes in Natal it has brought disappointment. Indian children have been refused admission to the schools to acquire even the most elementary education. This is not something new, there has been overcrowding in Indian schools for many years now, but the authorities have done very little to improve matters effectively.

It is true that they have in few very congested areas like Clairwood introduced double session classes, but these can hardly be called satisfactory. Each new term continues to bring an increase in the already twenty thousand Indian children of schoolgoing age who are given no facilities whatever to go to schools, with the result that they become an easy prey to the child labour market of this "civilised" country.

In 1937 the Broome Commission completed its work on education. The commission made various recommendations for the improvements of Indian education, but despite these recommendations a criminal neglect has continued in Indian education.

Instead of putting these recommendations into effect the Provincial Administration has continued to make a profit of thousands of pounds out of Indian education. And this out of the meagre subsidy of five guineas per each child granted by the Central Government, whereas the Administration spends a sum of £19 15s 9d. on each European child. The figures of the Education Department themselves prove this.

The latest report of the Agent-General for the Government of India shows that each year the Administration still makes a profit of five to six thousand pounds.

What makes it possible for the Education Department to make such huge profits out of such meagre subsidy? The answer to this question is found in the facts that:

(1) Out of the 122 Indian schools in the province there are 93 schools known as the aided schools. These schools in the majority of the cases have been built by the Indian community. Many of these are wholly unsuited for school purposes, yet the authorities have done nothing to bring about radical changes. To quote from a report of an inspector in charge of Indian education:

"Several of the buildings are old, dilapidated, and made of unsuitable material: a mere iron shed without ceiling or lining of any kind. In some places the school is a large hall where several teachers with their classes are trying to do work under difficult conditions."

Thus we find that in order to make Indian education a profit-making concern such conditions are allowed to exist.

(2) Another scandalous affair exists as far as salaries of the teachers are concerned. Out of some six hundred Indian teachers employed by the Department, 452 teachers are employed in the aided schools. Of these 45 per cent. are fixed at £60 per annum; 42 per cent. are fixed at £78 14s., while 13 per cent. commence with the salary of £127. As these figures show a very large number of our teachers receive a salary of £5 per month! And teaching is called a "Noble Profession"!

These teachers have to work under most adverse conditions. Children in Indian schools have no dental or medical inspection and thus the teacher himself is in constant danger of becoming infected with numerous diseases prevalent among poor Indian children coming from the slums. Yet the authorities make no provision for sick leave for the aided teachers.

In many schools the teacher that is affected is made to pay for his substitute and if he continues to remain sick he is kicked out of the profession.

There are many other grievances besides these as far as the aided teachers are concerned.

So far there has been no effective fight put forward by these teachers but as dissatisfaction is continuing something is bound to develop. There are already indications of a move towards the formation of a trade union for the aided men and no one could deny the fact that if they are united in a powerful body then they will not only improve their position but at the same time bring about drastic changes in the entire system of Indian education.

Our Readers Speak . . .

UNITY AMONG INDIANS

Unity—What a word? You have heard it said so many times, "If only Indians were united, they would have ——." Hundred and one things could be filled in that blank space. Europeans have repeated it; Indians themselves have repeated it. You would still hear them, provided we make some radical changes in us.

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There are the interpreters, police and teachers who are clamouring for an increase in their salaries, which are not adequate to maintain the standard of life which is required of them. Under the various wage acts no discrimination is made in regard to the pay as between one racial group of workers and another. All of them are treated alike; the Indian cabinetmaker is paid the same wage as the European cabinetmaker. Yet the Government, in their own service, always draw the line when they have to pay the European interpreter and the Indian interpreter, several of whom we know are doing the work that is expected of the European civil servant, but who, with years of service to their credit, get not a penny extra than the salary which is almost on a par with that of the European probationer.

In the Provincial service there are similar racial discriminations. The Indian teacher, with qualifications equal to or even better than those of his European prototype, is paid on a salary scale which in comparison with the European teacher almost ends where the latter's begins. His very maximum is the European teacher's minimum.

There is another class of teachers, who are employed in the State-aided Indian schools and who are doing identically the same kind of work as the teachers in the Government schools. In practically all respects there is no difference between the two groups. But when it comes to taking over the responsibility in regard to pay and to extend the privileges, which are granted to the teachers in Government Indian schools, then the Administration repudiates all liability. Then they become the servants of the manager and not of the State, which is responsible for laying down their salary scale. This also is framed with such mathematical ingenuity that those who have formulated it have seen to it that the majority of the teachers shall receive no more than £5 a month, no matter what qualifications they hold. This pay is slightly more than the minimum of £4/6/8 laid down for unskilled workers.

The teachers in the Government-aided schools have, therefore, decided, and not without due consideration, that their only hope to secure any improvement in their conditions of service is on trade union lines. It must have cost them an effort to disclaim their connection with "the noble profession" and "come down to the trades." In this change they are in good company. We need name only one of such organisations—namely, the Society of Journalists in England, which once had to decide whether it had to progress along professional or trade union lines, and many chose the latter, forming the National Union of Journalists as opposed to the Institute of Journalists.

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By "A.B.C."

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In 1937 the Broome Commission completed its work on education. The commission made various recommendations for the improvements of Indian education, but despite these recommendations a criminal neglect has continued in Indian education.

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What makes it possible for the Education Department to make such huge profits out of such meagre subsidy? The answer to this question is found in the facts that:

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Mr. S. Panday writes:—

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I wish to express my indignation and the great shock that this unusual incident has given to most of us who know of no such precedence in the history of the Hindus in this country and elsewhere.

Greater grew the amazement when it was learnt that Mr. E. B. Maharaj ennobled and ordained Mr. Shivarathan as a priest. It seems that Mr. Maharaj by the power of some divine rights has secured the passport which entitles him to convert whomsoever he wishes into the order of Brahminhood.

May I ask Mr. Maharaj through the medium of your columns whether this is not a direct breach and violation of the Hindu law and custom which he claims to follow. I wish to make but frank and candid expression, that Mr. Maharaj by ordaining Mr. Shivarathan as a priest has doubtlessly committed an act of aggression against the Vedic doctrines as well as the Laws of Manu which clearly puts down the birth, together with the qualification, as the basis principle of caste system upon which is moulded the Hindu Society.

I challenge Mr. Maharaj to come forward and make amends to prove the justification of his act. The fact that he has overridden public opinion cannot be denied for one moment.

Let it be clear that I begrudge nobody, but what I do like to know is whether Mr. Maharaj owes any allegiance at all to the religion he professes to follow, for where are his principles to guide and control his public obligations and activities.

The following reasons should amply justify the condemnation of his recent action of initiation:—

(a) As all know, the initiated is of Shudra birth and he does not possess the required qualification to be admitted as a Purohit. Has he ever been to a Gurukula?

(b) The Hindu scriptures and the Laws of Manu do not sanction such conversions.

(c) According to Swami Dayanand's "Light of Truth" the wearing of the Sacred Thread is forbidden to all except to the twice-born, e.g. Brahamins, Khetryas, and Vaishyas.

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Can such initiation be therefore ever recognised? Apparently, Mr. Maharaj has endeavoured to surpass the reformer of Modern India, for even Dayanand had never ventured to do such things in order to mark the milestones in the progress of humanism. Surely if milestones of progress can be achieved by this simple method then all sought to resort to conversion without least delay and irrespective of qualification, etc.

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INDIAN traders are to oppose the further curtailment of Friday night shop hours to 8 p.m. A decision was taken by merchants at a meeting organised by the Natal Indian Congress, in Durban, on Monday evening.

Mr. V. Lawrence was the chairman. It was proposed, he said, to make representations to the City Council and the Provincial Executive.

Mr. Hans Maghraji, secretary of the congress, said that he had got into touch with Councillor Mr. Farrell, who supported the plea that shops should be opened between 7 and 9 p.m. on Fridays. Mr. McIntyre, the assistant town clerk, said that the matter of early closing had been referred to the General Purposes Committee and not accepted by the council as it had been wrongly reported in one of the daily newspapers. The congress would be given an opportunity to state its case.

Mr. C. M. Angelis touched on the purpose of the meeting in Gujerati.

Mr. M. I. Simjee said that they must ask the council to revert to the opening hours of 7 to 9 o'clock. They should enlist the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. M. A. Jadwat said that he had already got in touch with the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce and its secretary had told him that he was not prepared to divulge any information.

HELP OF MR. NEWTON

Mr. E. I. Haffejee said that, in support of their case, they might secure the help of Mr. Newton, the president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Newton knew of their difficulties and he might be prepared to do something for the Indian merchant. They should also see the manager of the City Bazaar, who also had been opposed to early closing.

Mr. D. Shaikh feared that if they pressed the matter too far there was a danger that Indians might get a restricted licence to trade only with other Indians and natives.

Mr. A. M. Moolla referred to the nuisance that would be experienced by the buying public in the further restriction of trading hours.

The meeting decided to appoint a committee of five to cooperate with the congress in its representations against the bylaw. Messrs. E. I. Haffejee, G. H. A. Mayat, S. I. Mohomedy, M. D. Timol and M. I. Simjee were elected to this committee.

Shopkeepers were advised to get a petition, against the further restriction of shopping hours, signed by all their customers.

EARLY CLOSING

There seems to be some misapprehension as to the powers vested in the Administrator of Natal in regard to closing of shops on Friday evenings.

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and the inheritor of the crown and none other.

If Mr. Maharaj accepts the caste system by action, then he ought to realise that he automatically becomes a varnaya which demands the immediate deletion of the title of "Maharaj" from his name, since he follows the profession of a book-keeper. He ought to practise what he preaches and advocates. Examples are better than precepts.

In conclusion I just say this, that in the eyes of the general public Mr. Shivarathan will remain what he originally was and so will his varna—which is inseparable to the end.

Sub-section 2 of section 4 of Ordinance 9 of 1939 called "The Shop Hours Ordinance," reads as follows:—

(4) The Administrator may, upon the application of any local authority and after any inquiry which he may deem necessary or proper, declare by notice in the Gazette that on Fridays shops in the area of such local authority may remain open between the hours of 5 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 o'clock in the evening, but not later, in substitution for the closing hours appointed for Fridays as provided in paragraph (b) of subsection (1)."

When an attempt was made last year by the Maritzburg Corporation to obtain the authority of the Administrator to close shops on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m., objections were lodged by the Natal Indian Association to the early closing of shops.

The point was apparently referred to the legal advisers, and the Provincial Secretary in a communication dated September 5, 1940, to the Natal Indian Association makes the legal position clear as follows:—

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, I beg to state that the Administrator is advised that Subsection (4) of Section 4 of Ordinance 9 of 1939 does not permit of the exercise of any discretion in so far as the hours mentioned therein are concerned. The powers given must be exercised in toto or not at all. The Town Clerk has been advised accordingly."

This ruling applies to all General Dealers' shops in Natal.

No amount of agitation will alter the position and there can be no compulsion to close shops earlier than 7 p.m. on Fridays until such time the Ordinance is amended.

Death of Mrs. K. K. Pillay

The death took place of Mrs. K. K. Pillay at her home in Greenwood Park last Saturday.

She was widely known and greatly respected by all those who knew her. She was charitably-minded and, like her late husband, who predeceased her several years ago, was ever generous in supporting all public endeavours.

She leaves behind a large family to whom the sympathy of the community is extended on their great loss.

Death of Miss Mathir

Miss Ayesha, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Mathir, of Newcastle, passed away after a prolonged illness, at the residence of Messrs. M. M. Ismail and Co., at Ladysmith on Saturday.

The late Miss Mathir was well liked and was a talented girl. She had an education in Arabic, Urdu, Gujerati and English.

She acted as hostess on several occasions, in the absence of her father, to popular figures in the commercial and political world. Miss Mather was only 22 years of age.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the cortege proceeding to the Mohammedan cemetery.

There was a large number of people from parts of Natal and some from the Transvaal.

Among those present included Messrs. Suliman Nana, Ismail Sayed, C. H. A. Natkerdien, Dawood Ismail, I. M. Parak, E. M. Kajee, I. M. Ismail, Ismail Tawfik, S. C. Tawfik, A. M. Hansa and Yusuf Jadwat.

"BLOOD AS SACRIFICE"

Maritzburg Muslims' Innovation?

Mr. Syed Muhammad writes:

It has come to my notice that recently a "Foundation Laying Ceremony" for the erection of the new mosque was held by the officials and members of the Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamic Trust.

The ceremony which was due to commence in the afternoon was preceded by the slaughtering of a goat in the forenoon in the presence of a few members, and the blood used as a sacrifice was buried under the "Mehrab."

Being a Muslem and having studied the Quran and the religion of Islam nowhere could I find that on any occasion was blood used as sacrifice especially in the erection of a mosque. Further it is understood that Maulvi S. M. Issa of Richmond conducted the affair in question.

Now may I be permitted to ask the Maulana or any officials of the Musjid to clear the matter, as it is very essential, through the medium of the press, from such authorities as the Quran, Authentic Traditions or the Fiqah as it would not only satisfy those donors but the whole Muslim public in general.

Though a new mosque is being erected in Maritzburg for a small section of Muslims, while two are still in existence, would only leave an indelible impression on the minds of the worshippers as the new mosque a considerable doubt while praying, through this practice of blood being used as sacrifice.

Going through the various history ever since Islam was founded I cannot trace the blood sacrifice during the building of mosques in South Africa or anywhere in the Muslim world.

THE WASCHBANK MOSQUE

The joint hon. secretary, Mr. Ebrahim E. Ameen, reports:—

The collection committee members of the Waschbank Muslim Mosque Trust have left Waschbank for collection, and they have to receive a generous response wherever they may go.

After the collection of a substantial amount from our Muslem brethren a mosque will be built, and with the balance of the money the trust will invest the sum for the purpose of income, so that the mosque and the madressa will be maintained from this income.

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Panday had not established his case. He did not see how the managers would be able to get extra money for higher salaries.

Several prominent officials and members of the Teachers' Society then spoke on the question of the formation of a trade union of aided school teachers.

This resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That this special general meeting of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society gives permission to the aided teachers to form their own trade union."

Mr. P. R. A. Reddy will deliver a lecture on "Duty and its achievement" on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the headquarters of the Hindu Youth Club.

The final for the Ismail's Challenge Shield ("B" Division) is to be played between Umzinto and Sastri College at Umzinto tomorrow.

Owing to the demise of Miss Ayesha Ismail Mather all sports fixtures at Ladysmith were cancelled on Saturday last.

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SHIRLEY TEMPLE AT THE AVALON

Avalon continues to provide the best fare possible for its patrons, for next week, from Monday to Wednesday, it has a double programme. The ever popular favourite, Shirley Temple, appears in "Little Miss Broadway" and the other feature film is "Our Fighting Navy."

The naval picture is topical and the story might be an incident of the present war. For on hearing disturbing news of unrest in the South American Republic of Bianca, the Admiralty detach H.M.S. Audacious from the Home Fleet and order her to proceed to strengthen the West Indies Squadron. She arrives at Bianca under Captain Markham at the same time as a steamer bearing Pamela Brent, the daughter of the British Consul, with whom she is in love. The Second Lieutenant of Audacious, Dick Armstrong, is instructed to escort her to her father's house. They get embroiled in an insurrection, are captured and taken on board the battleship El Mirante, whose crew has joined the rebels.

Meanwhile the President of the Republic has taken refuge in the consulate and the rebels demand that he is handed over to them on pain of bombardment of the Consulate.

On the Consul's refusal they commence firing, but Audacious slips cable, has a skirmish between El Mirante and the ship and sinks her in an engagement, ending the fight the two prisoners jump overboard and are picked up by a boat from the Audacious, Pamela being restored to her father and to Captain Markham.

"Four Sons," unanimously hailed by previewers as "an emotional masterpiece, splendidly convincing," comes on Thursday to the Avalon. The compelling power and the force of the emotional drama of the new 20th Century-Fox film moved critics to label it in advance as "a picture that must be seen."

For this great picture Darryl F. Zanuck drafted the services of outstanding players including: Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, Mary Beth Hughes, Alan Curtis, George Ernest, Robert Lowery, and many others.

Surpassing anything he has ever done, Don Ameche heads the brilliant cast. Fresh from his great triumph in "Lillian Russell," he is said to "reveal a new manner in a truly outstanding performance." Previewers claim that his portrayal outshines even his Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Hollywood Cavalcade" and "Swanee River" triumphs.

POWERFUL ROLE

Said to be the most powerfully dramatic role of them all, the character of the mother is enacted by Miss Leontovich.

Alan Curtis is splendidly convincing in his role. He has a part which calls for strength, force and determination. His portrayal should add greatly to his reputation for fine performances.

As a reward for the excellent work she did in recent pictures, Mary Beth Hughes was selected to play the leading romantic role in "Four Sons" opposite Don Ameche.

"Four Sons" was directed with enormous vigour by Archie Mayo who during the past has turned out some of the most powerful films including "Bordertown" and "Petrified Forest."

The impact of its emotional outcry and depth of feeling on preview audiences left them with the feeling that they had "seen one of the timely and great pictures of the year." The vividness and startling clarity that mark Mayo's work are said to highlight the film.

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Slow Cricket in Maritzburg

Schools continued their innings of last Saturday (20 for 2) when they were all out for 164. They just managed to save the follow on by 35 runs in a league fixture. Duraisamy played a fine innings and was the top scorer with 42. P. Kain with 40 was the next best. 30 was scored by the Natal Indian. K. Moodley, K. Francis 17 and M. Sebastian 11; P. Nulliah 16.

Teli Chetty the Natal captain captured 7 wickets for 48 runs, bowling 15 overs, 4 maiden. Next was G. Kanas, bowled 5 overs, 2 maidens, 15 runs, 2 wickets. He claimed a wicket of the first ball of his over and a maiden wicket of the last over. T. Cheeny, 11 overs, 2 maidens, 34 runs, 1 wicket.

Elms Royals were on the field in innings.

Orientals won the toss and decided to bat against Royals for Cassimjee Cup replay. A. H. Rawat and Y. S. Cassimjee opened their first wicket falling when A. H. Rawat was smartly run out by J. Jack with a quick throw in by R. G. Naidoo for 33. Y. S. Cassimjee played very cautious cricket scoring 69 in 55 minutes and carried his bat. A. I. Rawat 24 and G. H. A. Rawat with a quick 24 and S. M. Kadow also played cautiously for 12 taking him 1 hour, and A. Soomar undefeated with 12, the captain, Gopaul, declared the innings of 200 for 9 wickets.

E. Cassimjee was the best bowler for Royals, bowling 12 overs, 33 runs, 3 wickets, R. G. Naidoo 11 overs, 2 maidens, 36 runs, 2 wickets, G. Ganas claimed 2 wickets bowled 7 overs, 3 maidens, 13 runs, and Teli Chetty 24 overs, 3 maidens, 35 runs, 1 wicket.

Royals were given only 1½ hours to bat, in which time they scored 45 for 2 wickets and as the light was failing at 5.30 pm. an agreed was made and the umpires called for the close of play. The two being out were Teli Chetty caught, and A. Salamon in the leg trap off V. Adam for 5, and E. Chetty caught I. S. Cassimjee off A. I. Rawat for 3.

Stella's 10 Wickets Win

In the Mayville district cricket Shell Cup fixture Stella jumped over another hurdle on Sunday when they defeated the Manor C.C. by 10 wickets in the semi-final for the Shell Cup.

Stella will now play Cato in the district final.

The fourth annual meeting of the Maritzburg Islamia Football Club will be held at Mr. I. I. Mohamed's residence, 570 Church Street, Maritzburg, tomorrow at 2 p.m. sharp. Usual agenda.

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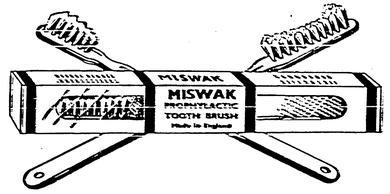

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SOCCER TEAM FROM INDIA Abandoned Because of War

The secretary of the Natal Indian Football Association, Mr. D. Sarawan, in his annual report for the season 1940-1941, mentions that nine associations were affiliated to the N.I.F.A., namely: D.I.F.A., M.D.I.F.A., K.R.D.I.F.A. and N.D.I.F.A. (Saturday section), and S.C.D.I.F.A., Mayville D.I.F.A., D.I.S.L., M.C.I.F.A. and C.I.F.A. (Sunday section).

The N.I.F.A. was affiliated to the South African Indian Football Association. Referring to the negotiation conducted between the India Football Association and the N.I.F.A. for the purpose of bringing a soccer team from India the report stated that owing to the international situation this project had to be abandoned for the time being.

The triangular tournament for the All-India Cup was played for the second time at Maritzburg and resulted in a win for the coastal team. This team comprised a representative side selected from the following coastal associations, namely: D.I.F.A., D.I.S.L., May D.I.F.A., S.C.D.I.F.A. and C.I.F.A.

The financial statement showed that an amount of £80 1s. 10d. had been received and £50 19s. 1d. spent, leaving a cash balance of £35 2s. 9d.

The question of establishing a sinking fund to stabilise the financial position of the N.I.F.A. was discussed at a council meeting. The report suggested that this project if put into being would establish the N.I.F.A. on a sounder footing than hitherto.

The report is to be presented at the annual meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association to be held at the H.Y.M.A. Library Hall, Maritzburg, tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

Depot Road Old Boys

The second annual meeting of the Depot road school old boys' club was held at the club's headquarters, Depot road, Durban, on Sunday last, at which the following officebearers were elected: Patron, Mr. Anand Rai; president, Mr. P. R. A. Reddy; vice presidents, Messrs. P. R. Singh, E. Sigamoney, R. Moodley, T. Mahan, M. K. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. Moodley; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Veloo; councillors, Messrs. P. Krishnan, I. G. Shaik, M. Moodley, E. Mohammed and K. Bungaar Naidoo.

The Old Boys' football club will make a short tour of Johannesburg and Pretoria during the Easter holidays to play soccer friendly matches in aid of the Governor-General's Fund.

Tongaat Tennis

At the tenth annual meeting of the Tongaat Indian Tennis Club held at Tongaat recently the following were elected officials: Patrons, Messrs. S. T. Naidoo, A. M. Arbee, Kandhai Vassudi, G. V. Naidu and V. P. Desai; life vice-presidents: Messrs. A. P. Naidoo, V. S. Naidoo and A. V. Naidoo; president, Mr. R. Sancho; vice-president, Messrs. R. G. Naidoo, K. P. Desai, G. Harbans, M. G. Naidoo and C. K. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. V. R. Naidoo; hon. asst. secretary, Mr. P. R. Naidoo; treasurer and captain, Mr. R. Kandhai; vice-captain, Mr. C. R. Naidoo; auditor, Mr. V. V. Naidoo.

Young Muslims Win Natal Cup Semi-final

Railway, of Ladysmith, played Young Muslims in the Natal cup cricket semi-final at Durban on Sunday last.

Hendricks won the toss and put the Railway in to bat. They opened with Nulliah and Haf, with Hendricks bowling from the town end, and Asmal from the racecourse end.

The opening pair played steadily, and at 16 Haf was out, Akoojee taking a catch off Asmal. Harry filled the vacancy, but did not stay long, as he and Ramdeen were out quickly at this stage with the score at 27. Mahomed joined Nulliah, who was batting with confidence. They carried the score to 50, when Nulliah was out with a well-played 22. Narrandas, who came in, was out the next ball, and at 54 Mahomed lost his wicket, having scored 10. Frank and Lazarus were together, and at 66 Frank was out lbw off Asmal, having scored 11. Asmal's next victim was Moodley, followed by Lazarus and Kallie, and W. Narrandas 3 not out. That brought the Railway innings to a close at 73.

The bowling average was:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hendricks	13	2	28	3
Asmal	13.1	1	31	7
Akoojee	4	0	14	0

S. Hendricks and D. Paruk opened the Muslims' innings, and at 13 Paruk was bowled by Mahomed. E. V. Mahomed went in and was out just as quickly. Hendricks followed suit, and the score still stood at 13. Asmal was out at 17. E. N. Mahomed was bowling exceptionally well. His average at this stage was 5 overs, 3 maidens, 4 wickets, 5 runs. Kallie was brought on vice Ramdeen, who bowled Hendricks, and when Akoojee followed the score was 24 with six wickets down.

Muslims now got a fright, and it was only when G. R. Bux and Jeewa got together that things brightened up. This pair carried the score to 51, when Jeewa was out for 5. Mathir joined Bux, but was out at 55, when Jogee filled the gap.

This pair improved matters, and some bright cricket was witnessed. Bux pulled Mahomed for a 6, and in the next over for a 4, the scoring was at a fast rate, Bux and Jogee not leaving any loose ones. This partnership added 47 for the ninth wicket, when Jogee was out with a well-played 30, in as many minutes at the wicket. Khan, the last man, joined Bux, but at 107 the innings closed, when Bux was bowled by Freddie.

In their second innings Railway scored 74 (Hamideen 12, W. Narrandas 13, K. Moodley 30).

Young Muslims wanted 40 runs to exceed the Railway double innings score. This they secured for the loss of two wickets, thus winning by eight wickets, with Paruk (11), Akoojee (22).

TENNIS RESULTS

The Natal doubles championship for the K. K. Pillay's bowls, Division "A" competition, was played on Sunday on the Moonlighters' tennis court, Sydenham. The previous holders of this competition were Bramdaw and Maharajh, for the last three years running.

In the first round the champions were knocked out by D. Roopnarian and E. Gany in two sets, 6—3, 6—1, after a most exciting finish.

These two young lads were on top of their form, and are undefeated partners in the Natal fixtures so far.

Following are the full results:—

First round: S. Roopnarian and J. S. Jugnath lost to T. Moodley and J. Jeewan, 6—8, 5—7, 0—6; P. Moodley and V. Thumbio beat M. S. Pillay and C. C. Govender; D. Roopnarian and E. Gany beat Bramdaw and S. Maharajh, 6—3, 6—1.

Second round: G. Narian and G. H. E. Paruk lost to J. Jeewan and T. Moodley, 3—6, 1—6; P. Moodley and V. Thumbio lost to D. Roopnarian and E. Gany, 3—6, 3—6.

The finalists were J. Jeewan and T. Moodley and D. Roopnarian and E. Gany.

The final will be played at a later date.

Asmal Cup Match

For the Asmal's cup competition, only one match was played over the weekend. Central met Sastri College and defeated them by 19 runs.

Central, 83 (C. R. Naidoo 35, M. T. Moodley 12, J. Chengiah 13; Ayob, 4 wickets for 33 runs, Mall 5 for 18).

Sastri College, 64 (Selven 20, M. Mahomed 12; Chengiah 3 wickets for 21 runs, M. C. Reddy 5 for 9).

Asmal's Cup matches tomorrow:—
Kismet v. Stella (No. 3).
Orientan v. Young Muslims (main).

S.A. Cricket Fixtures

Last Saturday the executive of the S.A.I.C.U. met to complete the final arrangements for the forthcoming tournament and draw fixtures.

The following were the fixtures drawn to be played during the Easter recess.

April 11 and 12 Natal v. Eastern Province.

April 13 and 14 Transvaal v. Natal.

April 15 and 16, Eastern Province v. Transvaal.

Hours of play each day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In this first Indian cricket tournament keen interest has been created, especially in Transvaal, who are sure of winning first laurels.

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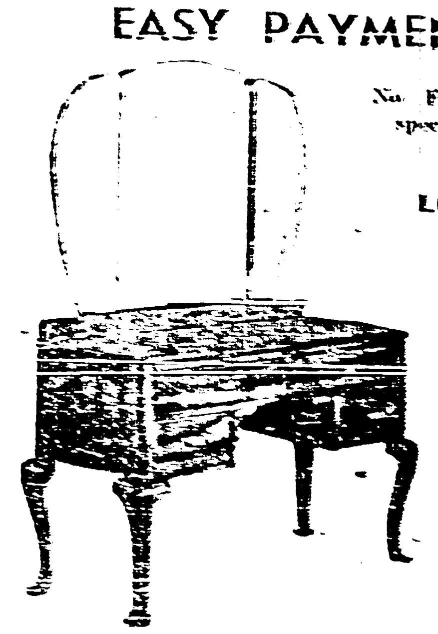
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INTERMINGLING IN FACTORIES

Unproved Allegation Says Mr. A. I. Kajee

A JOINT deputation, representing the Cape Indian Congress, the Natal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress, led by Mr. A. I. Kajee, interviewed the Minister of Labour, Mr. W. Madeley, in Cape Town, last week, in connection with certain amendments to the Factories, Machinery and Building Work Bill now before Parliament. After the interview Mr. Kajee wrote to the Minister as follows:—

"With reference to the interview which we, as representing the Cape Indian Congress, the Natal Indian Congress and the Transvaal Indian Congress had with you this morning regarding our objection to two of the clauses of the Factories, Machinery and Building Work Bill now before Parliament, which seek to empower the Minister to make regulations and apply such basis of discrimination and differentiation as he may deem advisable, we now write and reiterate more fully our objections and protest in this memo, and appeal to you that the benefits that this proposed Act will undoubtedly confer upon employees engaged in industry be not marred by the inclusion therein of the two clauses to which we object.

"On behalf of our respective congresses, we beg to place on record our appreciation for your statement in Parliament, that it is not the object of the Bill to exclude Indian or other non-European workers from industrial employment, and also for your firm attitude in refusing to include a segregation clause in the Bill.

"We must, however, confess to a sense of surprise that after this statement and attitude on your part towards the plea of segregation the Bill should include the following clauses, namely, 24 (3) and more specifically 51 (3), which empower that

different regulations may be made in respect of different areas, or different classes of persons or premises, or different classes of factories, machinery, building work or excavation work, or different classes of occupiers of factories, users of machinery, employers, builders, excavators or employes, and in making such regulations the Governor-General may apply such basis of discrimination or differentiation as he may deem advisable.

"The debates in Parliament indicate that the demand for the inclusion of the powers of segregation is based upon the unproved allegation of the intermingling in factories of European girls with native men. We submit that the separation of the sexes does not necessitate the inclusion in the Bill of unfettered statutory powers by regulation which would differentiate and discriminate on grounds of race or colour.

"The principle of segregation or separation on grounds of race or colour is consistent and repugnant to the ideals and sentiment of the trade union movement and of the Wage and Industrial Conciliation Acts of the Union. The Industrial Conciliation Act and the Wage Act of 1937, under Section 24 (2) and Section 5 respectively, expressly provide that no differentiation of discrimination on the basis of race or colour shall be made.

WHITE LABOUR POLICY

"The adoption of the civilised labour policy, or the 'white labour policy' as it is significantly called, has by administrative action alone reacted detrimentally to Indian employment, so much so that the number of Indians employed on the railways, numbering some 1,800 in 1924, was reduced to 300 in 1938. In other Government departments the number of Indians was reduced from 955 in 1924 to 200 in 1938. The adverse effect of this white labour policy upon Indian employment in private industrial concerns was as detrimental as it was in the sphere of Government employment, as will be evident from the following:—

"The number of Indians employed in industrial concerns in 1924 was 5 per cent. of the total employes of all races. This was reduced to 4 per cent. in 1929. According to the industrial census of 1937-8, of the 305,155 industrial workers of all races in the Union, 12,674 were Indians (of whom 507 were females), representing 4.1 per cent., whereas the Europeans represented 38.3 per cent., the natives 46.6 per cent., and the coloureds 11 per cent. of the total workers engaged in industry in the Union.

"Thus where there has been a normal increase in the Indian population there has been a fall in the number of industrial workers. This unhappy state of affairs exists without the application of statutory powers of differentiation or discrimination. We need not stress the fact of our fears of what may result in the sphere of Indian and non-European employment if discrimination and differentiation was permitted by statutory regulation.

"By the provisions of the Capetown Agreement of 1926, entered into between the Union and Indian Governments, the Indian community accepted the principle of equal pay for equal work, but this principle is meaningless unless there are equal opportunities of obtaining work.

FUTURE SECURITY

"We desire to submit that the future security of employment of Indians and non-Europeans in industry will be endangered by the powers of discrimination and differentiation sought to be given in the Bill.

"These powers of differentiation and discrimination can, we fear, be invoked by an unsympathetic Minister of Labour to effect the total exclusion of non-Europeans from certain trades, occupations and avenues of employment.

"On the grounds of principle and national dignity, we strongly object, as we have always done, to any enactment, law or regulation which seeks to differentiate or discriminate on the grounds of race or colour. In the maintenance of this attitude we are supported by the people and the Government of India.

"We respectfully urge that when the world is passing through momentous times and democracy is waging a war for its very existence, in which the people of India and the Indian community, along with the other non-European communities of South Africa, are taking their full share, we submit that the seeking of the powers we complain of is reactionary and foreign to the principles of democracy.

"In fact, we cannot but say that it tantamounts to a policy of appeasement and surrender to the forces of totalitarianism, which seeks for the elimination of the non-Europeans from all possible spheres of employment by which Indians and other non-Europeans may achieve a higher standard of life, and their relegation to the status of lower beings and slaves.

"In conclusion, we therefore respectfully urge upon you that Clause 51 (3) be amended by the addition of the following:—

" ' . . . provided that no differentiation or discrimination on the basis of race or colour shall be made.' "

BROMLEY'S BANNED BUSES

The refusal of the Durban municipal buses, plying between Durban North and to Umhlanga Rocks and Durban, to carry Indian passengers is causing a great deal of resentment among Indian residents in these areas.

They claim that as ratepayers they are entitled to enjoy this public facility.

At the moment rear seats are only allocated to servants, Indians or natives, of European residents of those localities.

The Natal Indian Congress has taken up the matter with the general manager, Mr. J. A. Bromley, who, on February 28, wrote: "It is proposed to make further representations to the proper quarters in an endeavour to remedy this position."

On March 12 the Congress wrote as follows:—

"We refer you to your letter of the 28th February. Since we wrote to you on the 17th ultimo we have received further representations from Indian residents of Durban North and Umhlanga Rocks, stressing the fact that they are ratepayers of this area, and pointing out the great inconvenience caused to them in their not being permitted to travel in the non-European section of the corporation buses.

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A most interesting and keen billiard tournament, witnessed by over a hundred billiard enthusiasts, took place at Ruthnam's Billiard Saloon, Retief Street, Maritzburg on Sunday last.

The occasion was the annual intertown tournament for a beautiful trophy presented by Mr. D. Govinden of Maritzburg. The two teams comprised representatives from St. Anthony's Billiard Clubs, Maritzburg and Durban.

Six spirited matches were played and the competition resulted in a win in favour of Durban, 5—1.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Peters, of Boom street, entertained both teams to breakfast, and St. Anthony's Club, Maritzburg, provided a banquet to all concerned at 7.30 p.m. at Mrs. Thompson's residence.

At this function, which was attended by 60 guests, the Rev. Father L. Gabriel, O.M.I., president of St. Anthony's Club, Maritzburg, traced the history of the two clubs and the brotherly relations established.

Other speakers at this gathering were, Captain, the Rev. Fr. J. Cassidy of Oribi Camp, Messrs. J. Meckler, Aloe Jacob, Samuel David, Henry Gabriel, John Ramsingh, Michael Abrahams, S. V. Charles, Michael Daniel, S. F. Peters, Moses Francis, G. Manickum, D. Govinden, L. S. David and L. Martin.

The following participated in the tournament:

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Durban: Aloe Jacob (capt.), Michael Abrahams (vice-capt), Philip Lazarus, Michael Daniel, Gabriel Daniel, Moses Francis, Willie Frank, Henry Gabriel (manager).

The catering was in the capable hands of Messrs. L. J. Ramsingh, S. S. David, A. Thompson and E. J. Paul.

The City Rhythmic Jazz Band rendered music for the evening.

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family, even a prince who has renounced his right to the throne becomes a commoner, likewise the principle applies to the twice born.

Caste in its true sense means division of labour, made by man to achieve his own object, without which no civilised society can exist, the only mantra one finds dealing with caste in the Vedas, (Rig. X-90-11) it runs thus:—

"Brahmans are the head of mankind (personified), kshatriyas are made his arms, vaishyas are what are his thighs, and shudras are made his feet."

This is merely an illustration nor are there any other mantras in the Vedas which give the least countenance to this system.

I have been asked to delete the title of "Maharaj" from my name since I follow the profession of a book-keeper; may I remind Mr. Panday that the word Maharaj has no significance as far as brahmans are concerned; this title was enjoyed by the kshatriyas. How the brahmans acquired this title is beyond comprehension. I quote from Manu 10, verses 81 and 82, which reads:—

"But a brahmana, unable to subsist by his peculiar occupations may live according to the law applicable to kshatryas, for the latter is next to him in rank.

"If it be asked, how shall it be, if he cannot maintain himself by either of these occupations the answer is, he may adopt a vaishyas mode of life."

I have noted your challenge; the Veda Dharma Sabha, Maritzburg, is about to convene a public meeting and the fullest opportunity shall be given to all Hindus to participate at this meeting, and they shall have the right to question my authority. In conclusion, may I ask the Almighty Father to endow us with divine wisdom to see between right and wrong.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, joint secretary of the Natal Indian Association, attended the meeting of the South African Comforts Committee (non-European section) held at Pretoria last week. Since his return to Durban he has been confined to bed.

Mr. Geo. Singh, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed secretary of the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Association.

A son to Mr. James Augustine, secretary to the Estcourt branch of the Natal Indian Congress, and Mrs. Augustine. They have been the recipients of a large number of congratulatory messages from friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawnath Natalie (formerly Miss Kalspathee Ramnath) who were married at Isipingo recently.

Mr. A. I. Kajee, who was on business in Capetown, returned to Durban on Tuesday. His colleague, Mr. Aboobaker Moosa, is expected this morning.

Mr. Bhishum Jungbahadur, of Stanger, and now attached to the staff of the Ladysmith Government Indian school, has been notified of his success in the B.Sc. degree. He was the first Indian student at Fort Hare to gain distinction in mathematics.

Mrs. S. D. Mudiliar, of Clairwood, was the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mudiliar, of Ladysmith.

Mr. Ismail Sacoor, a well-known Maritzburg sportsman, who spent three months' holiday in Johannesburg, has now returned home.

Mrs. S. Bhagwandeen, of Glencoe, suddenly took ill and had to be removed to the Benoni hospital, Dundee, where her condition is slightly improving.

Mr. T. A. Naidoo, managing director of the firm of Messrs. A. P. Naidoo & Co. (Pty.), Ltd., Stanger Branch, has now returned to duty after a long illness.

Some Hints for the Home

BY MISS G. S. NAIDOO

"CLEANLINESS is next to Godliness" is an old axiom of great importance in everyday life, but how many ponder to think that it costs little, if any, to keep your home and person clean. Primarily it is a woman's duty.

Take for instance a home—I don't mean a well appointed house in a city, but a simple two-roomed house in a small town—where amenities are not provided as in the larger cities.

Accumulation of dirt in and around the home and dust on furniture is not only disgusting, but are the causes of common diseases, so it is wise to clean your rooms every day, not once a week, and you will be amply repaid for your labours.

Do not throw refuse into your backyard or through your windows, or into your neighbour's garden; the proper place for that is a well constructed garbage bin with a lid to keep off flies and other insects.

Keep your kitchen and pantry free from flies by providing wire gauze screens on the doors and windows, if you can afford it, otherwise tidy your kitchen and pantry daily. See that your drains and sinkpipes are not clogged; if you cannot buy a disinfectant use soap water diluted with paraffin. Water closets should be cleaned daily and see that cleanliness is maintained by all users.

Keep your person clean by observing daily baths; expensive garments don't spell cleanliness. Plain garments washed and worn frequently are more hygienic—so are your bedclothes.

Try and keep vermin, such as mice, ants, cockroaches, and bugs away by all means, as these pests are the cause of endless trouble and epidemics. If you persist in cleaning up your larder and your bedrooms, these vermin will become extinct in your home.

Now, what about the children in our home; see that they are washed, bathed, dressed tidily and sent to school, or on errands. Not like the children we meet playing in the streets and drains or in dirty pools of water, thereby being the innocent carriers of disease. Children should be taught the ways of keeping themselves clean.

Every woman, though some may not be able to afford a servant, must make it her duty to observe cleanliness in her home and its occupants.

Banana Chutney

Ingredient: Twelve skinned bananas, 1lb. sultanas or seeded raisins, 1 cup brown sugar, 1oz. curry powder, 1 teaspoonful ground cinnamon, 1 pint vinegar 2 tablespoonfuls salt, 2 large onions.

Method: Mash the bananas. Mince the onions and sultanas (or raisins). Add all the other ingredients and stir well. Put the mixture on the stove and allow to boil until thick. If you require an added flavour, put in a pinch of cayenne pepper to season. Bottle and seal while hot.

LETTUCE AND CUCUMBER SOUP

Take 1 large lettuce, 1 cucumber, 1 small onion, 1½ ozs. somolina, 2 pints stock or water, salt, pepper and vinegar.

Wash and shred the lettuce. Peel the cucumber, and cut it into dice. Chop the onion. Place all these in a saucepan, and cover with the stock or water. Bring to boiling point and simmer gently till the lettuce and cucumber are tender, about 30 minutes. Press the soup through a sieve. Return it to the pan. Add the somolina by sprinkling it into the boiling soup. Simmer for a further twenty minutes, until the somolina is cooked. Just before serving add a tablespoon of vinegar. This may be omitted.

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The gross receipts were £60 14s. 5d., and items of expenditure, including hire of City Hall, purchase of dress materials and sundries were £10 5s.

Both the Association and the Dramatic Society desire to express their grateful thanks to all who assisted in staging the concert, those who took part in it, and those who gave their 2s. 6d.; S. I. Valodia, £1 1s.; Mahomed Ismail, £1 1s.; Eastern Bazaars, 2s. 6d.; M. H. Buckus, 10s. 6d.; A. I. Aghoornah, 1s.; I. Mohamed, 2s. 6d.; V. Kristy, £2 2s.; P. K. Reddy, 10s.; total, £32 3s. 6d.

The death occurred on Friday, March 14, of Master Ahmed Dawood Patel (son of Mr. Dawood Patel of Wasbank and Sayan in India), after an illness lasting just three days. The deceased was only 16 years old, and stayed at Mr. I. E. Master's (his uncle's) residence.

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The Factories Bill

WHILE the Factories Bill is to be welcomed for in several respects, it improves the workers' conditions, such as the reduction of working hours, annual leave with pay, compensation for accidents and providing precaution against accidents in machinery and building works, but it is not free of the taint of colour prejudice against the non-European (which includes the Indian) worker and therefore is dangerous to his interests in the extreme.

On the pretext that the Bill aims at preventing the intermingling of native male workers and white girls, the proposed piece of legislation is a departure from several other industrial enactments—such as the Industrial Conciliation Act and the Wage Act which specifically provide against discrimination on the grounds of race or colour—in laying down a policy of segregation of workers in industries. While there might be some justification for the separation of sexes, not so much of races, in the factories—and most factories have already provided for that—there is certainly no reason why the powers envisaged in Sections 51 and 54, which discriminate or differentiate on any grounds that the Minister may deem advisable, even on the grounds of race or colour, should be allowed to him. For to concede him these powers is to endorse rule by regulations, thus setting up a form of dictatorship, which is regarded with such great abhorrence in this country. And these powers in the hands of a Minister from the platteland are sufficient to sweep every non-European worker out of industry. It is for this reason that the Indian is apprehensive of the potential dangers underlying the object of this Bill.

The Indian has accepted the principle of one union for one trade. This arrangement was completed in 1927 in the time of Mr. Sastri, the then Agent-General, with the South African Trade Union by the South African Indian Congress. One of its implications was that there was to be no undercutting in the wages between one class of worker and another, and it was expected that the "white" wage standard would prevail. This principle was subsequently embodied in the Wage Act. In its working the Indian had suffered severely at first but now conditions have improved, and it has been responsible for creating a standard which is benefiting and in the long run will benefit every industrial worker, white or black, in South Africa. As against this the proposed Bill accentuates a colour bar based on the premise that every native or even the other non-European worker is a potential ravisher of white womanhood and, therefore, he must be kept apart. The non-European does not go to work in the factory with any idea of desecrating womanhood, whether of his own or any other race, but to get the money to live, rather than to face the only alternative, starvation. Those who forget that he is a man, a possessor of human aspirations and ambitions, and that life does not hold out the only aim, as Mr. Madeley would have us believe, are really doing this country the greatest disservice that they could possibly do in creating racial antagonism. Even the black or brown worker at the wheel has the same feelings as the white worker. He would appreciate an appeal to his sense of dignity and pride rather than be made to feel that he is separated because he is filled with lust, ready to pounce on the first woman that should pass his way. This attitude engenders hatred and responsible men like Mr. Madeley would be judged guilty in spreading hate between man and man in South Africa. Mr. Madeley's Bill does no less.

THE BLOOD SACRIFICE

In reply to an article by Sayed Muhammed in the issue of March 15, "On Blood As Sacrifice," I wish to state that the sacrifice performed by Molvi Sayed Mahomed Loot was in accordance with the Muslim rights. Seeing that you (Sayed Muhammed) have failed to trace this in the Authentic Traditions or the Fiqah, I shall be glad if you will furnish me with your residential address as to enable me to send you under registered cover the name of the remaining Books of Authentic Traditions which you may have not yet studied. I will also in my letter give you the page numbers and the chapters. Failing satisfaction to you of the above particulars given you are at liberty to invite Molvi Loot and other Molvies and the general Muslim community at a place and date to be nominated by you (excepting at the East Street Mosque), where you could question the Moulana and clear all doubts operating in your mind or the sacrifice performed.

SHAIK AHMED MUKUDDUN.

Our Readers Speak . . .

HINDU CASTE SYSTEM

Mr. R. B. Maharaj writes:—

May I crave your indulgence to allow me a space in your most respected journal.

I am equally amazed at Mr. S. Panday's expression of indignation at the induction of Mr. Shivrathan to priesthood; he states that he knows of no such precedence in the history of the Hindus in this country and elsewhere, which just shows how unfamiliar Mr. Panday is with the history of India.

I refer to Laws of Manu, Chapter 10, Verse 65, wherein it shows that a man of a lower class could also be elevated to a higher one. A shudra can be elevated to the state of brahman and a brahman may be degraded to the state of shudra, similarly to a man born of kshatrya parents may be elevated or degraded according to his actions.

Apastambha Sutra lays down the same rule: "By the practice of vice, a man born in a higher class falls to (the position of) a lower class. By the practice of virtue, a man born in a lower class acquires (the position of) a higher class."

Laws of Manu, chapter 2, verse 168 says: "That twice-born who neglecting the study of the vedas, devotes his energies otherwise, soon falls, together with his family, in his own life-time, into the state of shudras."

Evidence from the Puranas: The Puranas belong to a comparatively modern date, having been composed when the caste system had already acquired its present inflexible rigidity. It is remarkable that they even contain some slokas which show that the ancient system of varnas was not altogether forgotten even in these degenerate times. For example the Bhagawata having first described the respective duties and characteristics of the four varnas which are substantially the same as in (Manu or Mahabharata) goes on to say:

"If the characteristics of a particular varna are seen in a man of another class, then that man should be considered to belong to that class of which he possesses the characteristics."

Again in the same work Vaishampayana having first enumerated to Yudhishthira the characteristics of Brahmans, says:—

"that twice-born who possesses these five characteristics: him I call a Brahmana. The rest are shudras or yudhistra."

"Neither by family nor by birth but by actions does a man become a brahman. Even if a chandala possesses a good character he is a brahman."

"The distinction of birth is nowhere to be seen. O King! It is the qualities or merits which lead to prosperity. He who lives a pious and religious life, who lives for the good of others, and does beautiful deeds day and night, him the learned call a brahmana."

I refer you to Shankara Niti attributed to Swami Shan Karacharya but belonging to the Puranic Age says: "It is not by birth that a man becomes a brahman or a kshatriya, or a vaishya, or a shudra, or even a mlechha. All are divided by their qualities and actions."

I now give instances of non-brahmans raised to brahmanhood in ancient India. Some of the extracts are enough to show that the system of varnas in ancient India was not founded on the principle of birth.

The Aitareya Brahmana relates the story of Kavasha, who happened to be present at a great yagna performed by the rishis on the bank of the Sarasvati. The rishis did not give him the soma juice, saying:—

"How should this wily man, son of a slave girl, who is no brahman, remain among us and become initiated? But Kavasha possessed divine knowledge, and when the rishis came to know this they recalled him and admitted him a rishi."

Aitareya, the author of Aitareya Bharmana and Aitareya Upnished was, as his very name signifies, the son of "itara" or shudra woman. His full name was Mahidasa Aitareya as is said in the Aitareya Brahmana. Shankaracharya thus explains the name "Mahidasa by name, the son of a shudra woman."

The Mahabharata, the great Indian epic, mentions many traditions of a similar nature. Vyasa, the celebrated author of Vedanta Sutras, founder of Vedanta Philosophy and reputed author of the Mahabharata, was the son of Parashara by a woman of the sailor caste, while his father Parashara himself the son of a Chandali (a woman of the lowest class). These traditions occur in the Banaparva of Mahabharata:—

"Vyasa was born of a Kaivarti, a woman of the sailor class, and Parashara of a Chandali. Similarly many others who were originally not twice born became brahmans."

"Two sons of Nabhagarishta who were vaishyas became brahmans." From the Bhagwat Purana we know that Nabhga himself was not born in a vaishya family, but had become a vaishya by his actions.

EVIDENCE FROM THE UPANISHADS

The Upanishads which are next only to the Vedas in antiquity and authority, not only do not sanction the caste system but are entirely opposed to it in spirit and tenor. The road to advancement was yet open to all persons according to their qualifications, and birth in a humble family did not stand in any one's way. The Chandogya Upanishad explains with beautiful simplicity how a certain Satya Kama Jabala, son of a slave girl, but filled with a noble love of truth and learning, approached the sage Haridrumata Goutama for studying Theology or Brahma Vidya. The rishi enquired after his family. The boy said with charming frankness: "I do not know, Sir, of what gotra (family) I am. I asked my mother and she answered: In my youth when I had to move about much as a servant, I conceived thee. I do not know of what family thou art. I am Jabala by name, thou art Satyakama. I am, therefore Satykama Jabala, sir."

The rishi was so struck with the frankness and truthfulness of the boy, that he allowed him to become one of his pupils. He was initiated into the mysteries of Brahma Vidya, and subsequently became a rishi himself in spite of his unknown birth.

Reference is made to "Light of Truth" the wearing of the sacred thread is forbidden to all except to the twice born:—

Brahmans, kshatryas and vaishyas, may I ask Mr. Panday if he understands the true definition of twice born. I quote Manu, chapter 2, verse 169 which reads:

"According to the injunction of the revealed texts the first birth of an Aryan is from (his natural) mother, the second (happens) on the tying of the girdle of Munja grass (sacred thread) and the third on the initiation to (the performance of) a (srauta) sacrifice.

I could quote scores of cases but the few would suffice for the moment.

All men were born equal, endowed with one Universal Spirit, having sprung from one God—the Creator of the Universe, how could it be maintained that the twice born were the favourites of the Creator, assigned as members of the [illegible]

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SHOPPING HOURS TO BE FURTHER RESTRICTED

Association Opposes Draft Ordinance

THE Natal Indian Association has lodged a petition against the Draft Ordinance to amend the Shop Hours Ordinance of 1939, which further restricts the closing hour to 5 p.m. on Friday nights.

The petition, among other things, states that the Indian population in Natal is 186,000 and 75 per cent. of the adult male population comprises working men following various vocations in life.

"Your petitioners," proceeds the petition, "beg to point out that the operation of the 'Shop Hours Ordinance, No. 9 of 1930' in regard to early closing of shops on Friday evenings has not only disturbed the general flow of trade especially on Friday evenings but has given rise to hardships and has inconvenienced the shopping public.

"Your petitioners desire to bring to notice of the House that working class men, especially the poorer type of non-European, who is dependent on his weekly wage to purchase his household commodities, finds it difficult owing to early closing of shops to make purchase of his household wants, within the limited time allowed after the close of his working hours on Friday afternoons.

"Your petitioners beg to point out that a large majority of the Indian shop-keepers cater for the requirements of the poorer type of non-European in the supply of his household groceries and provisions and any change to effect an earlier closing of shops on Friday evenings will not only hit hard such petty Indian shop-keepers but will also cause undue and unreasonable hardship on the consumer; moreover your petitioners submit that in the administration of licensing laws by local authorities in Natal, discrimination is made against Indian applications for trade licences. There are numerous instances of Indian applications for licences being often refused arbitrarily and unreasonably; and the exercise of unfettered discretion vested in a licensing authority always relegates Indian trade into areas in which there is less scope for trade and in this, as in other matters, the Indian trader does not enjoy the right to trade in select commercial areas as is the case with the European trader.

"Your petitioners further desire to bring to the notice of the House that Indians have been dispossessed of their Municipal franchise by the operation of Section 13 of Ordinance 19 of 1924 and this being the case Indians, who are owners of properties and are rate-payers and who are otherwise qualified in all respects as Burgesses within the area of a local authority, such as City council or a town board, will have no say or representations in influencing the decision of a local authority upon any application it may choose to make to the Administrator to declare a change in the shopping hours.

"Your petitioners further object to if a local authority decides to apply to the Administrator to declare a change in the shopping hours there is no machinery provided under the amendment proposed for any representations of interested parties to be received and heard by that local authority before taking a final decision.

"Your petitioners view with alarm and misgiving the wide scope of powers sought to be vested in a local authority, which may be influenced by a monopoly of interest or interested parties to the detriment and prejudice of small traders.

"Your petitions further object to the extended definition of "local authority" as is proposed in Section 1 of the Draft Ordinance by the inclusion of the words "or a Health Committee."

"Your petitioners wish to point out that Indians are barred from having any say in the affairs of health boards or health committees, as these are administered and controlled by persons of European descent. And Indians, no matter whether they own properties to a considerable value in the areas controlled by health boards or health committees have no right of representation, much less any influence.

"Your petitioners for the reasons stated in this their petition respectfully request that this House may be pleased to reject the Draft Ordinance.

"Alternatively your petitioners respectfully ask that the Draft Ordinance in question be referred to a select committee at which they desire to have an opportunity of tendering evidence or they be heard before the Bar of the House."

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

The Natal Indian Congress has secured Government intervention into the proposed expropriation of some 1,000 acres of Indian-owned land at Riverside, Merebank and Sydenham by the City Council. A representative of the Department of Public Health will shortly inquire into the position.

This has resulted from the deputation of the Natal Indian Congress, led by Mr. A. I. Kajee, to the Secretary of Public Health, Dr. P. Allen, at Cape Town last week.

The Penetration Commission

The Indian Penetration Commission will meet in Maritzburg on Monday next, when it will hear the evidence of the Maritzburg City Council.

Two days have been reserved for the hearing.

When the Commission met in Maritzburg last month the Council representative asked for written questions.

ASSOCIATION'S PROTEST

The following telegram has been sent to the Honourable Minister of Labour by the Natal Indian Association:

"Honourable Minister of Labour, Capetown":

"Indian community strongly protests against introduction racial segregation of workers in industries under Factories Machinery Building Work Act now before Parliament."

On the same subject the Natal Indian Association have sent the following telegram to the High Commissioner for India:

"Section 24 (3) may appear unobjectionable on face of it but is dangerous as in practice on the grounds mentioned therein. May in effect the use indirectly to prohibit employment of Indians and other non-Europeans. Section 51 (1) (3) provides for Industrial racial segregation of workers to which Indian community strongly opposed. Exemption Clause may be used indirectly unfairly to advantage of European Employers against Non-European Employers. Please make representations to Minister. We are forwarding protest."

TEACHERS' "IMPROVED" SALARY SCALE

Assistants to Get Monthly Rise of 5s.

A SUM of about £1,224 has been authorised in respect of the improvement of salaries in Government-aided schools. This statement is contained in a letter to the Natal Indian Teachers' Society by the Acting Director of Education, Mr. R. A. Banks.

The letter goes on to say: "I am prepared to consider any reasonable modification of the scale, but I must impress it upon you that it is quite impossible for me to consider any scheme which will involve an expenditure greater than that authorised."

An official of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, upon being asked to give his views on the new scale suggested by the Education Department stated that teachers holding third-class posts did not receive practically any benefit, while those holding second and first-class posts would receive, most probably, an extra amount of 5s. per month.

Practically all teachers do not seem to view the new scale with any enthusiasm. In this connection a special general meeting of the Teachers' Society is to be held at St. Aidan's Hall, Cross Street, Durban, at 2.15 p.m. today to discuss the new scale, and to proceed with the formation of a trade union for Indian teachers.

It is expected that the Department's new scale will not be accepted.

Andhra New Year

The head committee of the Andhra Maha Sabha (S.A.) makes the following announcements for the information of the Andhra public:

That the "Andhra New Year" (Ugadi) "Vishnu-nama samavathraramu" falls on Friday, March 28. In wishing everyone all prosperity, the Sabha extends a cordial invitation to attend a short prayer meeting to be held at the "Andhra House," Durban at 5.20 p.m.

That the tenth annual celebrations and third Andhra Eisteddfod will be held as usual on the first Sunday in August. Encourage your children to compete in the Eisteddfod. Apply for instructions' paper, syllabus and application forms. Personal interviews may be made on Thursdays and Fridays at "Andhra House," 43 Leopold Street, Durban, whence Mr. A. J. Naidoo (chairman) and Mr. L. Kris Naidoo (secretary) to the Andhra Eisteddfod Committee will be in attendance.

The Masana Kala Festival was celebrated on March 9 at the Equeefa Pemberton Estate Temple which has been in existence for more than 14 years. Over 1,500 people representing all sections of the Indian community attended.

The secretary, Mr. R. Balraj and the trustees, Messrs. Moothu Kisten Bros. spared no efforts in making the function a success. Meals were provided to those who were present for the occasion.

GLENCOE INDIAN SCHOOL

As one who has always had the interests of the Glencoe Indian School at heart and one who has watched the progress it has made for the past eight years, I feel it my bounden duty to make known to the general public certain subversive elements that are at work to upset the smooth running of the school.

A movement is afoot to appoint a prominent Congress official as school manager. When it is realised that the said official resides in Durban it clearly becomes apparent that no amount of promises or high sounding assurances can convince one that a school situated over 200 miles away will ever receive the attention it deserves or that means be termed effective or practicable.

What I most emphatically oppose and take exception to is the move to introduce politics into school affairs. Quite true, Glencoe has been and is a stronghold as far as the Congress is concerned but is that body not overstepping its mark by pushing itself where it is not wanted?

Should the move in question prove to be successful then I am afraid the door is left open for a representative organisation to be formed in Glencoe to watch the interests of the vast majority.

The above school received Government aided status eight years ago and I can say without fear of contradiction that never has the school been managed more effectively than at the present moment. Why then this eagerness on the part of some to turn the clock back? Has not the Indian community of Glencoe learnt its bitter lessons in the past when every undesirable who felt in the mood to do so, and, who did not see eye to eye with the management, tried to undermine public confidence by making false allegations with a view of pushing himself into the much coveted post as school manager?

Once again I appeal to all right thinking people in our community to stand united behind the present management and counteract any move that might prejudice the good name or affect seriously the proper conducting of the affairs of the Glencoe Indian School.

To those that have hitherto enjoyed the well wishes and respect of our people I wish to sound a note of warning not to be involved in a matter of which they have not the remotest of conceptions.

It must not be forgotten that a similar movement resulted in the matter going to the Supreme Court of Natal a few years ago. Besides failing in their application it cost the dissentients several hundreds of pounds.

In the near future, I am given to understand, a mass meeting of Indians is to be held in Glencoe in regard to the appointment of a new school manager. Whether the malcontents achieve their object or not I can assure all concerned that the Indian community of Glencoe is wide awake as to the dangers that lie ahead.

RAVICHANDRA G. MAHARAJ.

The funeral of Thaima Frank, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Frank, of Maritzburg, took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Father Gabriel, O.M.I., officiated at the cemetery.

Tamil Association Celebrates Silver Jubilee

THE Silver Jubilee of the Tamil Protective Association will be celebrated tomorrow at the Association's Hall in Pentrich. The inaugural meeting was convened by Mr. T. Bakium Pillay and was held under an old oak near the old railway bridge in 1916. The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. N. Moodley supported by a number of wellwishers. After some preliminary discussion it was resolved to form the Association for the furtherance of Tamil education. A small committee consisting of Messrs. T. M. Bakium Pillay, the late Mr. K. Nina, A. C. Pillay, the late Ovaroo Sahib, the late S. Naiker and M. S. Williams, was formed to bring into being a Tamil school.

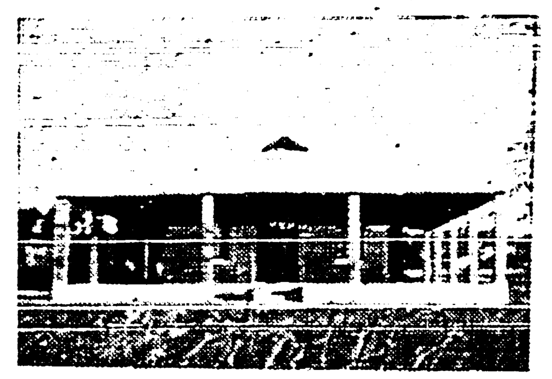
At a rent of £1 a month a small room was secured and the first school session commenced on September 30, 1916. Subsequently, by means of public subscription and members' donations a wood and iron building costing £108 was erected.

The school was conducted there for 15 years and real progress was maintained. With the growth of numbers and expended activity the demand that the Association should own its property became more and more insistent. With moneys collected from the public a piece of land was purchased for the sum of £40, and a brick building, costing £400, was erected.

The new vernacular school was opened by the then Director of Education, Mr. F. D. Hugo, in the presence of many people on May 2, 1937.

The new school in Charles Road stands as a monument to the untiring work of a few officials who can be rightly described as selfless workers.

An invitation to the public to attend the Silver Jubilee celebrations tomorrow is extended.



The Tamil Protective Association's Hall, which was erected by Mr. Kuppie Murrie at the cost of £400.

INDIAN UNITY

I do not agree with the writer as stated regarding mixed marriages between Hindustani, Telegu and Tamil; does the writer know what mixed marriage means? I would like to point out to my friend that regarding the three to marry between themselves, that is incorrect and that won't achieve any unity. The marriage between the three sections will defer a lot and it will be unagreeable.

The point is this: amongst the women, the Tamil and Telegu dress alike and the Hindustani women have a different style of dressing. Also the language spoken amongst these three sections is quite different. If mixed marriage takes place, what will happen with the dressing and the mother tongue which is spoken at present. I am sure no section will like to be deprived of their dressing and the mother language.

The writer's opinion is this: if the Hindustani, Tamil and Telegu have mixed marriage and the three sections will be blood relation, then unity will prevail (that is incorrect) in my opinion. Can the writer point out if there is unity amongst the Telegu, Tamil, or his blood relation. (The answer will be negative). Then how can mixed marriage with the Hindustani prevail unity.

Mixed marriage with the Hindustani will solve no problem. The only solution is this: we Indians must have love, brotherly feelings and unity amongst us (make a practice of it) and that will lead us to progress but not mixed marriages.

"HINDUSTANI."

SPRINGFIELD ESTATE

I am a tenant of the Springfield estate of the Durban City Council for now approximately a quarter century, and a bona fide leaseholder direct to the estates department of the Durban Corporation of the city of Durban.

I have received a notice from the Estates Department stating that my yearly lease will not be renewed as usual, but my tenancy will be placed on a monthly basis from March 25, 1941, after the present lease which expires on March 24, 1941.

Similar notices have been handed to all the tenants of the Springfield estate. The majority of these tenants are considerably perturbed and are thinking of going elsewhere.

The notices were given three months ago and the secretary of the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association was notified.

Up till today the Indian tenants are waiting to hear from the Springfield Estate Tenants' Association what has transpired between the Estates Department and themselves. There are now only 14 days ahead for us to make any arrangements.

It is time now for the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association to wake up and stand firm to defend the rights of the Indian tenants and its members, and to see that they are not thrown into the streets.

The time has also expired for the annual meeting of the Springfield Estate Indian Tenants' Association. I hope that the association will convene a meeting soon and to see if the new officials of the association can do something in favour of the Indian tenants.

J. BHARUTH RAM.

Coloured Girls in Indian Schools

In last week's issue of the "Leader" you publish a report in which the Richmond Indian Advisory School Board Committee took strong exception to the "intrusion" (vide, your headline) of Coloured girls at their school.

The said headlines and placards were grossly insinuating and unfair to our coloured friends. We should remember that when we had no Indian women teachers in our schools we made use of these "Coloured girls" to teach in our schools and still do in many parts. Is it right I ask (and let that august body in Richmond also answer this question) that we should now refuse a few Coloured children accommodation in one of our schools and as if that were not enough, should assail them on moral and social grounds?

A. D. LAZARUS.

(As for ourselves, nothing was imported into the story that did not appear in the Richmond letter, on which the headlines were based.—Editor, The Leader.)

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Naidoo, who recently celebrated their marriage at Durban.

ASTRONOMY AND MARRIAGE

I was glad after having read the article captioned "The Star Guide Marriage Success," written to you by a student of astronomy, Mr. Sadanand Maharaj, and which article appeared in your last week's paper.

There are points arising out of the article which I wish to have clarified, and I shall be greatly indebted to the Maharaj if he will kindly explain some of those points:—

(1) The learned Maharaj says that the marriage ceremony should only be celebrated when the heavenly signs are most auspicious.

I take it that Mr. Sadanand must have officiated at several marriages when the heavenly signs were most auspicious, and must have adhered to strictly in officiating. Is he in a position to say that those marriages were successful. If not, why?

(2) By the term "purification ceremony" does Mr. Maharaj mean that this ceremony is one that purifies the person entering into the marriage? If he does, suppose a person lived in concubinage with another woman prior to his marriage (marriage under Hindu rites), does that purification ceremony purify the [illegible] purified?

I hope these points will receive Mr. Sadanand Maharaj's careful consideration.

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Daring Modern Drama at the Avalon

A daringly significant story of modern life that's out of the beaten path, with Richard Greene on the threshold of his greatest opportunity in his first starring role and a great supporting cast—such is 20th Century-Fox's new drama, coming on Monday to the Avalon Theatre, "Here I Am A Stranger," with Richard Dix and Brenda Joyce featured in a cast including Roland Young, Gladys George and others.

Adapted under the supervision of Darryl F. Zanuck from the novel read by millions, this film is destined to start a new motion picture cycle and is itself one of the most dramatic pictures of the day. It boasts a theme strong in emotional appeal and deals daringly with modern questions in a modern way.

With absorbing realism, "Here I Am A Stranger" tells the story of a boy who reaches the threshold of manhood to find himself suddenly a stranger in the world he has grown up into. Bewildered by the conflict between his superficial world of wealth and sham and a new world of things that are real, he is torn and hurt by life, until he meets a girl as new to love as he is himself.

Despite the depth of its theme and the intensity of its drama, the story is interpolated with sparkling comedy.

Katharine Aldridge, beautiful photographers' model who made her film debut in Elsa Maxwell's "Hotel For Women"; Russell Gleason, son-in-law of the screen's Jones Family; George Zucco, Edward Norris and Henry Kolker complete the cast lineup. Roy Del Ruth, top-flight director known for his work on the Sonja Henie pictures, wielded the megaphone on "Here I Am A Stranger." The screen play by Milton Sperling and Sam Hellman is based on a story by Gordon Malherbe Hillman.

"INTERMEZZO"

Ingrid Bergman, the beautiful young continental actress is introduced to American audiences for the first time in the new David O. Selznick production, "Intermezzo, a Love Story," in which she is co-starred with Leslie Howard and Edna Best.

This new picture, a dramatic love story set in modern-day Europe, will be the Avalon feature on Thursday onwards.

Miss Bergman, a beauteous blonde with well chiseled features, plays the role of the other woman in "Intermezzo, a Love Story." The story, briefly told, concerns a world-famous violinist who returns home to Stockholm to rejoin his wife and two children after a two years' absence during which he became the sensation of continental Europe. Hoping to settle down to a quiet existence with his family, he finds himself restless and anxious for a life of youth and gaiety.

He urges his wife to accompany him on a second honeymoon to the romantic places which he visited on tour but she explains that her roots are in her home and that her children need her love and guidance. When he meets the lovely young pianist who teaches his daughter, he is strangely attracted to her. He cannot resist her charms and he goes off on another tour with her, leaving his family behind. How their affair finally winds up provides the film with an exciting and unexpected climax.

Mr. Selznick assembled a cast of important names to surround the trio of stars who play the leading roles in "Intermezzo, a Love Story." Featured in the supporting roles are John Halliday, Cecil Kellaway, Enid Bennett and Eleanor Wessel.

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Win for Moslems

Knock-out Competition match played last Monday between Ladysmith and Moslems was a very exciting one, when Moslems had one wicket on hand and required 9 runs to beat Ladysmith.

Ladysmith's innings closed at 79 after some fast scoring by R. C. Govinder, P. Parag 23, T. N. Govinder 11 and R. C. Govinder 14. Bowling averages, G. H. A. Chupty 2 for 23, H. Khan 4 for 21 and D. M. Seedat 4 for 20.

Moslems won the match by 23 runs and will stand final with the winners of Railways and Ottomans. A. A. Moola 22, G. H. A. Chupty 12, D. M. Seedat 32, and Sader 16. Bowling averages, P. Parag 2 for 19, M. G. H. Aswat 5 for 19, D. Mungroo 2 for 19 and P. Veerannah 2 for 19.

Ladysmith scored 101 runs in 80 minutes in their second innings; G. C. Govinder 57, and T. N. Govinder 19; A. A. Moola and D. M. Seedat shared the bowling.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

Cricket (Knock-Out Competition): Railways vs. Ottomans.

TENNIS

Tennis (League fixtures):— Stewart vs. Van Reenen at Riverview Court, Ladysmith.

Riverview vs. Siegetown at Seigetown court, Ladysmith.

The secretaries of the Maritzburg Mosque and Islamia School Trust beg to acknowledge with thanks the following further donations: Messrs. E. C. Rawat, £22 towards the flooring; Ana Kanna, 2,000 bricks; A. B. [illegible], 1,000 bricks; A. G. Essa, 1,000 bricks; ladies' collection in cash, Greytown, Kranskop, Richmond and Bulwer districts, £37; 100 pockets of cement from Mr. M. E. Lakhi.

North Coast Association

The annual general meeting of the North Coast Indian Football Association was held at Khan's Tea Room recently.

Although the association was in existence for just one year great strides were made by the association in getting a number of football clubs to affiliate. The secretary's annual report revealed that there were ten clubs already affiliated in the association, with the possibility of a further six at least.

The association has been very grateful, said Mr. N. Gopaul, the secretary, to Messrs. V. M. M. Achary and I. B. Telhoo, for the valuable trophies they had presented to the association for competition in the senior division.

The election of officers for the season 1941 resulted as follows:—

Patron, Councillor Mrs. A. M. G. Maytum; president, Mr. T. M. Naicker; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. S. Chetty, S. K. Reddy, G. Khan, C. K. Singh, G. M. Nair and I. B. Telhoo; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Gopaul; hon. assistant secretary and record clerk, Mr. S. H. Somers; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. M. Nair; hon. auditor, Mr. M. V. Achary.

The donation to the Glencoe Mosque and Madressa Islamia Trust from the staff of Messrs. Hansa and Co., Glencoe, as named hereunder, have donated 156 pockets of cement towards the building of the new Mosque and Madressa in Glencoe: Y. K. Moosa, E. K. Modan, S. E. Saroth, E. C. Patel, I. D. Mahomed, C. A. Docrat, E. I. Bhayat, M. Amodjee, A. M. Hansa, I. M. Hansa, Shaik Ebrahim, M. Varachia and Y. A. Hansa.

ORIENTALS "KILL" TIME

Method to Avert Defeat

The match between Royals Cricket Club and the Orientals Cricket Club on Sunday last was a real treat for cricket fans.

In this match with a most thrilling finish the Royals defeated the Orientals by 1 run. Actually this match was the third replay, the other two having been drawn. The margin of defeat shows how closely the match was contested.

This was the first defeat sustained by the Orientals this season. The performance of this team as in other previous matches was creditable.

The Orientals declared at 226 for 7. The Royals first and second wicket partnerships was a "royal" treat to spectators. At a little after 6 p.m. they had scored over 200 runs. Just as matters were taking a most thrilling turn the Orientals began to adopt tactics that were greatly deprecated by the spectators, whether Oriental supporters or otherwise.

The fielding side (Orientals) in order to avert an imminent defeat adopted tactics that were not sporting. They began to "kill" time. The fielding positions were constantly and unnecessarily changed. One bowler took about five minutes before he delivered his first ball. This with the resultant waste of time so disgusted the spectators that they actually, at one stage, walked into the field.

Then appeals for bad light began to be made. Usually it is the batting side who are actually at a disadvantage who appeal for light, but in this case the fielding side and above all, the bowlers, began to pester the umpires with constant and unnecessary appeals.

I must say, writes a correspondent, their appeals for light were unwarranted as the light was definitely not "bad." Fortunately the umpires also felt as did the spectators and the appeals were ignored as they deserved to be.

Royals scored 227 for 2 and declared thus securing the victory by the narrow margin of 1 run.

Stella as Mayville Finalists

Stella, by defeating Cato by an innings and 43 runs, have become the Mayville District finalists for the Shell cup.

Stella batsmen went out hitting, scoring 116 runs, thus securing a lead of 66 runs on the first innings.

With 2½ hours left, Cato commenced their second innings, but Govindrajh was in deadly form, and took five wickets for 10 runs.

Cato's second innings yielded only 23 runs, and thus left Stella winners by an innings and 43 runs.

Stella now play Sea View, of the County Union, in the semi-final of the Shell cup, at the Mayville ground tomorrow.

Stanger Cricket

The Stanger United C.C. entertained the Suburban C.C. of Malvern on Sunday last. The visitors won the toss and sent Stanger in to bat. The innings totalled 209 of which E. V. Mohamed, who opened the innings was last man out for a splendid innings of 97, just missing the distinction of being the first Stanger bat to score a century. It was a chanceless innings. J. Naicker bowled well to claim four for 47.

The Suburban first innings totalled 116. Alec Peters, with 26, R. A. Naicker with a hard hit 32 and G. D. Baberia with 15 batted well. J. Chengiah was again the most successful bowler with 5 for 47 and Mather 3 for 17.

Stanger won on the first innings by 93 runs.

The Stanger United Cricket Club travelled to Durban on Sunday before last to meet Chetty's XI, a team comprising players of Stella and Centrals, in a friendly match. The Stangerites sustained their first defeat after a long sequence of successes.

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NATAL SOCCER

Election of New Cabinet

The annual meeting of the Natal Indian Football Association was held at the H.Y.M.A. library hall on Sunday last. The outgoing officials were warmly praised for their efforts in making the season an outstanding success.

An illuminated address was presented to Mr. M. John life vice-president of the association, in token of his untiring work in the promotion of soccer.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, Mahatma Gandhi; president, Mr. K. Samuels; hon. secretary, Mr. P. R. Pather; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Mahabeer; delegates to S.A.I.F.A., Messrs M. John and R. P. Naidoo.

Mr. R. Narrandas was elected life vice-president of the association, in succession to the late V. S. Pillay, of Ladysmith. Mr. Narrandas, who has performed over 21 years of work for soccer, was enthusiastically praised on his election.

An application for direct affiliation by the North Coast Indian Football Association was turned down. They were asked to negotiate with the Durban Indian Sunday League.

Eight associations in Natal sent in their affiliations.

Durban Cricket

Stella failed to put in a team against Kismet in the Asmal's cup competition on Sunday. This left only one match to be played between Young Muslims and Ottoman. Ottoman scored 77 (G. H. Butler 21, M. I. Shaikh 12, A. I. Timol 20).

Young Muslims 71 (D. K. Parak 22, Alooje 13, M. I. Jogee 14).

ASMAL'S CUP COMPETITION
TODAY
Young Muslims v. Central (No. 3).
Kismet v. Stella (Main).
TOMORROW
Kismet v. Young Muslims (Main).

Muslim Service League

The president, Mr. S. I. Rawat, of the Maritzburg and District Muslim Service League, reports that during the month rations have been supplied to two indigent Muslim families. Two poor Muslim children were provided with clothing, and a child had been supplied with free books. All these children are attending the Surti Sunni Madressa and Mahomedan Oriental school at 71a, Church street.

A poor Muslim funeral was also attended by its representative, Mr. Shaikh Ahmed Mukhdum, on behalf of the League.

The treasurer, Mr. A. K. I. Bayat, acknowledges with thanks the sum of £1 1s. from Mr. M. I. Patel, of 17, Church street.

The fourth annual meeting of the Maritzburg Rangers Football Club, will be held at the Windsor Restaurant, 457 Church Street, Maritzburg tomorrow.

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Tennis News in Brief

Sastri College tennis team travelled to Umzinto last Sunday to play the Umzinto Tennis Club in the final for the Ismail's Challenge Shield in the "B" division and after a brilliant game on both sides the Sastri team were victorious.

S.A. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The trial match to select players for the forthcoming South African tournament which takes place in Johannesburg this year, will be held at the central court tomorrow, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The following players will take part in the trials: G. H. E. Parak, D. Roopnarain and E. Gany (Moonlighters); Maharaj and Bramdaw (Centrals); D. Laljee (Sastri College); V. Thumby Pillay (Clairwood).

PANDAY'S BOWL

The Natal doubles competition in the "B" division for the "Chick Panday's Bowl" will be played on March 30 at Sastri College Court commencing at 9.30 a.m. sharp. All entries close at 9 a.m. sharp at the court on day of play.

COUNCIL MEETING

A council meeting will be held tomorrow at 14 Saville Street, Durban, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Minutes, correspondence, selection committee's report, forthcoming S.A. tournament, receiving trophy from Mr. S. Rajpaul, general.

D.D.I.F.A. Elections

Following are the Durban Indian Football Association election results:

Councillors to Natal Indian Football Association: Messrs. S. N. Moodley, S. L. Singh, M. W. Daniels and K. A. Chin.

Delegates to Durban Indian Sports Ground Association: Messrs. S. N. Moodley, R. L. Boodhan, P. B. Singh, M. K. Naidoo, M. W. Daniels and R. Bijou.

Protest, Misconduct and Inquiry Board: Messrs. R. Bijou (chairman), J. Raman, K. M. Pillay, P. B. A. Reddy and D. Naidoo.

Fixture Committee: Messrs. S. N. Moodley, N. Sullaphen, A. Sookdeo.

Executive Committee: Messrs. S. N. Moodley, R. L. Boodhan, M. John, G. Sohawan, and S. L. Singh.

Senior Selection Committee: Messrs. S. N. Moodley (chairman), G. Sohawan, R. Bijou, R. L. Boodhan and S. L. Singh; alternative member, Mr. K. A. Chin.

Junior Selection Committee: Messrs. G. M. Nair (chairman), K. Thumbadoo and D. V. Naidoo; alternative member, Mr. D. Naidoo.

Juvenile Selection Committee: Messrs. K. M. Pillay (chairman), P. B. A. Reddy and D. A. Pather; alternative member, Mr. N. G. Kasval.

Age Limit Committee: Messrs. S. N. Moodley, S. L. Singh and K. Thumbadoo.

Accident Fund Committee: Messrs. S. L. Singh (chairman), M. K. Naidoo and M. John.

SUNDAY LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Durban Indian Sunday League elected the following officials: Patron, Mr. A. Christopher; president, Mr. K. A. Chin; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. L. Singh, S. N. Moodley, R. Bijou, R. Moonsamy and K. M. Pillay; hon. secretary, treasurer and record clerk, Mr. R. L. Boodhan; hon. auditor, Mr. N. Sullaphen.

The annual meeting of the Malvern and District Indian Association will be held in the Malvern Indian School room, Waddington Road, Malvern, at 2.30 p.m. Usual business.

Klip River Soccer Officials

The 35th annual meeting of the Klip River District Indian Football Association was held at the Gujrathi-Hindi School Hall on Saturday last, at which the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Patrons, Messrs. C. S. Asmal and I. A. Moola; life vice presidents, Messrs. K. Khan, S. H. Adam, Sayed Hassen, M. Lawrence, Moses Thomas; president, Mr. H. R. Singh; vice presidents (one from each club to be elected); hon. sec. and treas., Mr. R. Kallie (re-elected); record clerk, Mr. Percy Frank (re-elected); hon. auditor, Mr. M. S. Archary; delegates to Sports Association, Messrs. R. N. Pillay, Abdoola C. Asmal and S. C. Mudliar; delegates to N.I.F.A., Messrs. H. R. Singh and R. Kallie; selection committee, Messrs. P. Frank, E. I. Chupty and H. R. Singh.

Durban Golf

The following are the results in the 18 holes bogey competition played at Curries Fountain last Sunday:

S. B. Sing, 1 up; J. Nathan and A. M. Ilux, all square; D. Ram, 2 down; J. M. Pillay and B. Ramaudh, 3 down; S. D. Mahomed, M. P. Pillay and K. Essop, 4 down; N. Francis, 6 down; P. Murugasen, 7 down; N. Pillay and Y. Osman, 8 down; and A. N. Dennis, 15 down.

There were nine no returns.

The Knox's Floating Trophy competition will be played tomorrow, commencing at 2.30 a.m.

Tennis Matches Wanted

Mr. Y. S. Kadwa, Secretary of the Kismet Tennis Club, writes:—

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AN INDIAN AS MAYOR OF CAPETOWN?

Mr. Ahmed Ismail's Service to the City Council

Will an Indian be a Mayor of Cape Town? This question was raised by a visitor from Cape Town, who referred in high terms to the splendid work done by Mr. Ahmed Ismail as a member of the City Council.

"Mr. Ismail," he said, in an interview, "was a worthy successor to the late Dr. Abdurrahman, who for many years was the Chairman of the Public Health Committee but had never occupied the mayoral chair. While the odds are definitely against him but who knows that we will not have an Indian Mayor some day."

At a meeting of the General Workers' Union in the Liberty Hall, Capetown, last Sunday two Councillors, Mr. Abe Bloomberg, M.P.C. (chairman of the Finance Committee) and Mr. W. Ross (chairman of the Streets Committee) referred to Mr. Ismail's way of tackling things in the City Council and the success of his policy of co-operation with European councillors in his fight for the rights of the non-Europeans.

Mr. Bloomberg pointed out that much more could be achieved by Mr. Ismail for the non-Europeans, for he had the technique of putting forward his case and getting the co-operation of the other councillors.

"It was indeed a happy day for the non-Europeans when he was returned to the City Council as successor to the late Dr. Abdurahman," Mr. Bloomberg declared.

He had always admired Dr. Abdurahman, and often wondered what was the chief reason for the late Doctor's remarkable success as a leader. This he believed to have been chiefly due to the tactfulness of Dr. Abdurahman when he put the case of his people before the rest.

It was this admirable manner, this approach and method that Mr. Ismail was applying with such encouraging results now. Although Mr. Ismail was not fortunate in enjoying an education such as Dr. Abdurahman had had, he had in the past 12 months shown himself to be a worthy and capable successor.

Mr. Bloomberg pointed out that there were members of the City Council who believed that the question of providing relief works was the Government's concern and not the Council. Much misery might have resulted had the amendment to extend the relief works and to carry on the negotiations with the Government not been passed. Here it was due to the initiative of

Councillor A. Ismail

Mr. Ismail largely that this was brought about.

It was he who had approached the Finance Committee and got their approval to extend the work to March. The Government had now agreed to continue the subsidy. This meant that the relief works was secure until the end of the year.

He expressed the hope that the services Mr. Ismail had rendered to non-Europeans during the past 12 months would be placed on record.

Mr. Ross said that the working class had every reason to feel proud of Mr. Ismail, their representative in Ward 7, who not only had that sympathetic understanding of their position, but also knew how to plead their cause and get for them, as far as was possible what they wanted.

INDIAN CASE TO COMMISSION

The Indian Penetration Commission will meet in Durban on April 2, 3 and 4 when it will hear evidence regarding the lack of amenities in residential areas, from the Indian organisations.

Both the association and the congress will submit memoranda. This by no means will end the Indian case, for further statements, respecting other aspects of the Indian viewpoint will be submitted.

Africans and the Non-European Front

"Should the Africans Join the Non-European United Front?" is the subject which will be debated at the Liberal Study Group Hall tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The debate will be between Mr. Cox Dladla, a member of the Non-European Front and a former editor and founder of "The Black Opinion," and Mr. H. Dhlomo, the famous playwright and poet.

COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS GIVE OFFENCE

"I would have Sat on You" says Mr. S. Rustomjee

A remark made by Councillor F. J. Lewis at the sitting of the Indian Penetration Commission, at Maritzburg on Monday, to the effect that Indians, referring to the stores in the top end of Church Street, never kept the outside of their buildings in reasonable decency; in fact, they were filthy.

He could not imagine what the inside of the buildings would be like.

These statements were strongly resented by members of the Indian community.

"It is unfair to make such damaging statements," said Mr. S. R. Naidoo, to the Commission, "for there are European buildings in a similar condition.

"I object that Indian properties should be so picked out. The Council has the machinery to compel owners to keep their building in a proper condition."

Mr. A. T. Allison: "We have no power, no by-law to make owners keep their building clean."

Mr. I. A. Kajee contended that the municipalities had such powers, for they could say that "unless you clean up your place we will refuse your licence."

At the adjournment of the Commission Mr. Lewis was taken to task by Mr. C. Nulliah and Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee.

Mr. Rustomjee was heard to say to Mr. Lewis that if he was leading the evidence instead of Mr. Naidoo he would have sat on him.

"I would have sat on you, sat on you, sat on you," said Mr. Rustomjee, repeating the remark three times.

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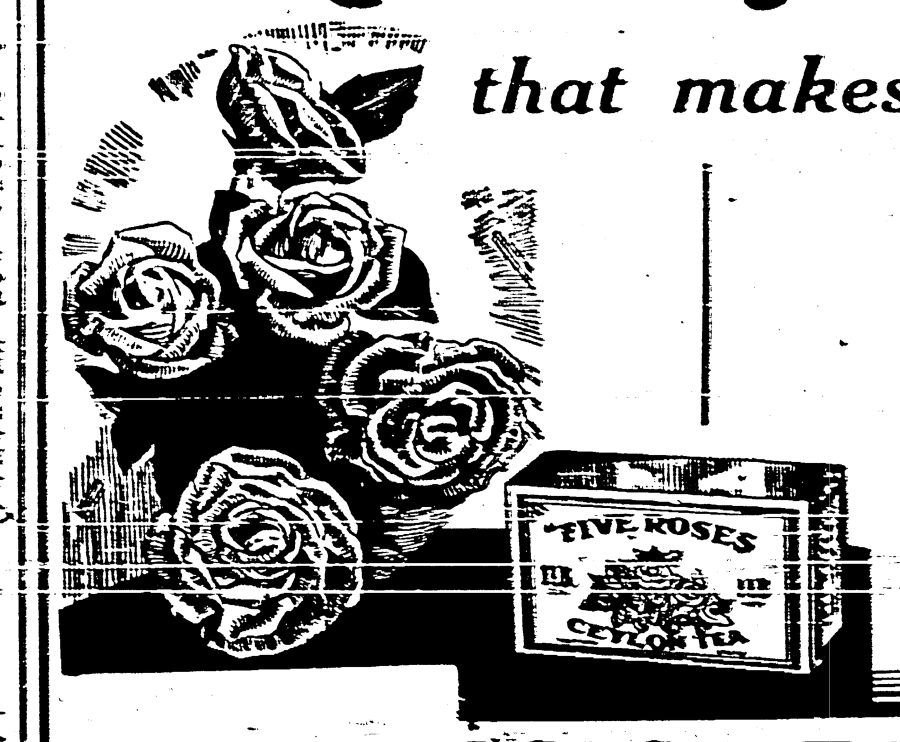

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Islamia wishes to meet other clubs in Natal in a friendly soccer match. Communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Islamia Football Club, 502 Church Street, Maritzburg.

ALLOWANCE TO DEPENDANTS

Professor Raymond Burrows, who is attending the meeting of the National Committee of the Governor-General's Fund at Capetown at the end of this month, has been asked to take up the question of allowances to the dependants of Indian soldiers.

"As matters stand at present," states the Congress, "the conditions governing allowances to Indian soldiers is entirely different from that of Europeans, especially in the fact that no consideration is given to the number of children or dependants.

"If an allowance per day per child were made the earnings of an Indian soldier would in most cases be brought to the level of what he earned before joining up, and calls on the Governor-General's Fund by dependants of Indian soldiers would be greatly reduced, if not altogether eliminated.

"There is another point that we would like to stress and that is that our Congress, as being responsible for regular contributions from its members to the South African Mayors' Fund and now to the Governor-General's Fund, should be given representation on the Durban Committee and also on the Investigation Committee of which you are a member."

REMOVAL OF A LANDMARK

Old School Hall at Newcastle

The H.Y.M.A. Hall of Newcastle is in the process of partial demolition. The association has ambitious plans for the future. It has provided for a bioscope hall, a library and a Tamil school, writes our Newcastle correspondent.

The hall has been closely connected with the Indian activities for well over a quarter of a century.

Originally a mill, it was converted into a mission school in 1912, and was opened by the Rev. Arthur A. Baillie, M.A. It continued to flourish and in 1933 the school celebrated its coming-of-age anniversary. In 1934 it received Government status and in 1938 the school was transferred to a new building.

The Indians, however, were not yet to sever their associations with the building, for the H.Y.M.A. bought it and conducted Tamil classes there. A few months ago its doors were closed, opening only for an occasional meeting or a picture.

Many notable personages have passed through its doors. The earliest among them was Mahatma Gandhi, followed years later by the Rt. Hon. Sastri, Kunwar Sir Maharaj and Lady Singh and Sir Raza Ali. The late Rev. C. F. Andrews, too, paid two visits to the school in 1927 and in 1932.

The hall, too, provided sanctuary for Indians who had temporarily lost their homes when the local river came down in flood some 20 years back.

Its passing is the severance of an old tie. It will always be remembered by those boys and girls who have gone far in life and owe their beginnings to this humble building.

Contributions to War Fund

The following names — contributions to the Governor-General's National War Fund, per Mr. A. T. Allison — were inadvertently omitted from the list published last week: Rahman, 2s. 6d.; S. I. Valodia, £1 1s.; Mahomed Ismail, £1 1s.; Eastern Bazaar, 2s. 6d.; M. H. Buckus, 10s. 6d.; A. I. [illegible], 15s.; I. Mahomed, 2s. [illegible]; Kristy, £2 2s.; P. K. Reddy, [illegible]; S. Haffajee, £1 1s.; J. M. Soni, [illegible]; African Fruit Orchard, £1 1s.; Chetty Bus Service, 10s. 6d.; [illegible]

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

The representatives of the Natal Indian Association at the sitting of the Indian Penetration Commission in Maritzburg this week, included Messrs. S. Rustomjee, P. R. Pather, A. S. Kajee, A. E. Shaikh, M. A. Bulim, Shaik Madar, S. R. Naidoo and Dr. M. R. Peters.

The Natal Indian Congress was represented by Messrs. A. I. Kajee, M. A. Jadwat, C. M. Anglia, V. K. Pillay, E. G. David and A. I. Haffejee.

The engagement of Miss Dhanalutchmee, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Coopsamy Moodley (Sankar) and sister of Messrs. C. V. Moodley Bros. of Tongaat, to Mr. P. M. Govender, the well known soccer player, etc., will take place at Tongaat on Sunday, April 6.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Singh, of 106 Sirdar Road, Clairwood. Mother and daughter both well.

The engagement of Miss Muniamal, sister of Mr. M. G. Redhi, a well known business man of Tongaat, to Mr. K. R. Naidoo, president of the Tongaat Young Men's Association, etc., and the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kistappa Naidoo, of Point, Durban, will take place at the residence of Mr. M. G. Redhi, Railway Street, Tongaat, tomorrow.

Lecture on Women's Education

A lecture, under the auspices of the Tongaat Young Men's Association, will be delivered by Mrs. Atheolutchee Chetty, a well known Andhra woman speaker, on "the education of women" at the T.H.S.B.A.A. Hall tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Obituaries: The death occurred of Mr. L. Rajcoomar, the well known Indian undertaker, of Durban, this week. He underwent an operation some three weeks ago for appendicitis. He was highly respected by all those who knew him.

Mr. Michael Sigamoney died at his residence at Clairwood last week. He was a younger brother of the Rev. B. L. E. Sigamoney. He was a keen public worker.

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Flake fish and remove bones. Mash potatoes. Mix together fish, potatoes, salt, pepper, butter and milk. Bind mixture with beaten egg. Turn out on to lightly floured board and divide mixture into equal parts. Shape into flat round cakes. Dip in egg and bread crumbs or flour. Fry in fat till golden brown; drain. Serve garnished with parsley.

MILK BREAD ROLLS

For 1 lb. flour allow 2 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ pint milk and 1 teaspoon salt.

Mix dry ingredients in basin, make a hole in middle and pour in the milk. Mix to a smooth dough, turn on to floured board and shape into rolls. Make 3 little cuts on top of each roll to help bread to rise, and bake for about 20 minutes. Oven should be fairly hot when rolls are put in, but heat must be moderated while they are actually cooking.

CARROT SANDWICHES FOR A CHANGE

1. Add two parts of grated raw carrots to one part of finely shredded white heart of cabbage, and bind with chutney or sweet pickle. Pepper and salt to taste.

2. Equal amounts of grated raw carrot, cabbage heart and crisp celery bound with chutney or sweet pickle. Pepper and salt to taste.

3. Bind some grated raw carrot with mustard sauce, flavoured with a dash of vinegar.

4. Cook diced carrot in curry sauce until tender enough to spread easily with a knife.

"FADGE" FOR BREAKFAST

"Fadge" is both nourishing and filling. It is excellent for breakfast.

Boil some well-scrubbed potatoes, then peel and mash them while hot. When the mixture is cool enough to handle, add salt, and work in enough flour to make a pliable dough. Knead lightly on a well floured board for about 5 minutes, then roll into a large circle about ½ in. thick. Cut into wedge shaped pieces and cook on a hot girdle, an electric hot-plate or on the upper shelf of a quick oven until brown on both sides, turning once.

A good polish can be obtained on furniture if the wood is first rubbed over with a cloth wrung out in hot water.

A little vinegar added to stewing improves the flavour and lessens the quantity of sugar required.

Drawers that are stiff and hard to slide will often be cured of the fault by rubbing the sliding surface liberally with soap.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Paul's Golden Wedding

On Sunday last at Sydenham, a large number of relatives and friends were present at a social and dinner arranged by Mr. and Mrs. V. Paul on the occasion of their golden wedding. A notable absentee was their only son, Sergeant Simon Paul, who is on service somewhere in Africa.

Those present to offer congratulations to the old couple were many old residents of Sydenham among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sundrum, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seethal, Mr. and Mrs. G. Zachariah and Mr. and Mrs. G. Manickum (sons-in-law and daughters respectively) from Maritzburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aidan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph David, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Govindswami, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thandaroyan, Mrs. D. F. Numion, Mrs. V. N. Thumbadoo, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Narayadu, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Narayadu, Miss Annie Nair, Messrs. T. Gabriel and P. S. Nathan.

Howick Mosque and Madressa

A meeting of the Muslim community of Howick and district was convened by Mr. I. M. Asmall, on Sunday last, at the Madressa Hall, Howick. A large number of Muslims were present from all parts of the district.

Mr. Asmall explained the object of calling the meeting.

After lengthy discussion a constitution was adopted for the mosque and the madressa, and the following were elected officials to manage the affairs of the mosque and madressa: President, Mr. M. H. Abdoorahman; vice president, Mr. Abdool Gaffor; chairman and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Khan; vice chairman, Mr. A. D. Rangila; secretary, Mr. I. M. Asmall; assistant secretary, Amod Essop; auditor, A. H. Mia.

The following were elected on the Committee: Messrs. I. E. Kolia, A. E. Moola, D. S. Desai, A. M. Dhalech, S. G. Mahomed, S. M. Kolia, M. A. Rehman, Mahomed Sahleh, E. Rangila, M. Ebrahim, Amod Mahomed, Ismail F. Amod, Ally Khan, E. F. Amod, Hassan F. Amod, Mahomed Desai.

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This Democracy

THERE are few intelligent Indians who are unaware of the invidious position in which they are placed in these days. They would concede, as indeed they have done over a period of years, a political supremacy to the European. They are not insensible to the difficulties of the European. They recognise his fears just as plainly as they denounce his prejudices. Today they know that the European in this country is fighting for the democratic cause and they know, too, that there is always a danger, when a man is fighting, that he may forget the cause in the fight. The authorities have to be reminded themselves and pass on the reminder to the people of what the cause is. On the City Halls of Durban and Maritzburg posters ring out their challenge that freedom and liberty will prevail. It is a very great and noble challenge, and not one that even the Indian, with an old and fine civilisation behind him, is likely to ignore or forget.

What the European ignores, however, in his fight for freedom and liberty and social justice is that he has too often refused it to those he calls his inferiors. What today he is demanding for himself he has refused to grant to others, and among those others is the Indian community in South Africa. The European will deny this at every turn, for the European seldom faces facts. Once let him have the facts and he is confounded. There is a wave of anti-Indian opinion sweeping Natal. That is one fact. The Indian in the most British province in South Africa lacks the opportunities of growth in mental and social stature. That, too, is a fact. Proof of it lies everywhere—in the absence of free education; in the lack of decent living standards; in the refusal of political representation; in the neglect of the streets where Indians live; in the total negligence of human needs.

The South African Indian is not allowed to fight for his country, lest in doing so he rises above the inferior position to which he has been condemned. This is the final test of citizenship that a man shall fight for his own land. Denied this no man can be entirely free from a feeling of inferiority. The Indian hates totalitarianism and Fascism and Nazism. He has good reasons for doing so. Those doctrines are contrary to all Indian philosophy. But also the Indian hates them the more because he recognises that he is the victim of those things in a European democracy which are very like totalitarianism. They are easy to define and some of them are defined above. It is no use the European talking of democracy unless he is prepared to practise it on others. This is the test of his sincerity and his real concern for democracy. Is it to be a democracy only for Europeans, only for the White South Africans, or is it to be a democracy for all? Is it to give an abundance of life and health and living to the Bantu, to the Coloured and to the Indian, or is it to confine its virtues to the European? A long time ago it was discovered that it was unwise and dangerous to withhold elementary rights from communities of proved worth. The Indians in South Africa have proved their worth whenever they have been given the opportunity. They will never be a danger to the European in South Africa. What they desire today is to be given the right to progressive citizenship.

INDIA MAKES HER OWN WAR REQUIREMENTS

India now manufactures within her own borders more than ninety per cent. of her war requirements.

She makes her own rifles, machine-guns, small arms ammunition, as well as propellents of all sorts, saddlery, army blankets, clothes, artillery up to six-inch guns and six-inch howitzers—everything, except motor cars and aeroplanes; these in a short time will also be made.

Great plans were laid and are now working smoothly for the making of these war stores, and India is now not only in a position to supply her own Army, but has also been able to send a certain amount of these stores to the Commands in Singapore, Hong Kong, Egypt and the Middle East.

War supply orders have recently been received by the Supply Department from eleven countries of the Empire. These include 500,000 yards of khaki shirting, fish-plates and sleepers for railways, coal, rolled steel joists, steel tanks and staging, tents, materials and fittings for military hospitals and several other miscellaneous items.

One order received from the United Kingdom is for boots to the value of Rs. 10,000,000 and another is for Rs. 400,000 worth of fabricated steel buildings to be supplied to Palestine and Egypt.

125,000 PAIRS OF BOOTS A MONTH

Extensive machinery and a large labour force are now employed in fulfilling the order for boots against which deliveries have already commenced and are expected to be maintained at the rate of 125,000 pairs per month.

From being merely a manufacturer of boots for internal consumption India has now become an exporter on a substantial scale. In the past Indian exports of boots and shoes were limited to easily accessible markets, and consisted mainly of rubber sole shoes with canvas uppers.

A small number of chappals and jutis (slippers) were also exported.

India's large supply of raw hides and well-established tanning industry ensure an ample supply of the requisite quality of leather, while the boot manufacturing industry, capable of internal expansion at short notice, has made acceptance of this order for Rs. 10,000,000 from the United Kingdom possible.

As India does not manufacture the grindery comprising metal toe and heel tips, eyelets, screwed wire, flax thread, tacks, etcetera, necessary for the finished product, the Supply Department have had to overcome difficulties in importing all these items. These items have to be made with extreme precision for use in machines necessary for mass production and their adequate supply to Indian industry has been ensured with the cooperation of His Majesty's Government.

INDIA'S GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGE

Deliveries of the fabricated steel buildings are going forward satisfactorily and further orders are in sight. Though the margin of profit is small, the extent of the orders ensures considerable Indian labour being kept in constant employment.

The only serious rival in a "race" for this order was Australia, but owing to the shorter distance for all supplies moving from India westwards as compared with Australia, India's geographical advantages proved to be the decisive factor. This means not only a saving in shipping cost, insurance and other charges, but also in time, because supplies transported from India take three weeks less than those from Australia.

Quotations from India were cabled within 48 hours of receiving an enquiry.

Egypt has placed a war supply order in India for the supply of 2,300 electric fans. Of these over 1,600 have been shipped.

Our Readers Speak . . .

MAHARAJ v. MAHARAJ

Hindu Caste System

Permit me space in your valuable column of your journal to voice my opinion to Mr. R. B. Maharaj's statement which appeared last week.

I wholeheartedly support Mr. S. Panday's article of previous week in opposing and challenging Mr. R. B. Maharaj's action in converting Mr. Shivrathan to priesthood.

According to Mr. R. B. Maharaj's quotations, I feel that he is a believer of Sanathan Dharma for the books he used in quoting his case are by holy rishis and are followed by the sanathanists. The Laws of Manu, Puranas, Gita, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are the books which the sanathanists believe and the samajists condemn. May I know whether Mr. Shivrathan was earning a holy life like the rishi Kavasha? Mr. S. Panday is justified in asking Mr. Maharaj to delete his title of "Maharaj" since he follows the profession of a book-keeper. Mr. Maharaj admits in his own statement that it is beyond his comprehension how he got the title of Maharaj. So why use it for mere name sake?

I feel that it is time for Mr. Maharaj to set an example to the society of his people by allowing himself to be called as "Chamar." I suggest to him that in future he shall be addressed at Mr. R. B. Chamar and not as Mr. R. B. Maharaj. I hope he will have no objection or ill-feeling because that he is who takes the liberty to promote a person from a lower to a higher rank, so by demoting himself he will be well respected by all his followers.

In regard to Mr. S. Panday's challenge, I note that the Veda Dharma Sabha, Maritzburg, is about to convene a meeting. May I know why this should be in Maritzburg? Most of the Indian population reside in Durban, Mayville, Clairwood, North and South Coast. I believe Mr. Maharaj resides in Maritzburg so it is to his advantage of avoiding travelling expenses. This should be an open air meeting in a well Indian populated area.

To make the points clear for the sanathanists to take part, I would like to know whether Mr. R. B. Maharaj is a true believer of the sanathanist or the samajist schools. If Mr. R. B. Maharaj claims himself as a true sanathanist, I venture myself to challenge him in an open air meeting with a purse for his recent action in converting a chamar to a brahman or a priesthood. I anxiously wait upon Mr. R. B. Maharaj's reply.

B. J. MAHARAJ.

II

I read with great interest the article of Mr. R. B. Maharaj in your journal of last week and should like to express my views in the matter to enlighten on the subject of the meaning of the word "Maharaj," adopted by Brahmans. In Sanskrit there are seven words for Yagya (sacrifice), and since the Creator entitled Brahmans to perform the Yagya for themselves and others, the Brahmans became the ruler of the Yagya, and in ancient time the word "Makh" was used for Yagya. Hence the title "Makhraj" for performing Yagya (sacrifice) is adopted by the Brahmans. "Makh" means Yagya and "Raj" means ruler or master. At a later period the word "Maha" was used in place of "Makh" and "Maha" means great; which signified the greatness of Brahmans through their devotion to knowledge, etc. Likewise the title of Khatriyas is "Maharaja," which is based from the Sanskrit word "Mahee," meaning the earth, and since the Kshatriyas became rulers they are entitled with the word "Maharaja," "Maheepal," etc.

Regarding the four Varnas, Brahman, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra, there are various mantras in the Vedas. For instance, the mantra which says: "Brahmans are the head of mankind," is of Yajur Veda, chapter 31, mantra 11. Similarly there are mantra in chapter 14, mantra 23, 29 and 30; chapter 16, mantra 48; chapter 26, mantra 2; chapter 30, mantra 2, Atharva Veda mantra 62, chapter 19, etc. In none of these mantras or others is any trace that a Brahman becomes Shudra by Karma and Shudra becomes a Brahman. But there are several mantras stating that brotherly feelings and unity should be practiced amongst the Varnas, and no one should hate each other. Where are these feelings today when we hate each other and try to break the law of the Creator by trying to become Brahman or Shudra when God has sent us to reap what we have sown in the previous state of existence? "As you sow so shall you reap," according to this the Karma is the main cause of one to be born in a Brahman family, or in the rest of Varnas and to enjoy happiness or sorrow. According to our Karma God gives us birth, wealth, health and happiness. Therefore, we should be contented with our Karma and do our duty which will entitle us to a better position in the next birth.

SADANAND MAHARAJ.

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Trade Union for Teachers

"SALARY SCALES ARE SHOCKING"

Says Secretary E. Shanley

"I have seen scandalous conditions among industrial workers but the condition of Indian teachers has no parallel," said Mr. E. Shanley, secretary of the local committee of the South African Trades and Labour Council, in his opening speech at the inaugural meeting of the Natal Teachers' Union held at St. Aidan's Hall, Durban, last Saturday.

Continuing, Mr. Shanley said, "I am accustomed to addressing the industrial workers but it is the first time I am addressing the cream of the Indian community—the educationalists are the cream of any community.

It is a pity that your true position is not appreciated. You are the people in whose hands is left the educating of the whole community and had your true position been appreciated your economic position would have been much higher.

"I have read with interest the question of your legal employers, in a recent issue of The Leader and your salary scales have really shocked me. You seem to be no better than the ordinary unskilled labourers in some cases," added Mr. Shanley.

He assured the teachers of the support of the Trades and Labour Council in their struggles. The Trade Union movement as a whole would stand with them.

Mr. Shanley said that organising into a trade union was a very serious task, a task in which unity was of utmost importance. In the past few years there had been a tremendous growth in non-European trade unions. The Sugar Workers' Union was an example. Only a few years ago it was felt that it would be impossible to organise the sugar workers.

The Sugar Workers' Union was growing rapidly every day. He urged the teachers to elect an independent secretary to avoid victimisation. The trade unions had struggled hard for the provision of an independent secretary and that had now been granted to them by statute.

HISTORICAL OCCASION

Mr. S. Panday, the convenor of the meeting, said that it was a historical occasion for it was the first time in the Union that a Teachers' Union was being formed. He thanked Mr. Shanley for his presence and said that he looked forward to Mr. Shanley's assistance.

He then introduced Mr. I. C. Meer to the gathering and said that Mr. Meer had been of invaluable assistance to him. He had at all times shown his willingness to help the teachers.

The constitution was then adopted and the following officials elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Mr. S. Panday; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Perumal; secretary-treasurer, I. C. Meer.

Committee: Messrs. S. P. Singh, M. V. Naicker, N. G. Chetty, S. [illegible], [illegible] Moodley, J. Powys, and one vacancy left for Pietermaritzburg.

Despite unfavourable weather conditions the hall was almost packed. Nearly every one present became a member of the Union. About fifty schools were represented.

Among the first units to arrive in East Africa after war broke out was an Indian Mountain Battery. The Battery has been on service for months and they are as fit and high-spirited as any unit in the field. The Battery took a full part in the Moyale battle and at one stage came under heavy fire. They never flinched.

MAINTENANCE OF CARS DEPRECIATION OF BOOKS

Lawyers' Points for Income Tax Reduction

On behalf of the Madras Advocates' Association, a deputation on Mr. J. F. Sheehy, Member of the Central Board of Revenue (in charge of Income-tax) and made certain representations regarding assessment of income-tax on Advocates' income.

They asked for a deduction of the amount of expenditure incurred in connection with the maintenance of cars kept by them for their professional work.

They also urged that allowance should be made for the depreciation value of law books already purchased and owned by them.

Mr. Sheehy stated that the points urged by them would receive his best consideration.

The Causes of Unhappy Marriages are in the Stars, Says an Astrologist

"ETERNAL developments of bodies, medical tests and certificates and the apparent health of the parties to be married are not the real factors to depend upon for a successful marriage. The visible influences are frequently changed and mysterious alterations take place. The horoscopes of the parties would show whether they are physically and mentally fit for the duties and responsibilities of marital life. Moreover, the joint horoscopes would determine the fecundative power of each, and the times when children should be brought into the world, healthy, vigorous and virile, with the minimum of pain and suffering to the mother."

This, according to the teachings of the Hindi Rishis, as quoted by our correspondent, Mr. Sandanand Maharaj, would make for matrimonial harmony, in stressing the value of astrology in regard to marriage.

THE question of marriage looms large at some time in life on the horizon of all human beings, and the desire to complete the circle of existence by the adoption of a suitable mate is inherent in the very nature of our being.

So fully is this the case that to most persons it gathers the force of an obsession, and nothing appears of greater importance to them while this influence maintains its control.

The ancient Hindu maha rishis say that:

"Marriage must be considered as a sacred function, not for the simple gratification of bestial pleasures. Its aim should be noble and directed to produce healthy, long lived, intelligent and spiritual children who would form loyal and useful citizens. If the pairs that are joined in marriage have no spiritual bond of affinity between them, and nothing but the mere attraction of the body, the purely sexual instinct, they will people the world with children, more or less incapable, unthinking, and degenerate, as they are themselves. If these children are born in millions, like ants and flies, they will violate the purpose of man's existence, and bring about that stoppage and recoil which is called death."

It is a strange fact but all the same true, that side by side exist the highest development of intelligence, and the grossest ignorance imaginable. For, what shall we say about the performance of marriages without any consideration as to their future consequences and seeking of divorces on the flimsiest of grounds.

Through the dominant influence of the present material civilisation, and the ideal of enjoyment fostered by it, even the spiritual world has been affected by an internal [illegible]. The heart trembles at the sight of the moral degradation passing current today in the name of religion and the Satanic elements in man, of which hypocrisy is the foundation, are developing at an exceptionally rapid rate.

The papers give accounts of the novel ways and means invented and adopted by the criminal classes in invading on the right of innocent citizens, and the thousand and one ways adopted by their members to defeat the ends of justice, and to elude the most eminent detectives employed by the governments.

How are these criminals produced and what have the governments done to root out the criminal classes? If the criminal organisations exist side by side with the best forms of government agencies, employed to put them down, and frequently outwit them, in their trades, where is the sense of spending such enormous sums on a department which is not able to correctly locate the offender or capture the offender? When the roots are taken care of, the fruits and flowers will take care of themselves.

Astronomy and astrology are the science which is able to cure the

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A BUTCHER BUTCHERED

Alcockspruit the Scene of Crime

Mr. Akbar Khan, a butcher, was brutally murdered at Alcock's Spruit last Friday morning, writes our Newcastle correspondent.

The assailants, it is believed, effected their entry by breaking a window.

The scene of the crime is a lonely cottage in the quarrying area of Alcock's Spruit and Mr. Khan was the sole occupant of the building at the time. From the blood stains on the wall it was apparent that the victim put up a grim struggle against death. There were numerous stab wounds on his head and chest and his night clothes were reduced to rags.

Arrests have been made.

FAREWELL TO RETIRING OFFICIAL

Mr. M. G. Fannin, who is retiring from the magistracy of Pinetown, will be accorded a farewell reception, organised by the Pinetown and District Indian Residents' Committee, at the Empire Cinema Hall, Moodie Street, Pinetown, tomorrow at 2 p.m.

During his term of office Mr. Fannin showed great interest in the welfare of the Indian community. It was due to his efforts that the Motala Lads' Hotel for Indian delinquents was established. He also assisted greatly in the establishment of the new school at Wyebank.

Mrs. Fannin has also been greatly interested in the activities of the Indian community.

They will be missed for their good deeds and it is fitting that their services should be thus publicly recognised.

THAT BLOOD SACRIFICE

I note from a letter published under the above heading by S. A. Mukuddum and hear from various other reliable sources that Maulana Loot, of Richmond, the new Apostle of Goat Sacrifice, is prepared to challenge any doubter to a public debate where he will conclusively prove:—

(a) That the Muslim religion permits the sacrifice and offering of blood on the erection of a new building, mosque, etc.

(b) That it is lawful to sacrifice goat and other animal dedicated to Bada-Pir Abdul Kader Jailani and other saints and prophets, etc., as is performed by his Memon disciples, providing that the animal so dedicated is slaughtered according to the usual Muslim rites, that is reciting Bismilla Allaho Akbar prior to slaughtering.

Being a student of Islamic theology, I can prove to the very hilt that this new teaching as imparted by Maulana Loot is against the precepts of Islam, it is condemned by Muslim theologians, by the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet. In fact, the performance of these sacrifices by Muslims automatically transform them into kaffirs or polytheists, it is described as one of the most heinous and unpardonable crimes. The only way for expiation for the performer and those participating in it is to make complete atonement by being re-converted to Islam and remarrying their wives who had automatically become divorced.

Now, instead of merely expressing my views, I challenge this Maulana Loot to a public debate on the items enumerated above on the following conditions:—

(1) That the discussion take place at the Sunni-Surti Mosque, West Street, Durban, immediately after the Friday prayers, or on any day convenient to Maulana Loot.

(2) That Maulana Loot produce authentic and recognised authorities and prove from them, word for word, that sacrifices of life on the erection of new buildings, mosques, etc., is permissible, and that goats dedicated to Walis (saints), Pirs and Prophets are lawful when slaughtered in the usual Islamic way.

If Maulana Loot fails to prove that these sacrifices and blood offerings are lawful, then I shall produce evidence from recognised Islamic books on theology that all such sacrifices as advanced by Maulana Loot is strictly prohibited in Islam. In this case, Maulana Loot, as a penitence, shall contribute a sum of £50 towards the building funds of a school that the Nizamia Muslim Society propose erecting in the near future.

Needless to state that my failure to prove that Maulana Loot is entirely wrong and that his teachings are based on misconceptions, would mulct me into contributing a like sum, that is £50 towards any fund or charity Maulana Loot may choose to name.

M. I. SEEPYE.

New Hanover.

II

I was more than surprised to read an article re Blood Sacrifice in Shaik Ahmed Mukuddum's letter in the Leader of the 21st inst. which I presume is a reply to an article by Sayed Mahomed. I am surprised to find that this very interesting practice of blood sacrifice should be quoted to Sayed Mahomed personally rather than through the medium of the Press. I am positive that this question would not only benefit Sayed Mahomed but thousands of other Muslims in the Union and overseas. In my experience during the past in the erection of mosques or buildings I have never come across a practice of this kind and especially where a learned Moulvi officiated at this sacrifice.

Would Mr. Shaik Ahmed Makuddum be good enough to enlighten me through The Leader the quotations from the Quran or the Hadis, if any, dealing on the above sacrifice.

Durban. E. MOTALA.

III

In your issue of March 15 and 21 an article appearing under the above caption was read by me with keen interest.

Mr. Shaik Ahmed Mukuddum perhaps does not understand the queries raised by Mr. Syed Muhammad, or he may have overlooked the one fact, since I note that he seems to be so very well versed in the Islamic religion that he requires the address of Muhammad Syed and then will forward him under registered cover a copy from the Fiqah, where such as blood is allowed as sacrifice, in the erection of buildings.

Now, Mr. Shaik Ahmed Mukuddum, may I draw your attention that since you have taken up the matter to please clear this doubt of "blood sacrifice" through the medium of the Press. The matter is now not for the satisfaction of Sayed Muhammad, but for the whole Muslim community in general.

In concluding I may state that a Muslim should disseminate Islam rather than through registered posts to private destinations.

Durban. ADAM ISMAIL.

IV

Replying to Syed Muhammed's request for an explanation regarding "Blood as Sacrifice" on occasion of the "Foundation Laying" ceremony of the new mosque in Church Street, conducted by the Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamia Trust, it is unworthy of a Muslim to bring up such a matter for discussion through the medium of a newspaper.

The Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamia Trust, a body entrusted by the Muslim community to carry out a big project of erecting a new mosque and madressa, itself establishes the following it possesses, not to quote the enormous support flowing in from Muslims in the form of money, building material and patronage, thus proving beyond doubt the immediate necessity to get a new mosque built.

Having regard to the immense responsibility borne by the Islamia Trust in relation to the Muslim faith, it goes without saying that nothing that is without religious sanction will be allowed to be performed. Hence the ignorance of Syed Muhammed in this connection, true to the saying: "Curiosity killed the cat—and satisfaction brought it back."

I advise that every Muslim wanting his curiosity satisfied may approach the officials of the Islamia Trust or may cause a meeting of Muslims to be held, whereat the question of "Blood as Sacrifice" and any other religious questions may be cleared up. He is not a true follower of the Muslim faith who causes sacred tenets to be made a subject of newspaper discussion.

HASSAM KHAN.

Pietermaritzburg.

V

I read with amusement the so-called reply to my query regarding the legitimacy of blood-sacrifice on the erection of new mosque buildings. Presumably the writer is no other than one of the joint hon. secretaries of the Maritzburg Musjid and Islamia Trust; his letter is more silly than sarcastic.

If this Mr. Mukuddum and Maulana Loot were not merely bluffing, they would have come out with proofs and published same in the "Leader" in which my query appeared.

Instead of beating about the bush I expect Messrs. Mukuddum and Loot to come out and quote word for word from their books as to the lawfulness of dedicating goats at the erection of new buildings and then sacrificing them and burying the blood under the foundation stone. Why in the name of Truth, is the Maulana Saheb hiding himself behind the apron of Mr. Mukuddum?

Though I append my address at the foot of this letter, I do not wish to receive any private correspondence on this subject, the matter is not a local one now, hundreds of Muslim readers of the "Leader" are clamouring to know the truth, and, in the circumstance what could be better than the utilisation of the columns of this worthy journal.

Come out, then, Mr. Mukuddum and Maulvi Loot from your tortoise shell and place before the public proofs of this newfangled form of polytheism that you are preaching among your poor deluded Muslim disciples.

SAYED MUHAMMED.

156 Greyling Street,
Pietermaritzburg.

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disease at the root and restore peace and prosperity to mankind. If the various governments in the world establish schools for the study of the science of astrology, and marriages are regulated by the expert advice of the scientific astrologers about the units of agreement in all the forms of marriages, reproduction of the criminal population, and the consequent miseries and trouble to the social fabric, will be greatly minimised.

In recent years America has taken a leading part in regaining for astrology the popularity and attention it once received. At the recent convention place of science of astrology in modern thought was debated and the truth is that astrology, for many years disregarded and forgotten, is now being rediscovered by humanity, and ultimately is destined to play a very important role in human thought. For there is scarcely any problem in the solution of which it cannot but be of great assistance. It was also suggested that there should be an astrologer in every school.

Those who trace the origin of astrology as coming from the Greeks, Chaldeans and Arabs are surprised to know that it has centuries of history behind it. It is the most ancient science and almost coeval with the human race. India is its real birth place.

The Athawa and Yajur Vedas contain several mantras in the matter. The first mantra is in Atharva Veda 20.54-3 "Nemi Namantichakshasa Mesham Vipra Abhiswarah" and Yajur Veda 20.8, "Ashivina taigsa chakshu" etc.

Dr. Kern writes in his preface to his Brihat Samhita—"The Hindu astronomers were the only class of learned men in their country who had an idea of science being progressive, not stationary or retrogressive." There are various supports to the astrological knowledge of Hindus to which the discoveries and researches of the present day scientist pays tribute.

At the current time the study of the science has attracted the attention of the greatest thinkers all over the civilised world.

The ancient rishis, with their divine vision, seem to have examined this vital affair of marriage astrologically, and expressed their ideas under astrological technicalities with a view to obviate these important defects and to produce children who will be long lived, healthy, loving, sympathetic and agreeable companions and loyal citizens.

When man dies, the karmaic results go with the jeeva or soul as so many incumbrances on an estate which passes away from one hand to another. The liabilities and assets imposed by karma on the jeeva are found embedded there and they are indicated by the symbols of astrology and the planetary birth positions.

The earth is not the only planet that is inhabited; there are hundreds of others. From the astrological point of view, the universe is divided into twelve divisions or districts called by the names Mesh, Brish, Mithun, etc. (Aries, Taurus, Gemini). In each division are many planets. The planets in any one division are peopled by a distinct type of inhabitants; they differ in general characteristics and intelligence from the types in the other eleven divisions. In other words each person in the universe is characteristic of and peculiar to the particular division in which he lives.

On the earth were living some of the people belonging to each of the twelve divisions. By inter-marriage and close association of these different classes there has been created thousands of variations and combinations of character, which have as a result produced a conglomerate mass of different nations, languages and religions.

The varied and conflicting ideas and emotions expressed by these many combinations, keep the entire population of the earth in turmoil. Each person, because of an imperfect understanding of himself, of the laws that govern his being, and of the reason for his being on the earth, instinctively doubts, disturbs, blames, dislikes and even hates most of the other inhabitants and is ever ready to criticise, oppose or take advantage of them.

As a result, strife and contention exist everywhere and real happiness is almost unknown. At best, it is but a temporary condition, constantly overshadowed by doubt or fear. A soul belonging to the planet Mangal (Mars) or the division Mesh never agrees with the one from Budh (Mercury) or the division Kanya (Virgo). If these souls associate for marriage function divorce, quarrels, etc., will surely take place. The best mate for this person from Mangal is one from the Sun, division Singh (Leo) or Guru (Jupiter) division Dhan (Sagittarius).

These are some of the main points ascertained in mating the marrying parties through the science of astrology and according to their ruling planets the auspicious times are selected when the particular planet's position is favourably situated. When this science is understood and properly applied the marrying couple will enjoy full bliss of peace, health, wealth and prosperity.

The careful use of the science made the Hindus great in the peculiar ceremony of marriage.

The purification ceremony is not for purifying the marrying man's various kinds of sins, but it is meant for purifying certain unfavourable forces of energies prevailing during the period of marriage in connection with the physical, mental and spiritual plane of human existence.

This subject is an inexhaustive one and the various forms of energy concerned in the production and destruction of these phenomena are too comprehensive and complicated to be easily explained or understood by every person.

Sanskrit writers call their sciences as vast and unfathomable oceans and those who have got the highest gifts of intelligence and genius can only go on boats of knowledge to short distances in these literary scientific oceans.

Hence we have to dive deep to seek for correct knowledge in the ocean of Hindu sciences, and should not approach any subject either with scepticism, credulity or suspicion.

Earnest research ought to be our motto.

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G.B.S. Lacks Ready Answer

Asked by the United Press of India representative as to how the relations between India and Britain could be improved, Mr. George Bernard Shaw said:—

"Roughly India should have Dominion status immediately. But there are the native Princes and Japan (Asiatic John Bull), its neighbour. The Muslim Ulster is also introducing complications which are, however, not insoluble.

I am not ready with exact solutions.

Therefore I better hold my tongue."

NEW SCHOOL AT JACOBS

"In the field of Indian education the policy of the Natal Provincial Administration was deplorable, but since the arrival of the Rt. Hon. Srinivasa Sastri, as the first Agent General for India, after the Capetown agreement of 1927, Indian education in Natal has made rapid progress. It was due to the expression of self-help on the part of the Indian community to provide education for their children. Indians were mainly responsible for erecting buildings and conducting the schools privately before obtaining a grant from the Department. Within the last thirteen years Indian education expanded rapidly; from £27,000 spent on our education in 1928, the figure has now risen about £100,000 and the number of children at school for the same period has increased from 10,000 to 25,000. You have also adopted the same course of self-help and I am confident of your success provided you must continue your activities under all circumstances," declared Swami Bhawani Dayal, in opening a new school under the auspices of the Indian Educational Society in the wireless area at Jacobs.

The hall was packed to capacity and included a large number of ladies. It was reflected in the secretarial report that this society was formerly known as the "Hindi Rastriya Vidya Mandal" which ceased to function about two years ago. It was revived in last November in the new name of Indian Educational Society. The Society has been successful in erecting the school building which has now been opened.

There was a continuous cry of "shame" when reference was made to the negligence of the Durban Corporation in providing water and the removal of night soil.

Other speakers were Shrimati K. Naidoo, Shri S. P. Pillay, the president, Shri V. S. D. Naidoo and Shri G. S. Persad, the secretaries, Shri K. Moonghee, Shri Manie Naidoo and Shri B. T. Rai, who presided.

Shamrocks F.C.

At the twelfth annual meeting of the Shamrocks F.C. held recently, the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:—

Patron, Mr. K. Samuels; life vice-presidents, P. D. Naicker, Pat Nulliah, S. J. Henriques and R. Kris Naidoo; vice-presidents, G. S. Govender, J. Naidoo, P. M. Moodley, P. S. Reddy, J. Stevens, R. K. Naidoo, T. Tilchun, R. A. Naidoo, N. Phillips and S. P. Pillay; secretary and treasurer, M. Naidoo; delegates to the County Indian Football Association, M. V. Naicker and R. A. Naidoo; senior captain, A. H. Hoosen; senior vice-captain, M. M. Moodley; junior captain, G. K. Naidoo; junior vice-captain, G. Heraiall.

Colours, green and white.

Hill View F.C.

The following were elected officials of the Hill View F.C.:—

Patron, Mr. E. G. Daval; president, Mr. B. A. Kaylasoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. H. Nepaul; manager, Mr. G. Bernard Pillay; auditor, Mr. B. Ramdeck; junior captain, Mr. Y. E. Deedat; juvenile captain, Mr. C. Govindasamy; committee, Messrs. L. Maharaj, B. H. Nepaul, B. A. Kaylasoo and G. Bernard Pillay; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Ramjeeon, R. Gopaul, G. Jagwanth, H. Rathnum, M. A. Haffajee, S. E. Kader, Sheik Yusuf, R. Bramdhaw, K. Soobramoney, K. Moothu, R. G. Naidoo, R. Harrinarian, G. Sewparasad, F. C. Charles, W. Paul, K. Ruthnum and A. Shunmugam.

Rangers F.C.

The following are elected office-bearers of the Rangers F.C.:—

Patrons, Messrs. A. K. Ally, I. C. Dada, Hyder Khan and S. Yacoob; vice-presidents, Messrs. K. Moodley, Dawood Yacoob, R. Naidoo, A. Adam and E. I. Rawat; president, Mr. Benny Francis; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. I. Rawat; assistant secretary, Mr. Ismail Sarwar; captain, Mr. Willie Pather; vice-captain, Mr. G. Krishnasamy; selection committee, Messrs. P. Govindsamy, Zill Auguste, M. Isaacs, B. Francis, G. Krishnasamy, P. Jacobs, A. Adam (Chandler), E. I. Rawat and W. Pather; manager, Mr. R. K. Nadasen.

A Ladysmith Wedding

A pretty wedding was solemnised in the presence of all sections of the Indian community at the Ladysmith Hindu Thirukootam and Shri Ganser Temple Hall on Sunday last when Mr. P. Manikum Pillay, second son of the late Mr. Poonsamy Pillay, was married to Miss Maragathamammall, second daughter of the late Mr. V. Samnathan Pillay, both of Ladysmith. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. V. Poonsamy Chettyiar, assisted by Mr. Punjabi Maharaj, of Driefontein.

The large pandal was beautifully decorated by Mr. Churran for the occasion. A large number of guests were present to grace the function, where congratulatory speeches were extended by Messrs. C. S. Govinder, G. G. Chetty, H. R. Singh, G. K. Nulliah, Manickum Pillay and S. Kallichurum.

Mr. M. S. Archary, on behalf of the host and hostess, thanked all the guests. The couple were recipients of many valuable presents.

Mr. O. S. Mohamed's microphone was in attendance.

A Maritzburg Bride

A pretty wedding took place last Sunday at the Mayville Theatre, the contracting parties were Miss Thanalutchmee, the eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. V. N. Naidoo, and sister of N. Johnny, of Maritzburg, to Mr. G. V. Naidoo, of Mayville.

The hall which was artistically decorated for the occasion, was packed to capacity, with all sections of the Indian community.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous presents and many congratulatory messages.

The treasurer of the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Messrs. M. M. Cassimjee, £1; Ismail Moolla, 6s.; Hoosen Y. Asmall, £2; Shaik Yacoob, 10s.; I. M. Asmall, 10s. 6d.; S. M. Randeree, £2; Moosa Kadoo, 10s.; M. E. Parak, 9s. 9d.; A. Goga, £1 1s.; I. M. Asmall, crockery for £5; Y. A. Deedat, 10s. 6d.; C. I. Bayat, 2s.

TAMIL TALKIE AT THE AVALON

A talkie that no Tamilian or even other sections of the Indian community should fail to see, is "Bhaktha Tulsidas," which will be shown for the whole of next week at the Avalon.

While it is a powerful religious picture there are epic scenes that should provide entertainment for all spectators. The Avalon enterprise, in providing this Tamil talkie, should receive the widest support.

The story is:—

During the reign of Emperor Akbar in India, Athma Ram, a devotee of Lord Vishnu, placed his son Thulsi Ram in an important post which he held in the palace of Akbar, and went on a pilgrimage. Thulsi Ram was young and fell in love with Jumna Bai, a nautch girl, and on this being reported to Thulsi Ram's mother she makes an appeal to her son to return home, but the son paid no heed to her appeal.

Jumna Bai asks her lover to present her with a diamond necklace, but as he was in poor circumstances he made the excuse that after the return of his father from pilgrimage he would buy this gift for her. A priest in a Vishnu temple meets Jumna Bai and in order to gain her affections makes her a gift of a diamond necklace and other presents. She divides her affections between Thulsi Ram and the priest.

On his return from pilgrimage Athma Ram was pained to hear of his son's misdoings and persuaded him to return home and join his wife to whom he was married. This young couple lived happily until when on an order from the Emperor, Akbar, Thulsi Ram proceeds to Delhi but on the way feels the pangs of parting with his wife and returns home to find that she had suddenly disappeared. He goes to her mother's home during a night filled with terror of thunder and lightning. He scales the wall of the palace in which his wife was asleep but the soldiers of the palace suspect him as a thief and place him under custody. His wife on hearing of his predicament, releases him and they rejoin.

The story is that Thulsi Ram was in a previous birth the famous poet, Valmiki, who was the author of Ramayanam, a great and monumental epic work depicting the story of Rama and Sita. The story is full of thrills and excitement and shows the devotion of Tulsidas, the central figure of the plot, to his wife, Mamatha.

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Season's Concluding Cricket at Durban

There were no cricket matches last week-end owing to the rain. Two matches are now left to complete the Asmal's Cup competition and the season and the "A" Division League, Ottoman, were successful in winning the Asmal's Cup.

Sparks won the "B" Division League Cup, thus they have secured promotion to the "A" Division next season.

Young Muslims are doing well, having beaten all their opponents so far in the Natal Cup competition, and will meet the Orientals, of Maritzburg, in the final at Durban, tomorrow.

"B" DIVISION LEAGUE LOG

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Sparks	4	3	1	0	11
Stella	4	[illegible]	1	1	8
Verulam Temple ...	4			0 0	3
Central	4	1	0	0	3
Bharat	4	1	0	0	2

ASMAL CUP COMPETITION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Ottoman	20	18	1	1	37
Kismet	20	15	2	3	33
Young Muslims ...	19	15	2	2	32
Central	20	13	5	2	28
Stella	18	11	7	[illegible]	23
Sastri College	19	9	9	1	19

The following teams scratched from the competition: Greyville, Stars, Bharat, Sparks and Verulam Temple.

REMAINING FIXTURES

The following matches will conclude the Asmal's Cup competition:
Stella vs. Young Muslims.
Stella vs. Sastri College.

TOMORROW: PANDAY SHIELD FINAL

Young Muslims (Durban) vs. Orientals (Maritzburg).

SASTRI vs. ADAM

Sastri College will play Adam Mission College in their annual match at Durban today.

INDIAN-AFRICAN CRICKET

The following players will represent Durban against the Durban African Cricket Union at Currie's Fountain, Durban, tomorrow, commencing at 9.30 a.m.: A. S. Timol (Ottoman, capt.), G. H. Doorat (Stars), J. Davidson, G. M. Naidoo (Sparks), M. Kisten, M. Subrayah (Stella), E. I. Timol (Ottoman), A. S. Ramdaree, A. H. Coovadia, Roy Haffejee (Kismet), M. C. Reddy (Central). Reserves: K. S. Patel (Bharat), P. Moosa (Greyville).

Transvaal Tennis Team

The trials of the Transvaal Indian Lawn Tennis Association have been completed on last Sunday.

The following players have been selected to represent the Transvaal in the forthcoming inter-provincial tournament to be held in Johannesburg during the coming Easter holidays, commencing on April 11, at the Natal Spruit Tennis Courts, Johannesburg: Messrs. H. Jajbhay (captain), M. Jajbhay, Yusuf Maal, Wesley Thomas and C. Gabriel (reserve).

The President, Mr. H. Khan, and members of the selection committee have a strong side and expect that the M. M. Gavender's Trophy will be won by the Transvaal.

May. D.I.F.A. Elects Committees

The following officials were elected on the various committees of the Mayville District Indian Football Association:—

Protest, Misconduct and Inquiry Board: Messrs. S. Rajpaul (chairman), C. Munsamy, B. Reuben (secretary), C. D. Boulton and J. Gengiah.

Executive Committee: Messrs. C. Munsamy, B. Reuben and R. Lutchman.

Fixture Committee: Messrs. C. Munsamy, Charles M. Pillay and R. Lutchman.

Selection Committee: Messrs. C. Munsamy, S. Rajpaul (chairman), J. Raman, C. D. Boulton and J. Gengiah.

Councillors to N.I.F.A.: Messrs. S. Rajpaul, C. Munsamy, J. Raman and V. S. Vadival Pillay.

Delegates to Mayville District Indian Sports Grounds Association: Messrs. H. R. Jithoo, A. S. A. Gany and Charles M. Pillay.

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Mr. M. Y. Amod Seepye writes:

In your issue dated the 22nd inst., I note that the Royals Cricket Club won the match against the Orientals Cricket Club by a narrow margin of one run.

I may point out to you that the Royals Cricket Club not only had a victory by the single run, but the match in question was an outright victory by eight wickets.

Babenia–Stanger Game Drawn

The Stanger United C.C. travelled to Sea View on Sunday last to meet Babenia's XI in a friendly fixture. Owing to some misunderstanding on the part of the home team the match was not commenced until well after lunch time.

Batting first, Stanger declared at 170 for seven. The opening pair, Padayachee and D. E. Moola, carried the score to 46 before a separation was effected; Padayachee, 34. E. V. Mohamed again played a sound innings for 46, while Bux played good cricket to score 40 and D. E. Moola a very slow 17. The wickets were evenly shared.

When Babenia's XI went in to bat the weather was dull. The opening pair added 52, but thereafter wickets fell regularly. With the score at 67 for eight an appeal against the light was upheld and the match ended in a draw.

Natal Tennis Selections

The following players have been selected to represent Natal in the forthcoming inter-provincial tennis tournament to be held in Johannesburg during Easter holidays: I. Bramdaw (capt.), S. S. Maharaj, E. Gany, D. Roopnarain, J. Jeewan, Mr. Harry Jithoo (manager).

The teams will leave Durban on April 8, and will be the guests of the Transvaal Indian Tennis Association.

Knox's Golf Trophy Results

The following are the leading scores in the 18 holes medal competition for the Knox's Floating Trophy played at Currie's Fountain last Sunday: M. Moonsamy, 77—14 63; R. Sam, 69—1 68; M. G. John, 75—5 70; C. M. Muthoo, 75—4 71; G. H. D. Shaikh, 76—4 72; R. Boolhan, 84—12 72; A. M. Cooper, 78—6 72; B. Ramsully, 80—8 72; M. N. Pillay, 72+1 73; J. M. Pillay, 74 (scr.) 74; G. H. Patel, 83—9 74; S. B. Singh, 82—8 74; S. D. Mahomed, 86—12 74; N. S. Nair, 88—14 74; J. Nathan, 75 (scr.) 75.

A four-ball best-ball competition will be played at Currie's Fountain on Sunday, April 6. Play commences at 8.30 a.m., immediately after the draw for partners.

Association at Malvern

The first annual meeting of the Malvern and District Indian Association was held at the Malvern Indian School. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

Patrons, Messrs. Sorabjee Rustomjee, A. B. Naidoo and G. Mungar; president, Mr. S. M. Saib; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Rajbunsee, M. Hoosa, G. Coopsamy Pillay, R. B. Panday, E. Shaikh, P. S. Moodley, R. C. Kidd, M. Ramlucken and R. D. Maharaj; hon. secretary, Mr. S. J. Maharaj; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. M. Naidu; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Gangoo; hon. auditor, Mr. E. Shaikh; committee members, Messrs. M. Beharee, Rungasamy Naidoo, R. K. Naidoo, K. Soman, B. Gareeb, G. S. Moodley, R. J. Maharaj and V. N. Naidoo.

Umgeni School Old Boys F.C.

The seventh annual meeting of the Umgeni School Old Boys' Football Club was held at the Umgeni Government Indian School on Sunday. The following were elected as officials: Patrons, Messrs. T. M. Naicker, V. M. Maistry, S. Rampersadh, R. R. Alfred; president, Mr. D. S. Chetty; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. D. Pillay, Gafoor Khan, S. Somers, B. B. Singh; hon. secretary, Mr. M. L. Pillay; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. H. Somers; captain, Mr. B. S. Chetty; vice-captain, Mr. M. L. Pillay.

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MISS NEHRU NON-CO-OPERATES

INVITATIONS FROM PRO-WAR BODIES DECLINED

Reception From Non-European Front

Miss Indra Nehru, the 18-year-old daughter and only child of Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, three times president of the All-India National Congress, who is in Durban now en route to India, will have nothing to do with the Indian public bodies which have supported the war.

She has declined all invitations, either public or even to private social engagements, coming from Durban Indian public men, belonging to the Natal Indian Association or the Natal Indian Congress.

While the majority of the group of thirty students have been entertained by "pro-war" Indians in Durban, Miss Nehru and her party have refrained from attending these engagements.

The only public invitation that she had accepted was that held under the auspices of the non-European United Front and allied bodies, at the Avalon Theatre, on Wednesday evening.

Miss Nehru has tried to learn something of the Indian conditions in Durban and district. She has visited the Indian barracks, seen the conditions of Indian labourers in the sugar cane estates on the North Coast but she has carried out her observations, under other directions than the Natal Indian Association or the Natal Indian Congress. She non-co-operates with these bodies, because of their outlook on the war.

At one of the biggest public meetings held at the Avalon Theatre, where she was garlanded, Miss Nehru said that while she had not been long in Durban she had seen the humiliating conditions under which Indians were compelled to live. This should unite them all against Imperialism.

Today a war was being waged for democracy and freedom, but to them it meant a negation of those principles. The Indian National Congress had declared this war as a war for Imperialism. The only thing that they should do with that power was to break it. One of your leaders, Dr. Dadoo, she went on, was in prison, convicted of the greatest of all crimes—telling the truth.

The workers of all countries had to bear the brunt of Imperialism, and she felt proud that they had rallied together—both Indians and Africans—and were to act together. They also had allies in the working classes in other countries.

"Our enemy," she said in conclusion, "is weakened. Let us unite and strike the last blow."

She was supported by two other speakers from among the students, namely, Mr. Rai and Mr. Chandra.

Mr. H. A. Naidoo, who presided, in welcoming Miss Nehru, said that she was the daughter of one of the greatest sons of India and fighter for India's freedom.

Mr. M. M. Gandhi remarked that if this war had done anything it had brought to this country Miss Nehru, who otherwise would never have visited this land, where human beings were despised for their colour and race.

"We feel that they are despised as in no other part of the world," he added.

Mr. I. C. Meer, president of the Liberal Study Group, as a student, welcomed the visiting students, who were representative of the world's progressive ideas.

An African to join in the welcome was Mr. C. R. Dhlamini.

Other speakers were Messrs. A. I. Kajee, Mrs. M. M. Gandhi and Mr. D. A. Seedat.

INDIA'S UNIQUE SCHEME

EVEN the bride and bridegroom are adding to the "shots" at Herr Hitler and all that he represents, for in India, instead of the single wedding, mass marriages, to obviate expenses and the surplus handed over to the Viceroy's War Fund, are taking place.

This new method of raising money is probably unique in the Empire, and it is an indication of the Indian people's desire to see the destruction of Hitlerism.

A report from Rampura, Sirohi State, states that 25 couples were married in a common pandal to save individual expenses.

This was in response to an appeal made by His Holiness Swami Kaivalyanand Maharaj, head of the Vaishnavas, in the course of his presidential address at the Bavana conference of All-India Sat-Sanghis.

The funds should benefit considerably for Indian marriages, whether Muslim or Hindu, are well known to be costly affairs.

A CHALK AND CHEESE DIFFERENCE

AGENCY AND THE NEW POST

Mr. Tyson Explains in Assembly

THE change in the designation of the Government of India's representative in the Union of South Africa arose from an agreement between the Government of India and the Union Government that the former should have in South Africa a sole representative through whom all communications should pass, said Mr. Tyson, Education Secretary, replying to Mr. Govind Deshmukh in the Central Assembly in mail week.

Mr. Joshi: What is the difference between the status and functions of the High Commissioner and those of the Agent-General?

Mr. Tyson: There is a definite diplomatic status accorded to the High Commissioner and this is regarded as a raising of the status of the post. As regards functions, he will be the sole channel of communication in all matters of common interest between the Union and the Government of India.

Mr. Aney: What additional duties will the High Commissioner perform which could not be performed by the Agent-General?

Mr. Tyson said that the Agents-General was appointed to implement the Cape Town Agreement and his duties were confined to matters arising from the Agreement, matters affecting the uplift of Indians in South Africa. The High Commissioner would have the right to make representation on behalf of the Government of India and the right to deal with matters pertaining to other departments of the Government of India.

Mr. Aney: Is there any difference in salary?

Mr. Tyson: No.

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