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Editorial

THE WELCOME accorded to *Natalia* No. 1 has heartened all those responsible for the launching of this new journal. Publication ventures are always hazardous, even when there is no profit-motive involved. Though the sponsors of a non-commercial journal look for no financial return, they require to know that they are investing in something of value to society. Should the response to this and subsequent issues be as good as it has been to the first, the Council of the Natal Society will have convincing proof that *Natalia* is fulfilling a function for which there is a distinct public need in this province.

Our only critic so far is a reader who favours a narrower subject focus and considers that the journal, in its present form, is attempting to serve too many diverse interests. While we value the advice of critics, we are reluctant to follow it in this case. What prompted the launching of *Natalia* was our conviction that scholars, writers and artists have needs other than those served by specialist subject journals. The enquiries received by our Reference Library, and by others in this province, provide daily evidence of an astonishing range of cross-cutting interests: historians needing botanical information; botanists hunting for the works of long-forgotten artists; geographers requiring information about the works of early writers; clerics seeking architectural data. Though the Reference staff can often provide the specific information required, its service ends there, and the botanists, the historians, the geographers, the clerics, the architects — all those whose paths of enquiry so often, and so strangely, intersect — remain strangers to one-another.

If *Natalia* was not a folly from its conception it should help to remedy this situation by providing a forum where all those with Natal interests can exchange information. We hope that in every issue there will be something to engage the interest of even the narrowest specialist, and we believe that our regular features — the Notes and Queries column, the Register of Research, the Occasional Lists, the List of Societies and Institutions — will provide a co-ordinating information service of value to all those engaged in scholarly and artistic endeavour in Natal.

Reitz, Shepstone and Native Policy

The reprint that we publish in this issue should interest even the politician! In its own day 'The Reitz — Shepstone Correspondence' became a lively talking point, and it may be sobering to find how little the issues and the opinions have changed since then.

The protagonists in the debate were both men of considerable stature in the public life of South Africa. For this reason alone the 'Correspondence' is interesting Africana.

Francis William Reitz (1844-1934) was born at Swellendam in the Cape and educated at the South African College. After being called to the Bar at the Inner Temple, London, in 1867, he returned to practise in the Colony. But his

talents were rapidly to lead him to high office and enlarged responsibilities. In 1874, at the youthful age of 30, he was appointed to the Free State Bench and became chief justice. Fourteen years after that he became President of the Republic in succession to Sir Johannes Brand who died in 1888. This position he held until 1895. It was thus during the middle years of his Presidency that he published the views on native policy that are reprinted here.

Reitz's reputation was built upon his abilities as a lawyer, politician and administrator. A staunch supporter of the early ideals of the Afrikaner Bond, he laboured to foster a sense of national identity among his people, and more particularly to give political expression to the ties of blood and tradition between the two republics. Colour policy was a less personal and intimate interest. He had no direct experience of native administration, and as President of the Free State was responsible for the government of a smaller African population than that in any of the other South African states and colonies. It is arguable indeed that the case presented by Reitz was a generalisation based upon limited experience, and that the white supremacist but non-segregationist system he advocated was simply that in operation in the Free State, where a small African population was held in subordination as a thinly scattered labour force spread over hundreds of white farms.

Be that as it may, his was a view-point shared by perhaps thousands of white South Africans and influential in the shaping of the history of this country. Furthermore, by putting his opinions into print he performed the considerable service of drawing forth a reply from the man whose reputation in the field of native administration excelled all others.

Theophilus Shepstone (1817-1893) differed from Reitz not only in temperament but in the whole range of his experience. Whereas Reitz was born in South Africa and raised in the Afrikaner tradition, Shepstone was brought to South Africa by 1820 Settler parents and raised in the evangelical traditions of Wesleyan missionary endeavour. Reitz was given the best education open to a young South African of his day; Shepstone received only a few years' tuition at the Salem Wesleyan school. The environment of Reitz's youth was the sedate colonial society of the western Cape; Shepstone's was the rough and unsettled Cape eastern frontier where blacks provided a far more numerous companionship than whites. For Reitz there was the post-school experience of London and the Inner Temple; for Shepstone there was Butterworth and Buntingville and work on the Xhosa language in collaboration with the Rev. William Boyce.

After serving as a government interpreter and holding other posts on the frontier, Shepstone in 1845, at the youthful age of 28, was appointed Diplomatic Agent to the Native Tribes of Natal. To dispel any misunderstanding, his post was redesignated Secretary for Native Affairs in 1853, and it was in this capacity that he served until his resignation in 1876. Thus the man who took up his pen against Reitz had behind him more than thirty years of practical experience gained under conditions very different from those that faced the Free State President. Not only was the proportion of Africans far higher in Natal, but surrounding the colony to the north, the west and the south were powerful chiefdoms, and keeping a watchful eye over affairs throughout Shepstone's period of office was an imperial government sensitive at once to humanitarian ideals and to the need for economy.

The story of how his pragmatic response to administrative necessity became

the Shepstone 'System' has recently been examined afresh by David Welsh in a work discussed elsewhere in this issue. It is history too complex to summarise here. In practice the system that took shape in Natal was one of indirect rule, entrenched tribalism, and territorial segregation modified by the labour demands and other interests of white colonial society.

Whether Shepstone saw in this Natal order a satisfactory basis for a lasting solution to the problems of race relations is still a matter of debate. Two recently published studies reveal how wide the disagreement can be. According to the one he was a gradualist whose ultimate aim was a shared society in which 'the whites and the Bantu should have common interests'; in the other he is presented as a segregationist 'wedded to traditionalism for its own sake'.¹ A third interpretation — committing Shepstone neither to segregation nor to a shared society — is possible. In this his pragmatism is emphasized. He is seen as a cautious, perhaps unimaginative paternalist, anxious to protect the interests of his wards, but unwilling either to hurry their emancipation or to insist that they model themselves in their guardian's image; a man incapable of committing himself to any particular goal because of his consciousness that human beings have minds and wills that defy the plans of those who would map their futures for them.

This uncertainty about Shepstone's ideas and ideals is something for which he himself was partly responsible. Contemporaries found him secretive, and Sir Bartle Frere's description of him as 'a singular type of an Africander Talleyrand, shrewd, observant, silent, self-contained, immobile' has stuck. Certainly Shepstone the administrator, the drafter of thousands of memoranda, despatches and reports, seldom revealed his innermost thoughts, and the underlying philosophy of his system remains obscure.

It is for this reason that his reply to President Reitz is an important document. We leave it to our readers to judge which of the various possible interpretations is the most acceptable. There is only one point that we would make: if he was a paternalist, his paternalism was less that of a father to minors than that of an elder to fellow-men. Whatever Shepstone's ultimate aims might have been, his long career had left him deeply conscious that those whose future he was debating were men whose pride and dignity demanded respect.

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Note:

1. Gordon, R. E. and Kotze, D. A. 'Shepstone, Theophilus' in *Dictionary of South African Biography*. v. I, ed. by W. J. de Kock, 1968, p. 718, and Welsh, D. *The Roots of Segregation*. 1972, p. 216.

Register of Societies and Institutions

THE PURPOSE of this register is to list for general information the numerous organisations that are engaged either in preservation, conservation and research, or in the promotion of artistic and creative endeavour in Natal.

The organisations and institutions listed are asked to check the accuracy of the information given, and to supply the editor with corrections.

Organisations and institutions that have not been listed are invited to furnish information for inclusion in the next issue.

1. *Ancient Africa Club*. Secretary: Miss L. M. Kelsall, 147a Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg.
2. *Botanic Gardens*. Swartkop Road, Pietermaritzburg.
3. *Botanical Research Unit*. Regional Office for Natal of the Botanical Research Institute, Pretoria, Department of Agricultural Technical Services. The Natal unit does not offer an advisory service, but is active in scientific research and the naming of indigenous plants.
4. *Campbell Collections of the University of Natal*. 220 Marriott Road, Durban. Three collections are housed together: the Killie Campbell Africana Library; the Mashu Bantu Museum (ethnological specimens); and the William Campbell Museum (furniture, *objets d'art*). The collections are accessible on application to the Africana Librarian at the above address.
5. *Durban Civic Orchestras*. City Hall, P.O. Box 3925, Durban.
 - (a) Durban symphony orchestra.
 - (b) Durban civic amateur orchestra.
 - (c) Durban junior youth orchestra.
 - (d) Durban symphonic choir.
6. *Durban Local History Museum*. Old Court House, Aliwal Street, Durban.
7. *Durban Museum and Art Gallery*. City Hall, Durban.
8. *Durban Municipal Library*. City Hall, Durban. Houses a valuable collection of Africana, as well as some official records.
9. *Federation of Women's Institutes of Natal, Zululand, East Griqualand and the Transkeian Territories*. Fraser's Building, Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg. The Federation has been responsible for organising the compilation of 'Area Annals', recording the history of country districts in Natal,

- East Griqualand and Zululand. Copies are being housed in: Government Archives, Natal Depot, Pietermaritzburg; University of Natal Library, Pietermaritzburg; Natal Society Library, Pietermaritzburg; Killie Campbell Library, Durban; Local History Museum, Durban.
10. *Government Archives, Natal Depot*. Private Bag 9012, Pietermaritz Street, Pietermaritzburg. In addition to official papers from the colonial period, the Archives houses a valuable collection of newspapers, private papers and published works.
 11. *Historical Association, Pietermaritzburg Branch*. Honorary Secretary: Mr. J. M. Sellers, 9 Vere Road, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg. The Association serves as a forum for the reading of papers and the presentation of talks by local and overseas speakers. At present it is also actively engaged in plans for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of White settlement in Natal.
 12. *Historical Association of South Africa (Durban Branch)*. Secretary: Mr. Oram, Milner Gardens Hotel, Marriott Road, Durban.
 13. *Historiese Genootskap (Natalse Tak)*. Local representative: Mr. I Adendorff, c/o Werda Skool, P.O. Box 3, Malvern. The Genootskap is involved in the restoration of Commandant General Andries Pretorius' house at Welverdiend (now Edendale).
 14. *Ladysmith Historical Society*. P.O. Box 200, Ladysmith. Conducts tours of the local battlefields and has as one of its objectives the reproduction of maps, diaries and other records relating to the history of the area. In co-operation with the Ladysmith Town Council, the Society also maintains a museum in part of the old Market Hall.
 15. *Military Historical Society*. Local representative: Mr. M. C. Carter, 30 Sea Doone Road, Amanzimtoti.
 16. *Mountain Club of South Africa*. Natal headquarters: P.O. Box 96, Snell Parade, Durban. Articles on Natal appear in the annual *Journal* of the Mountain Club.
 17. *Natal Bird Club*. Local representative: Mr. W. J. Lawson, Durban Museum.
 18. *Natal Development Board*. Private Bag 9037, Pietermaritzburg.
 19. *Natal Museum*. Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg. Houses scientific and historical collections.
 20. *Natal Parks, Game and Fish Preservation Board*. P.O. Box 662, Pietermaritzburg. In addition to maintaining a number of game parks and nature reserves, much scientific research is conducted under the auspices of the Board.
 21. *Natal Performing Arts Council*. 480 Berea Road, Durban.
 22. *Natal Society Library*. P.O. Box 415, Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg. A copyright library, housing a large and valuable collection of Nataliana, newspapers, journals, etc.
 23. *Natal Town and Regional Planning Commission*. Private Bag 9038, Pietermaritzburg. Has published a number of reports on the economic resources and potential of Natal.

24. *National Monuments Council*. Natal representative: Mr. G. A. Chadwick, c/o Natal Educational Activities Association, 480 Berea Road, Durban. The Council's main function is to preserve the heritage of South Africa in respect of: (a) geological features; (b) biological associations; (c) archaeological phenomena; (d) historical sites; (e) important buildings; (f) relics. Sites and other objects considered worthy of preservation should be reported to the Natal representative.
25. *Old House Museum*. 31 St. Andrews Street, Durban. A settler homestead, housing a valuable historical collection.
26. *Operation Wildflower*. Local representative: Mr. E. Giddy, Gwyddian Farm, Umlaas Road. Chiefly interested in removing, for preservation elsewhere, indigenous plants, especially aloes, from sites about to be bull-dozed or built over.
27. *Pietermaritzburg Municipal Art Gallery*. City Hall, Pietermaritzburg.
28. *Pietermaritzburg Philharmonic Society*. City Hall, Pietermaritzburg.
29. *R. E. Stevenson Museum*. Colenso.
30. *Simon van der Stel Foundation*. Regional Secretary: Mr. A. S. B. Humphreys, 356 Prince Alfred Street, Pietermaritzburg. The aim of the Foundation is the preservation, by purchase or other means, of buildings, historical objects and sites of historical value or great beauty. The restoration of Macrorie House, Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg, has been undertaken by the Foundation.
31. *South African Archaeological Society*. Honorary Secretary, Natal Branch: Dr. D. E. van Dijk, c/o Zoology Department, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. Arranges talks and expeditions.
32. *South African Association for Marine Biological Research*. Centenary Aquarium, Durban.
33. *South African National Society*. Natal Branch headquarters: c/o Mr. G. W. McDonald, P.O. Box 135, Durban. The Society was founded in 1907 'for the preservation of objects of natural or historical interest'.
34. *South African War Graves Board*. Private Bag 236, Union Buildings, Pretoria. Amongst other activities, the Board is undertaking the restoration of the graves of British soldiers in Natal.
35. *Stainbank Nature Reserve*. Yellow Wood Park, Durban.
36. *University of Natal*. Pietermaritzburg and Durban. Many of the academic departments of the University are engaged in research relating to the natural and human resources of Natal, its environmental conditions and its history. In addition to the academic departments, there are the following research institutes: Meyrick Bennett Children's Centre (Durban); Oceanographic Research Institute (Durban); Paint Industries Research Institute (Durban); Institute of Parasitology (Durban); Institute for Social Research (Durban); Sugar Milling Research Institute (Durban); Wattle Research Institute (Pietermaritzburg). The various libraries of the University have large holdings of works relevant to Natal subjects.

37. *Voortrekker Museum*. Church Street, Pietermaritzburg. Houses, in the Church of the Vow, a valuable collection of relics from the period of the Great Trek.
38. *Wilderness Leadership School*. c/o Stainbank Nature Reserve, Yellow Wood Park, Durban.
39. *Wildlife Protection and Conservation Society of South Africa (Natal Branch)*. P.O. Box 2985, Durban.
40. *Zululand Historical Museum*. Nongqai Fort, Eshowe.

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Register of Research on Natal

THE FOLLOWING list does not pretend to be complete. It has been compiled from the Human Sciences Research Council 'Research Bulletin', information supplied from the Archives and individual submissions. The editors would be grateful for any omissions for inclusion in the next number.

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| Teacher training 1860-1893 | J. S. Sibisi |
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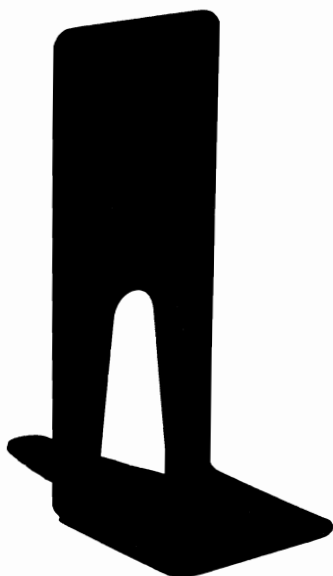
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