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### *Cover Picture*

Sir Henry Rider Haggard visited Pietermaritzburg in March 1914. On Friday 27 March the front page of *The Natal Witness* featured photographs of him at the Imperial Hotel, where he was staying.

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## *Editorial*

On leaving KwaZulu-Natal to take up an appointment in another province, Graham Dominy relinquished the editorial chair of *Natalia* in April 1996. The appointment of a successor was problematical, as no member of the editorial committee felt able to take on the task alone, knowing how time-consuming it is. A solution was found in a temporary co-editorship. John Deane and former editor Jack Frost agreed to see *Natalia 25* through the press, and to edit *Natalia 26*, with the proviso that the latter would appear during the first half of 1997, rather than at the end of 1996. The co-editorship will continue for at least another year, and we are in the fortunate position of having enough suitable material in hand not only for this issue but also for *Natalia 27*, which we plan to publish in December 1997. Lovers of the neat and tidy will be pleased that the final digits of our issue number and of the year will again correspond!

Readers will find *Natalia 26* dominated by two substantial articles. Stephen Coan has provided a finely researched and interesting account of Sir Henry Rider Haggard's two visits to Natal: from 1875 to 1881 as a young man, and in 1914 as a royal commissioner and celebrated novelist. David Buckley marks the 150th anniversary of Methodism in Pietermaritzburg with a history which will be of interest to readers beyond the bounds of the city and the denomination.

John Dickson's editing of a soldier's memoirs of Fort Napier and Fort Buckingham provide us with hitherto unpublished material, and his detective work has solved the mystery of its authorship. Brenda Nicholls has rescued from obscurity, and annotated, an account of a Christmas spent with the Colenso family at Bishopstowe, by Alice Werner, whose life's work devoted to Africa may well have been inspired by this visit. Terry Hutson writes about a wooden railway along the shore-line of Durban's Bluff, which predated by three or four years the reputed 'first railway line in Africa' built on the other side of the harbour entrance.

*Notes and Queries* provides the usual mixture of items. Book reviews, a select list of recent publications and obituaries make up the rest of this issue. We hope that our subscribers, and indeed all readers of *Natalia*, find it interesting and informative.

It is appropriate in the journal of The Natal Society to record with great sadness the deaths of two members of its Council during 1996. Pamela Reid (whose obituary appears elsewhere in these pages) was President of The Natal Society for twenty-three years, from 1964 to 1987—the longest presidency in the long history of the society. At the time of her death she was an ordinary elected Council member. Graham Smith, a city attorney with an abiding interest in wildlife, especially birds, died when the vehicle in which he was a passenger, overturned. The deaths of these two colleagues and friends were great losses to the Natal Society Council.

J.M. DEANE

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