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Briar Ghyll, Pietermaritzburg, c. 1884, showing original (c. 1868) detached kitchen to rear of house. (Drawing by Dennis Radford, author of the article on p.34 of this issue.)

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Many meetings of the group that produced the Environmental Manifesto for Pietermaritzburg were held in this building, the Tembaletu Community Education Centre. A derelict former girls' boarding school, it was restored and (Photograph: D. G. Herbert) renovated in a project which taught building trade skills to many unemployed people.

Editorial

Of the two pairs of articles in this issue of *Natalia*, one is fortuitous, the other a result of editorial planning. The architectural-historical pieces on the early Natal settler house and on workers' barracks and hostels were submitted by their authors unbeknown to each other; but, wishing to publish something about the place names of this province, we asked professors Zungu and Jenkins to cover Zulu and non-Zulu place names respectively.

There is an element of uncertainty about the 'Reprint' section. We know that Carl Faye's paper containing an account of a 'close encounter of the third kind' was offered to the South African family weekly, the *Outspan*, which ceased publication in 1957; and it appears to have held the copyright. It would, however, have been too time-consuming and unproductive a task to comb through more than 1 500 unindexed issues of the magazine to find it. If the *Outspan* did in fact print the piece, then it is truly a 'reprint'; if not, then it will prove to have been a 'previously unpublished piece'! Perhaps its previous publication will be confirmed by someone with a long memory, an interest the paranormal and a scrapbook.

The fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country* could not go unmarked in his birthplace, Pietermaritzburg, or in this journal. Notes & Queries records the commemorative programme arranged by the Alan Paton Centre at the University of Natal, some memories of Paton as schoolmaster, and some other literary connections with the city. One of the books reviewed is an autobiography set mainly in Pietermaritzburg. All of this ensures that Clio doesn't monopolise the limelight in this issue.

Natalia 29. due to appear in December 1999, will appropriately mark the centenary of the beginning of the Anglo-Boer War of 1899–1902.

The price of *Natalia* has remained at R25 for a number of years, but from the next issue it will unfortunately have to be increased to R30, and South African subscribers will now be required, like overseas subscribers, to pay postage. The insert order form for the next issue gives details.

J.M. DEANE

Select List of Recent KwaZulu-Natal Publications

(Publications reviewed elsewhere in Natalia 28 do not appear in this list)

- ALLAN, David. Birding in southern KwaZulu-Natal. Durban: Durban Natural Science Museum, 1998.
- BANCROFT, James W. *The terrible night at Rorke's Drift*. Johannesburg: Jonathan Ball, 1997. ISBN 1-86842-045-0 (First published in 1898)
- CUBBIN, Tony. *A history of Richards Bay.* Vol. 3 of Zululand Annals. The Zululand Historical Society. R40,00
- DEALING with white collar crime. Durban: Business against Crime, KwaZulu-Natal, [1998]
- DORNING. Denise N. Chimneys in the clouds: an overview of the historic buildings in the KwaZulu-Natal midlands, 1845/1925. Howick: Brevitas, 1997. ISBN 1-87497-611-2
- DUBE, John Langalibalele and Dube, Nokutela. A Zulu song book: facsimile reprint of Amagama abantu, with modernised version edited, translated and transcribed into staff notation by David Rycroft. Durban: Killie Campbell Library, 1996. (Colin Webb Natal and Zululand series; No. 7). ISBN 0-86980-910-5
- DURBAN METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SERVICES. A flight through time: to celebrate the 22nd International Ornithological Congress, Durban, 1998. Durban: the Library Services, 1998.
- GARDNER, Mary. Leap of faith: St. John's DSG, 1897-1997. Pietermaritzburg: St. John's School, 1997. ISBN 0-620-21842-8
- GRIEG, John Comrie and Goode, Douglas. *The cycad collection*. Vol. 1, Natal Province. Caversham: Caversham Press, 1998 (Collectors' item full colour, R12,500; part colour R5,500)
- HARRIS, Craig. Early Natal and a settler family: the Vincents, 1850 to the present: a genealogical review. Pinetown: the Author, [1997?]
- KAPFF, Uli von. Zulu 'people of heaven': witchcraft, how to behave, love life, history: everything you should know. Umhlanga Rocks: Holiday Africa Publications, 1997. ISBN 0-620-20663-2

- KOK. Pieter, Ndhlovu, Baby and O'Donovan, Michael, editors. *Development indicators for promoting good governance in KwaZulu-Natal*. Vol. 1, research findings. Pretoria: HSRC Printers, 1997. ISBN 0-7969-1865-1
- MBALI, Charlotte. *Durban connections*. London: Macmillan, 1997. ISBN 0-333-67047-7
- MEER, Fatima. *The (mis)trial of Andrew Zondo*. Durban: Institute for Black Research/Madiba Publishers, 1998
- PATEL, Zarina. The planning of Cato Manor: lessons for the sustainable reconstruction of South African cities. Durban: Centre for Social and Development Studies, University of Natal, 1996 (CSDS research report, No. 8). ISBN 1-86840-194-4
- PLAYER, Ian. Zulu wilderness: shadow and soul. Cape Town: David Philip, 1997. ISBN 0-86486-340-3
- RADFORD, Dennis. *The Maritzburg cottage: a study of its architecture and context* from 1850 to 1910. Durban: National Monuments Council: School of Architecture, University of Natal, 1997
- TAYLOR, James. *Polela days*. Underberg: the Author, [1997?]
- ZUNGU, Andreas Z. *Usukabekhuluma and the Bhambatha rebellion* / translated by A.C.T. Mayekiso. Durban: CSSALL, University of Durban-Westville, 1997 (South African Literature translation series, No. 1). ISBN 0-947445-35-8

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