

## *Book Notices*

IT IS A refreshing change after a spate of historical Nataliana in recent years to return to base as it were. Professor Lester King, for many years Professor of Geology in the University, has published his book 'explaining the origin and scenery of Natal'. It has the somewhat off-putting title of *The Natal Monocline*, but it is in fact a comparatively simple explanation of Professor King's theories on the geological origins of Natal, followed by a series of route guides and excursions which explain the formation of the spectacular scenery seen along the way. These latter chapters will make motoring in Natal much more interesting.

The story of the land is continued in the nineteenth report of the Town and Regional Planning Commission, entitled *Agricultural and Related Development of the Tugela Basin and its Influent Surrounds*. This report is the result of more than five years' work by Professor John Phillips, Senior Research Fellow of the University, and is outstandingly the most comprehensive work published by the Commission. To quote from the introduction: 'Professor Phillips' view of an ecosystem in which all forms of life are dependent on, and conditioned by, the environment in an holistic concept, each responding and interacting to the stimuli in which they exist, expressed exactly what the Commission had in mind'. Special mention, too, should be made of the separate volume of maps, which sadly lacks a contents list.

This volume includes the fruits of all previous research done by the Commission on this subject, and points the way to the future.

To draw attention to Green Heritage year, the Midlands Zone of the Natal Branch of the Wild Life Protection and Conservation Society has done a most admirable task in putting forward their *Proposals for the Pietermaritzburg Green Belt*. This mimeographed publication analyses the northern visual relief scheme in nine sections and the southern in twelve. It reaches as far as Richmond and Byrne. Appendices cover educational considerations, archaeological sites, geological features, flowering plants, trails systems, agricultural usage, administration, etc. There are eight simple, but useful diagrams.

It is good, too, that at long last a comprehensive book on Natal's famous mountain range, the Drakensberg, has appeared. This has been written by Doyle Liebenberg, for long a stalwart of the Mountain Club. His chapters cover many subjects of interest other than mountaineering and it is a book for all types of reader. As often happens, another book on this subject by Mr. R. O. Pearse, for many years headmaster of Estcourt school, is on its way and should be published during the year.

The Zulu war is still claiming attention. David & Charles have published *The Zulu War* by David Clammer; and Hart-Davis, MacGibbon & Kee are publishing a book by Alan Lloyd with the same title in their new Colonial Wars series. No review copies were at hand when these notes were written.

Natal military history has been well provided for. Following upon Col. A. C. Martin's magnificent two-volume history of the Durban Light Infantry in 1969, Mr. Eric Goetzsche has now produced his book on the Natal Mounted Rifles. These well-researched works put earlier histories of Natal regiments in the shade.

T. W. Griggs of Durban have reissued photographically three well-known nineteenth century works:—

FEILDEN, E. W.	<i>My African home</i> , 1887
RUSSELL, George	<i>History of old Durban</i> , 1899
RUSSELL, Robert	<i>Natal, the land and its story</i> , 1911

State Library reprints of Nataliana include:—

DINIZULU defendant	<i>The trial of Dinizulu</i> , 1910
HOLDEN, W. C.	<i>British rule in South Africa</i> , 1879
JENKINSON, T. B.	<i>Amazulu</i> , 1882
LUDLOW, W. R.	<i>Zululand and Cetewayo</i> , 1882
MANN, R. J.	<i>Zulus and Boers of South Africa</i> , 1879
PARR, H. H.	<i>A sketch of the Kaffir &amp; Zulu wars</i> , 1880
ROBINSON, Sir John	<i>A life-time in South Africa</i> , 1900
ROBINSON, Sir John	<i>Notes on Natal</i> , 1872

C. Struik has recently published *Life at Natal A Hundred Years Ago*, by a Lady, (the 'Lady' was Sir John Robinson), and *Forty years among the Zulus* by Josiah Tyler, 1891.

It is to be regretted that the price of reprints in some cases is so high and that they are reissued without new editorial matter or indexes which in most cases would greatly enhance the value and usefulness of the books.

The enterprising Ladysmith Historical Society is steadily publishing a selection of Siege Diaries:

1. *Diary of the Siege of Ladysmith* by Major G. F. Tatham of the Natal Carbineers.

2. *Diary of the Siege of Ladysmith* by Miss Bella Craw: a day-to-day account of a young woman resident in the town.

3. *Letters from Ladysmith* by Lt. Col. C. W. Park to his wife in India.

4. Unpublished letters from the siege, and an extract from Lt. Col. B. W. Martin's memoirs entitled *Old Soldiers Never Die*.

These are available from the Society, P.O. Box 200, Ladysmith, at the cost of R3 each for non-members. The Society has also reissued an article originally published in *Blackwoods Magazine*, April 1939, entitled *The Smiths of Ladysmith* to celebrate the centenary of Lady Juana who died 10th October 1872.

In *The Historical Monuments of South Africa* compiled by J. J. Oberholster, and published last year, there are 62 Natal monuments listed and brief descriptions of each.

A second volume of *Stanger Area Annals*, excellently printed and produced, illustrates once again the value of the 'Area Annals' project inaugurated by the Federation of Women's Institutes. The ladies of Stanger have also produced a

special centenary volume, in which the two separate volumes issued in 1967 and this year are bound together in one cover. We hope to publish a full list of *Area Annals* in our next number.

Steadily, various enthusiasts are working to get the 1849 settlers and others established in their rightful place, and their pioneer efforts in Natal more fully known and recognised. Dr. John Clark's doctoral thesis has been published by Balkema under the title *Natal Settler-Agent*. It tells of the career of John Moreland, agent for the Byrne emigration-scheme of 1849-51. This informative work is invaluable for the full passenger list of the Byrne settlers to whom many Natal surnames can be traced.

What can be considered a follow-up to this book is *Henderson Heritage* by Peter Hathorn and Amy Young, which tells of Joseph Henderson and his wife, their arrival in Natal and the activities of their vast multitude of descendants. This is a magnificent family record, and through their lives the history of Natal can be recreated. The genealogical tables include the names of many well-known personalities in Pietermaritzburg and elsewhere, and link up with Amy Young's history of the Hathorns and the Blaikies. The book includes a fine selection of family photographs.

Charles Scott Shaw has, in his *Stories from the Karkloof Hills*, told of the famous polo family of Shaws and of his early days in that area. This book, too, has genealogical tables. All together they build up a picture of Natal in the latter half of the 19th century and succeeding years.

By contrast the political thinking of Natal in these years can be found in David Welsh's book *The Roots of Segregation; Native Policy in Natal 1845-1910* to which attention was drawn in our previous number.

Natal does not escape the attention of the novelist. James McClure has followed up *The Steam Pig* with another tale of Lieutenant Kramer and Sergeant Zondi called *The Caterpillar Cop*. Tom Sharpe has written another tale of Pietermaritzburg called *Indecent Exposure*. Both his books, as one might expect, are banned.

A Natal author, who has come back to live in Pietermaritzburg after many years of wandering, is David Bee. His latest book, *The Victims*, is not, however, a South African story, though all his books have an African background. Another Natal novelist is Bessie Head who was born in Pietermaritzburg in 1937 and now lives in Botswana. Her first novel *When Rain Clouds Gather* is a tale of turbulence in Botswana and was hailed by the critics, when it was published in 1969. This was followed by *Maru* in 1971, another tale of Botswana.

Mrs. Nickie McMenemy, a Durban journalist, has written a novel, *Chaka and the Slave-girl*, which gives a somewhat unusual view of Chaka. Nor must we forget Jack Cope who has many stories with a Natal setting. His latest novel, *The Student of Zend*, was published in 1971.

A book on 19th century emigration published last year has considerable relevance for Natal historians. It is *Passage to America: a history of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland to America in the mid-nineteenth century* written by Terry Coleman, chief feature writer of the *Guardian*, and published by Hutchinson (London). Mr. Coleman gained fame with his first book of social

history, *The Railway Navvies*. His new book deals with the exodus of more than two million people from Britain and Ireland during the years 1846-55, the greatest period of emigration known in Britain till then. Most of the would-be settlers travelled in wooden sailing ships in intolerable conditions of overcrowding, poor food, and rough treatment from hard-case captains. With the introduction of steam ships about 1855 the trip to America became speedier and the suffering less prolonged. Mr. Coleman deals with the extortion, robbery, and assault carried out by rapacious bands of New York 'runners' who were allowed to have their way with the bewildered emigrants. Similar treatment but to a lesser degree had happened at Liverpool before embarkation. It was years before the authorities on both sides of the Atlantic were able to stamp out these gross abuses. It can safely be claimed that the emigration-promoter Joseph C. Byrne, who brought about 2 500 emigrants to Natal between 1849-51, gave his people better treatment, and that on arrival at Port Natal they were received with more humanity. Ship conditions, however, seem to have been much the same for Natal emigrants as for those who sailed across the Atlantic.

A long-awaited work, *Architecture in Natal: from 1824 to 1893*, will be eagerly welcomed by Natalians who appreciate the wonderfully rich legacy of buildings left by our colonial forefathers. Written by Brian Kearney, lecturer at the School of Architecture, University of Natal, and published by A. A. Balkema of Cape Town, it is based from start to finish on original research carried out by the author on hundreds of buildings erected during nearly 70 years of Natal history. The earliest buildings were, of course, of such flimsy construction and made of such perishable materials that they have long since mouldered into the earth from which they rose. The clay and cowdung floors, the thatch, the wattle frameworks — all have vanished without trace. But with the arrival of the British and other settlers and the gradual rise in the standard of living, the inhabitants of the bigger centres began to build houses, churches, public buildings, bridges, hospitals, shops, and other structures in the style of the mother country from which they had come. For this period onwards Mr. Kearney is an excellent guide to many obscure but valuable buildings. He brings imagination, sympathy, and considerable scholarship to his task, for it is the social history of Natal that keeps creeping in and demanding its rightful place. The whole concept of the Natal veranda — 'the transition from the Dutch to the English colonial tradition' — had its origin in the social habits of ordinary people who needed a cool place to sit, talk, work, and even eat. Not only did the veranda cool the walls of the house but it relieved the bareness of a colonial house erected on the veld or on a town erf. The book is provided with over 500 illustrations of excellent quality. It goes without saying that Mr. Kearney's book will take its place as a standard work.

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