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King Twala's royal homestead below Otto's Bluff

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Editorial

Natalia 30 appears with a new name writing the editorial. In fact, most of the initial work towards this issue was led by John Deane before he left the editorial chair at the end of the first quarter of 2000. To him must go the credit, not only for weaving the threads for the fabric of this issue, but also for maintaining the pattern established for *Natalia* through the many years he has served on the editorial board in various capacities: as a member, as editor of Notes and Queries, and as editor. Possibly no new incumbent of this chair has been so conscious of the value of the work done by his predecessors and colleagues as have I. The editorial board is a rich mix of expertise, experience, wisdom and zeal, and it is a constant advantage to be able to draw on the advice of two former editors in John Deane and T.B. (Jack) Frost.

Advancing technology has altered much in the process of compiling and producing a journal such as this. One of the less helpful changes is that newspapers such as *The Natal Witness*, on which we have often relied for the photographs which normally accompany our obituaries, no longer maintain a full library of hard copies of these. More and more frequently computer images are used to produce the pictures that appear in newspapers, and the ephemeral electronic files are then discarded. In several instances, the search for alternative sources has, unfortunately, not been successful.

The previously unpublished piece in this issue is a set of letters written by Archibald Murray in 1850, edited and placed in context by Shelagh Spencer. Also in the vein of personal experiences is the article from Esmé Hennessy, who remembers the work done by her doctor father during her childhood in Umzinto. Professor Hennessy has also provided us with a book review.

Natalia is often seen as primarily an historical journal, and perhaps it is. We are not, however, exclusively historical in our content, and in this issue Stephen Coan adds a new dimension to his ongoing interest in H. Rider Haggard with an article on the filming of a version of *King Solomon's Mines* at Otto's Bluff. In the field of current affairs rather than history, though certainly of historical import, Michael Nuttall, recently retired Anglican Bishop of Natal, provides insights into church efforts to mediate in the political strife associated with the country's first democratic elections in 1994.

Contemporary responses to historical events are considered by Brigadier Jim Parker in his overview of the events marking the centenary of the second Anglo-Boer War, and he has also contributed a book review. Two articles of a definitely historical nature make up the set, and complement one another. John Laband has provided a detailed account of the visit of the Empress Eugenie to Natal and Zululand, a pilgrimage to the places where her son the Prince Imperial passed the last weeks of his life as he eagerly followed the course of the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879. Steven Kotze writes of the strong

influence of French clergy on the Roman Catholic church in Natal during the first century of its work here. He focuses particularly on St Mary's parish church in Pietermaritzburg, whose present building replaced the small church to which Louis Napoleon's body was brought after his death in Zululand.

In his editorial of five years ago, Graham Dominy looked forward to the political and socio-economic challenges which lay ahead of the province and the country under its new constitution, and wrote, '*Natalia* needs to reflect the changing conditions in the province and in the country as a whole. We look forward to contributions which help to illuminate the history and culture of all our region's inhabitants.' Surveying the contents of the present issue, one may perhaps feel that the contributions which we seek still largely elude us. With a new century now firmly opened, the editorial board does hope that more writers will see *Natalia* as an avenue for the range of contributions which Graham Dominy envisaged.

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Select List of Recent KwaZulu-Natal Publications

- ADEY, Shaen. Panoramic journey through KwaZulu-Natal. Cape Town: Struik, 2000. (Text in English, French and German.) ISBN 1-86872-471-9
- ALCOCK, Peter G. Water resources and sanitation systems source book, with special reference to KwaZulu-Natal. Pretoria: Water Research Commission, 1999. (WRC report No. 348/1-6/1999) (6v) ISBN 1-86845-476-2
- An assessment of the need for, and the role of, a regional authority for the Drakensberg. Pietermaritzburg: Town and Regional Planning Commission, 2000 (Town and Regional Planning supplementary report No. 45). ISBN 1-874961-05-0
- BARNES, Justin and Morris, Mike. Improving operational competitiveness through firm-level clustering: a case study of the KwaZulu-Natal Benchmarking Club. Durban: Centre for Social and Development Studies, University of Natal, 2000 (CSDS working paper, No 24. ISBN 1-86840-370-X
- CHALMERS, Alan. Bombardment of Ladysmith anticipated: the diary of a siege. (George Maidment's diary). Weltevreden Park: Covos-Day, 2000. ISBN 0-620-24996-X
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- FODEN, Giles. Ladysmith. (A novel) London: Faber and Faber, 1999. ISBN 0-571-19733-7
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- LAKE, Christopher and Lake, Margaret. Early days in Winterskloof and Sweetwaters. Pietermaritzburg: Lake, 1999.
- LANGA, Mandhla. Memories of stones. (A novel) Cape Town: David Philip, 2000. ISBN 0-86486-408-6

- Local development plan for Pietermaritzburg Msunduzi TLC: co-ordinated policy framework. Part 1, Part 2. Pietermaritzburg: TLC, 1999 (2 vols).
- Minimising the negative environmental impact of telecommunication towers and related infrastructure on rural areas in KwaZulu-Natal: policy document prepared by Scott Wilson Environmental Division. Pietermaritzburg: Town and Regional Planning Commission, 2000 (Town and Regional Planning policy report No 84). ISBN 1-874961-19-0
- MOUNTAIN, Alan. The rise and fall of the Zulu Empire. Constantia: KwaNtaba Publications, 1999. ISBN 0-620-24585-9
- MORPHEW, Jeff. Five frontiers to freedom. (A Natalian's account of his World War II escape from an Italian prisoner-of-war camp.) Kenilworth (Cape Town): Vineyard International, 1999. ISBN 0-620-23865-8
- Ndaleni Art School: a retrospective. Pietermaritzburg: Tathan Art Gallery, 1999. ISBN 0-9583970-5-8
- PADAYACHEE, Vishnu. Financing Durban's development, 1970-1998. Durban: Centre for Social and Development Studies, University of Natal, 2000 (CSDS working paper, No. 26). ISBN 1-86840-373-4
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- SANDYS, Celia. Churchill wanted dead or alive: Winston Churchill in the Boer War. Johannesburg: Jonathan Ball, 1999. ISBN 1-86842-083-3
- TEICHMANN, Gary and Griffiths, Edward. For the record. Johannesburg: Jonathan Ball, 2000. ISBN 1-86842-098-1

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