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Editorial

Natalia 32 appears at a time when the affairs of the Natal Society are in a state of flux. Negotiations are far advanced for the transfer of the Library from the custodianship of the Society to that of the Umsunduzi Municipality. This will bring the Pietermaritzburg public library into line with similar amenities elsewhere in the country and, given that the funding granted to the Society by the province and the city has become wholly inadequate in recent years, it is perhaps just as well that local government should now take direct responsibility for this service to the community. The Natal Society Trust, however, is independent of the Natal Society Library, and it will continue to fund the publication of *Natalia* into the future.

An immediate concern of those who have known and valued the Natal Society Library will be the fate of the special collections. David Buckley, who retired from the library a year ago, has provided a reassuring note on that subject. This will be found amongst our usual 'Notes and Queries'.

As our reprinted article we have a selection from John William Colenso's account of his impressions of Natal when he visited the colony to assess the needs of the new Anglican diocese to which he had been appointed as its first bishop. As our previously unpublished piece we have a set of letters written by Frank Colenso, second son of the Bishop, describing some of his experiences when on a visit to his sisters at Bishopstowe in 1900. John Deane provides an introduction to these letters.

We have three major articles in this number. With South Africa having hosted the cricket World Cup during the early months of 2003, it is perhaps appropriate that we should publish Christopher Merrett's appraisal of the career of C.B. Llewellyn, the first black person to play test cricket for this country. In his 'Tale of a White Elephant', J.L. McCracken writes of the abortive efforts to provide the colonial governors of Natal with a marine residence. For the third article, we are indebted to John Conyngham, editor of *The Natal Witness*, for permission to adapt his article on the death of Hilton schoolboy Guy Falcon at the Gordon Falls. Conyngham's research was prompted by a reference to this incident in Jolyon Nuttall's memoir of the friendship between his father, Neville Nuttall, and Alan Paton – an extract from which was published in *Natalia* 31.

Amongst the obituaries is that of Ronald Brown, former Librarian at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg and member of the Natal Society Council. His *Natal Notes and News* was the forerunner of *Natalia*, and he was a member of our editorial board before his retirement to England.

We note with regret the resignation from the editorial board of Gavin Whitelaw, who has found himself under increasing pressure in his work at the Natal Museum. His contributions to the deliberations of the board will be missed, but we can hope that he

will continue to keep our readers informed about developments in his specialist field. We can anticipate that while the Natal Society Trust will continue to publish *Natalia*, the changes in the governance of the library will have an impact on the production of the journal in the years ahead.

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