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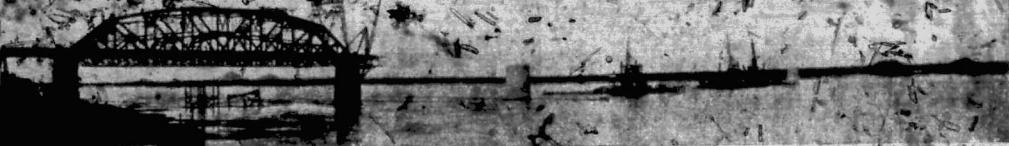
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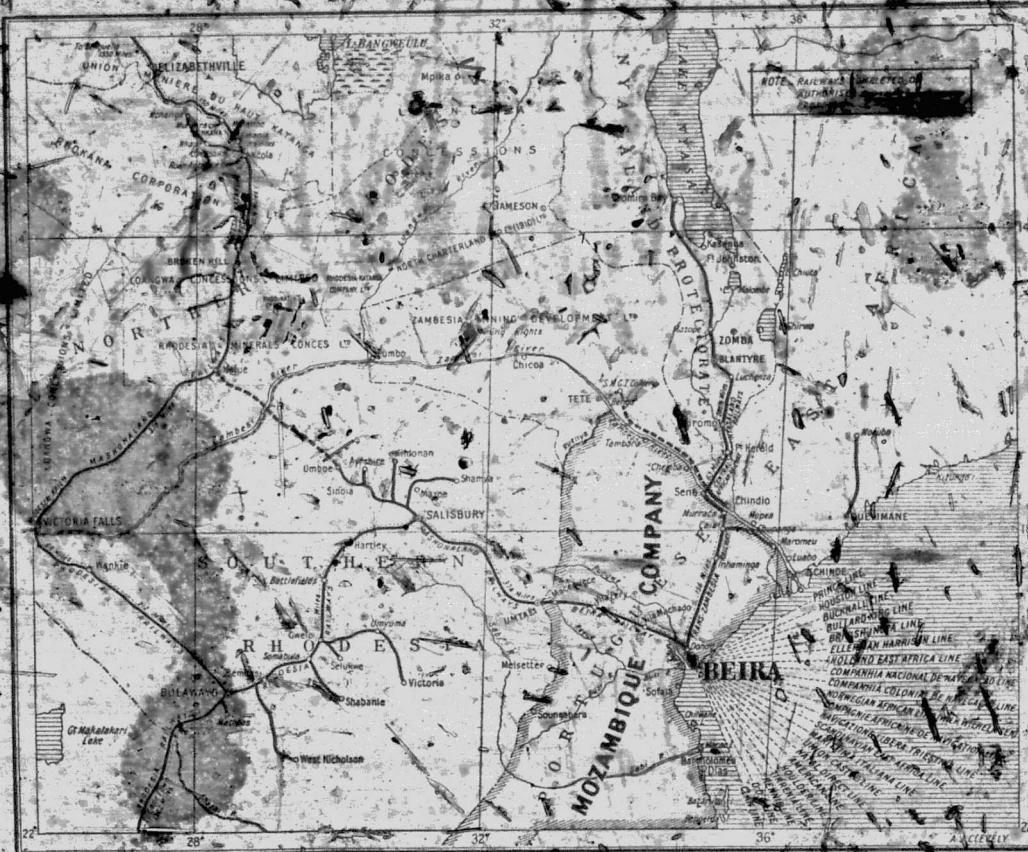
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

That German Colonial propaganda is being waged with intensified vigour in the Nazi Reich is proved anew by the official list of殖民 lectures to be given before German universities and high schools during the current winter. The detailed programme which lies before us embraces no fewer than 37 lectures, which as the introductory note by Dr. Brugger, former Secretary of State, claims, "show that Germany is determined to take her part in the Colonial problems of the world, and holds herself ready for the time when a Colonial activity of her own will again be made possible." Twenty-two German and two Austrian universities, nine German technical high schools, and six German trade and practical high schools are among the institutions at which these lectures are being given, and it appears that due to the fact that for the first time a number of such institutions now possess some of the lectures and even complete courses on Colonial questions for the wants of all students.

Herr Hitler has wittingly repeatedly drawn sparks with two words. In his book "Mein Kampf" the Bible and Zionism he discusses the idea of Colonial activity on the ground that German settlement abroad must strongly expand in Europe and be weakly dissipated overseas. In newspaper interviews with British correspondents and on the public platform he has taken the diametrically opposite course of claiming that Germany must again become a Colonial power. Men who have discussed this subject with Hitler and his chief advisers tell us that the leader himself is anxious to avoid raising the question, for he realises that a German overture would be

repulsed by Great Britain, France, and Belgium in particular. On the other hand, he, and particularly some of his advisers, are content to see Colonial ambitions fostered in Germany as a means of uniting the race, of demonstrating solidarity to foreign countries, and in the last resort because the Nazi hierarchy fears to take a stand against the simple Colonial party. If Hitler's own personal wishes and laws of his followers, as he so often claims, and if he is genuine when he declares that Germany must be contempt of further Colonial activity, then his obvious course would be to suppress Colonial propaganda of all kinds, including these lectures to the youth of the nation. By this continuance and increasing intensification, the hollowness of the Nazi policy does not desire Colonial commitments stands revealed.

Coastal resources have been sadly neglected in Kenya, and it is excellent news that the Colonial Development Fund is financing a survey of the possibilities of the Tana Delta, according to the report made after 12 years' work by Mr. A. H. Lewis, Director of Irrigation in the Union of South Africa. There are 450,000 irrigable acres capable of enormous production. Sir Joseph Toye, the present Governor, is perhaps the first to take serious practical interest in coast development since the time of Sir Percy Girouard, and it may be assumed that his personal advocacy has been chiefly responsible for the decision of Sir Basil Blane, and his colleague to investigate the possibilities. The Government of Kenya has made it clear that it is unable to undertake direct development, but realising that private capital cannot be attracted to a scheme of such magnitudes until exhibited success have been

made, it has urged the need for such an investigation; and Mr. D. G. S. Harris, the consulting engineer to the Government of India, and Mr. H. C. Sampson, former Director of Agriculture in Madras and now Economic Batahist at Ceylon, left England a few days ago to conduct this important inquiry. It is too often forgotten that the coast is the complement to the highlands of East Africa, that it should be regarded as an ally, and not as a drag on the development of the whole. If this survey bears fruit, it will probably be followed by similar action elsewhere. Farmers and planters are often warned against putting all their eggs in one basket; this warning is every bit as applicable to a Colony as to the individual settler. We hope that development of the Tana Delta may follow from this survey. It is indeed preposterous to do more than consider the barest outlines, but we should not be surprised if all the land points to a co-operative scheme, similar to that of the Sudan Plantations Syndicate for cotton-growing in the Nizara, which Mr. McIlford Brook as his first item in reporting for the Tanganyika Governorate on development in the Kumi Valley. There is a great deal of planning still to be done in East Africa, and by taking this important step Sir Ronald Storrs has demonstrated that the difficulties inherent in the problems of the highlands need not necessarily obscure the larger view. He remembers that he is Governor of Kenya Colony and Protectorate.

That Sir Ronald Storrs is shortly leaving the Governorship of Northern Rhodesia on account of ill-health was announced a few days ago. The cause, we are able to disclose, is that His Excellency has, for the past year

**SIR RONALD STORRS
TO RETIRE FROM
COLONIAL SERVICE.** suffered severely from arteritis, and that repeated blood tests having been unsatisfactory he has been strongly advised by his doctors to retire from the Colonial Service. He has borne this kind of trouble so well which has been added to his helplessness so quietly that Northern Rhodesians have been unaware of its difficulty, this news of which will increase their admiration for the energetic way in which the Governor has toured his territory since assuming office in December, 1932, and particularly on his strenuous Barotseland trip, much of which he did on foot. As we recorded at the time, he was subject to some criticism for spending so much time away from his headquarters, and in more than one attack there seemed to be a suggestion of "boy riding." But we took the standpoint that a Governor could make himself thoroughly acquainted with his territory, now it is clear that such travelling must have been a strain, rather than relaxation. It is most regrettable that the benefit of such tours will now be lost to the country. We have no doubt that Sir Ronald Storrs' whose term of office we shall review on termination will very regre^t leaving Northern Rhodesia before his final restoration has been completed, but he has seen the budget reduced from nearly £200,000 to £30,000, with the present enlarged budget in evidence of the country's frank facing of unpleasant facts.

The position of a successor is clear, that the Colonial Office will挑选有能力的殖民地官员。东非经验，谁曾有超过一年的最近几年来被忽视了。在东非的其他人，有的很少或没有经验，和不总是与我们一样快乐的结果。我们并不提倡

rule that Colonial Governors should be recruited solely from within the Colonial Service, but we believe that that would be a wise policy, as practice has shown that men appointed to tropical African Governments should, in ordinary course, have seen at least some previous service in East or West Africa. If such practice became established, and were backed only in truly exceptional cases, confidence would be strengthened in both unofficial and official ranks in the former because settlers and merchants would know that the Governor knew the backgrounds of Africa's substantial problems, and in the latter because officials would in addition appreciate the recognition given to their own Service.

We have repeatedly drawn attention to the need for considering the harnessing of wireless for the development of native life in ENLIGHTENMENT IN EAST AFRICA and have referred to BY WIRELESS.

Finally, where the idea of wireless among savages is concerned, we refer to an article published in the *Times* on the Indian experiment and the subsequent experiments on the frontier of the North-West Frontier Province. It gave details of ten selected villages, and showed how the system throughout the province had wireless stations. At a point which East Africa has approached in its public education by broadcasting as a powerfully as in white countries, it may be still more potent among backward and primitive races. These are cut off from the interchange of ideas, which makes men developing yet are affected in an uncontrollable way by missionary tracts, and by the village teacher in his home after prolonged contact with outside sources, and carrying a second-hand and often inaccurate account of what he has learned. The author also deals with the tremendous possibilities of wireless with regard to women's education, a subject with which we have dealt so recently that further comment here is unnecessary. The article is worth the attention of the authorities, and we submit that, even if money is not available just yet for a start to be made, the ground should be prepared without delay and information collected concerning these experiments in India, as well as in Egypt, where a 25 kw. station under a semi-official board has just begun to播送 to villages by broadcasting.

That we shall have to set our way in this matter is made clear in a letter published a day or two later from Mr. J. A. Notcutt, the former East African sugar planter.

DIFFICULTIES TO BE FACED. Notcutt's protest is directed to the question of how to find out the reaction of the natives to vernacular cinema. He says: "I have caused him to form the opinion that a high degree of entertainment value was necessary to ensure attendance, and that it would be very difficult to provide local broadcasting stations possessing the necessary qualifications. In the case of a natural audience, it will be a more intense interest the difficulty experienced at home, but it is one that will be gradually overcome." Notcutt also makes the good point that, once the natives begin to satisfy the vision, like the European, will cease to listen in until she can be constantly enthralled; his main conclusion is that the vernacular cinema

the use of which East Africa has also advocated, as the best medium of all the ends which we warn against that our pre-adoiced ideas as to what will best may prove all wrong.

We would add a few remarks on Native entertainments among other things, relating to the idea of paying money for entertainment. The Native should be made to make the cinema self-supporting. The Native, we argue, at first shows reluctance to paying money and having nothing tangible to show for it; to meet that point it might be necessary to create the cinema-tablets, the cinema-shares at home, or the cinema-tickets of payment. Similarly, Broadcasts should at the outset not be too frequent; this, indeed, is probably too good to hope that they should be entertainments. The Native should receive plenty of jazz with the poison, and not even jazz too often. As to what constitutes entertainment, Native audiences have sometimes shown themselves bored by a good gramophone long time running through, usually they desire, in such items, and have raved about the *Luganda Melba* diet, which they believed to be a very nice diet and has, if they approached the fact (as is seemed to them) that the man had the last word and laugh! It is probably true that there are still mostly only the lunch and Judy standard, and that the provision even of entertainment would be less easy than many people might think. Still a start must be made sometime, and the sooner the better.

With real pleasure we record a most encouraging innovation at the recent Nairobi Show—a novel exhibit which, having been successfully inaugurated, ought to be followed by similar exhibits at agricultural shows all over East Africa, for ocular demonstrations better than any amount of talk. We refer to the model Native village staged on a three-acre plot, on which were erected bush school, shops of different kinds, savings bank, co-operative and credit societies, restaurant, market and dispensary. Above all, there was a three-roomed house with simple furniture and cupboards made from petrel trunks which, with the homestead, was designed for a Native with capital of about £500. The farm side showed implements and dairy equipment, stock of all kinds, from cattle to poultry, and in the village blacksmith's shop trunks and ploughshares were being mended. The dispensary was equipped to deal with the common ailments of men and beasts, and the restaurant provided simple but attractively varied meals at twenty cents or three meals for sixpence. Bread from local wheat was made and sold freely, and elsewhere a trained Native's shop was shown to prepare articles for export. The whole idea was most educational, showing the Native how he will help him in every way to become a better citizen. This must have been a great deal more operation between settled education and agricultural others, and others, in the evolution and stages of the exhibit, which must strike even the detractors of the Colonies as a truly great work. It is one of the most important developments that has yet occurred in Native affairs, and we commend to the other members of the League the idea of establishing such reading-constructive work.

Father J. Mazi writing in *The White Fathers* journal for January–February summarises his book (just published in French)

SCHOLASTIC CO-OPERATION IN EAST AFRICA.

between missions and Government. His full credit to the British African Governments for the assistance they have given, the subsidies in Uganda having risen to £26,350 (1908), in Tanganyika to £1,500 (1904), and in Nyasaland to £8,140 (1907). He would be distinctly unjust, "he says, "not to acknowledge the strenuous efforts made by these governments on behalf of the mission schools." He has, however, a serious complaint, which he instances by the case of Makerere College in Uganda; it is that higher education is solely in secular hands, and that such joint education is, in his opinion, a most dangerous innovation for the Bantu who during the critical years from sixteen to twenty or twenty-two are withdrawn from traditional education and placed under hands whose instruction is neutral. "In vain," he writes, "will the 'padre' sympathise with his converts, and less will he the more thoroughly he is absorbed by the corporate life of the College. The same applies to a Protestant, and the same to a Muhammadan. In two years they will be come apes, but poor copies of their masters, and will drift into religious indifference, since they no longer speak around them the mostly positivists and materialists satisfied to avoid creches of outward decorum—which decorum, however, the Natives will be less likely to assimilate than the anti-moral theories."

As for the two qualities and virtues which are found in the social life of the Europeans and which really the infinite precious remains of Christian heritage, how can our poor blacks acquire all that? In a pagan heresy there is nothing even remotely resembling that great treasury. "What will these young Natives become if they are no longer Catholic, Protestant or Muhammadan?" This seems to us to raise a serious question. Religious instruction at Makerere is in the hands of a Protestant minister and a Catholic priest, both non-resident, and not strictly speaking on the spot. "It is something," the father admits, "it is even more than is found in the neutral schools in Europe, but the authorities refused to allow halls of residence. Catholics are not even allowed to have a common dormitory, their separation from the Protestants would have injured the corporate life of the students." The principle on which all this is based is understandable, but such a corporate life may be purchased at too high a price. It is almost universally recognized that the future of Africa, if it is to be sound, must be Christian, and that granted, then it must be real Christians, pure Christians. It is not fair to send young Africans out into the world as purely nominal Christians with a learned indifference to atheism. That path leads to disaster. At the wonderful South African College, at St. Hilda's, there are denominational hostels among the college, and the school works well. The Uganda Government persists in refusing similar facilities. Roman Catholic and other colleges will assuredly be established sooner or later, and they will be far more satisfactory and possibly more "less satisfactory" educational institutions. The home background of the Native, whatever its advantages, at present tribal restraint and God, not the present Native system, make him little from him, while giving him nothing better to support him.

Postscript to History.

Cecil Rhodes by His Architect.

No one else, with the possible exception of Rudyard Kipling, could give us insight into Rhodes the artist from the angle from which Sir Herbert Baker views him, in his book "Cecil Rhodes" (Oxford University Press, 10s. 6d.). He admits that he is a craftsman working in an unaccustomed medium. Much of it is apparent, but does not spoil the charm of the book. Again, the author's claim of modesty by pleading guilty to a surface of quotations creeps into the design; for a man who can write: "He was the supreme example of the combination of the creative dreamer and the man of action," the constant use of other people's phrases because they seem apposite to Rhodes was indeed unnecessary. He is another example: "The secret of Rhodes's genius lay in his intense, yet concentrated thought, and the power of transmitting the resultant into action." The book is full of sidelights on Rhodes. He was a man soaked in sentiment himself, yet he believed that "people, even business men, had a strain of idealism"; and Sir Herbert gives the best record of Rhodes's practice of scorning those with whom he disagreed.

His political opponents he may have won by giving help to their schemes in their confidence, or not always on the strictest lines of political morality; perhaps, but these things seemed to him such trifles—quips after all, a bit of detail, "as compared with his vast and high purposes at which he aimed, it wholly trifled." Motley, he thought, and openly said, is not his own and should be shared by all who helped in the great design.

"Nidy" dealing with his enemies, corrupted by his enemies into base coinage, meant more to what Lord Zetland intones as Lord Fisher, that he detected unerringly the elements of a bargain? "Of more than the value of a dozen of whom it was said to King Salisbury that if he were called upon to deal with the rebellious Zulus, he would ask the way to Cetewayo and go and have a talk with him?" Mighen, dealing with "vile enemies" under "orders" than the criminal precept? Agreed with them as easily, quickly, while thou art in the way with him?

There is a message in this book: a message which the architect read in his employer's eyes as he lay dying in the cottage at Muizenberg.

The imprisoned soul looked out from those expressive eyes, telling the human tragedy in the air of high endeavour. But I read there the inspiring message of unswerving trust, and a call to myself and to all of us, to go on with his own work enlightened by the gleams from his torch along the paths he had opened out for us.

I am sorry that Sir Herbert has set aside a little more about Rhodes House at Oxford, and while he is confined to finding fault with Rhodes and the rest of the university he does so well. It is such an embodiment of his reading of Rhodes, which is surely the right one—a monument that could only have arisen from the brain of one who combined art and inspired people—that it would have been可惜 to have had from his pen a recent obituary that justification took its perfect shape. I wish that I had the opportunity to see this building included in the list of those that are otherwise so aptly chosen. The site across the Memorial on Table Mountain is one of the two best views I have ever seen, and Sir D. W. Cameron's "Brooding Spirit of the Mountain" forms an appropriate frontispiece.

Only a tribute to history this book, but it helps understanding, and, as befits its subject, contains nothing banal from start to finish. F. H. M.

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It is not often that I am kept up late by a book. But Major Robert Foran's latest romance, "Arun the Hunter" (Hutchinson's 7s. 6d.) is the type of book that we cannot "lay" down. It is an African thriller, and, coming from the author of "Killof" and "Killed," it is naturally free from the blemishes with which writers whose knowledge of Africa is superficial so often spoil their books. The love and "the Native" (those names are embellished with superfluous apostrophes) are left to the savans, are not called tom-toms, and the heron is not devoured by white cats.

The book starts unconventionally enough. In London, shifts for a moment to an English country house, where an inexplicable murder takes place, and then moves out to Africa—the borders of Rhodesia and Portuguese East—where it seems that the clue to the murder may be found. The adventure there is a readable bit never impossible, at least they never seemed, and they make a thundering good yarn in the lineage of "The Man with Prester John."

After ghastly trials in The Temple of the Sun, which form the second climax, the story returns to the country house, shows how a repetition of the earlier murder is prevented, and "lays the ghost" that has haunted the people concerned since the story began, while the romance that began at the first page comes to its happy end on the last. That is a brief summary, without giving away the plot.

Indeed, well, the hero is good—but how easy it is to spoil a hero of that type! Everyone will envy but not begrudge him his Pam. The minor characters vary from good to adequate, except Constance, the French psychiatrist who bears too close a resemblance to *conferees* in thrillers from other pens, and makes one feel that Major Foran does not like this type, as he does the others portrayed. Constant, therefore, is unconvincing. Though glad he was introduced, am also not satisfied with Lockwood, who does nothing to justify his reputation as a criminologist, which is the excuse for bringing him into the story.

There is one definite flaw, caused perhaps by the author knowing Africa as well as a novelist: he is too熟 with descriptions of his scenes. This will not matter in the least to African readers, who can picture it all without having the backgrounds painted in pictures; they may even prefer it so much. I did, but reading it as a reviewer I felt that Major Foran missed an opportunity. He could have painted the picture so as to make the whole of Africa get the full feel. On a few occasions on which he slows down his breakneck pace of his tale to give the scenery as well as the action, he shows that he cannot do better, though left undone.

There is an obvious excuse for this, especially that the book runs to some 600 pages, there is little room for adornment. Major Foran packs in so much excitement that the covers burst with it. Perhaps there is another explanation: that he got carried away by the story itself. It reads like that, which is why it takes the reader the same way. So I forgive him, though for his own sake and that of his home public, which should be considerable. I hope he will remember the point next time.

KOKO.

*Believe it or Not!**Comments on Gatti's Pahade.*

AOME AND ARTHUR GATTI says straight out that he was not going to be believed in the fascinating *harrowing scenes* between the cover and "Black West" (Hutchinson, 18s.). It is a rapidly dis-
cursive collection of African sketches, often prettily
written, occasionally picturesque, and at times spiced
with quaint humour but always interesting and well-
written.

Having been disappointed over some of his books
I am the more pleased to say now, I have enjoyed
this one, and we may let others seek in it like
pleasure and relaxation. "Relaxation" is the right
word, for though it is better reading than the "harrowing,"
it is not *the* kind of book you fall asleep to. It has
been but feeling sure of something further.

It is a book with no science; just reminiscences
and fancies from the storehouse of Commando
Gatti's memories—memories of wandering in so
many parts of Africa, the more pleasing because
of its variety and inconsequence. Yet there is a
thread that binds all, and that is the feeling that
there is so much in Africa that we do not under-
stand and that, if we are not too matter of fact, the
rest of mankind are not fast. Believe it or not—but
there is no doubt that our hero was *Gatting*—under-
Gatti puts it well if the *Spartacus* may put it better.
However, I wonder.

The single is handsomely produced, and the
illustrations are good, but the book in itself is not
a museum piece which should not have been
included in a book of general circulation.

EDITOR

*Rhymes of a Kenya Settler.**The Mystery of a Pen-Name.*

CARR C. BOURRIE, has for months been con-
tributing amusing "Kenya Carols" to the Nakuru
Weekly News, which has now reprinted a number of
them in a brochure (2s., post free) which many
Kenyans will welcome.

But why did the local settler rhymester choose
a pseudonym? One of his songs reveals that it is
not because his labours have been unremunerated
by his publishers, and the obloquy of his friends
and neighbours—who may not know his identity, as
we do;—may, we trust, have given him evidence that
his public is not unappreciative. So in neither sense
has he been performing *basti biki*. If we quarrel
with his pen-name we enjoy the writer's pretty wit,
catholic outlook, and ready rhyming. He must have
given pleasure to many a millarado, in the days of
depression, needed to him of such homely verse.
We hope that the reception accorded to this first
collection will spur the author to follow up his
work, and

T. S. J.

Problems of Heredity.

MR. E. J. STOUTON in "Heredity and the Social
Problem Group" (Arnold, 1s.) is rather above the heads
of the ordinary reader, but has produced what Professor
Leonard Darwin rightly calls a valuable and diversified
work, embodying the results of twenty-five years' study.

There is an inclined application to our East African
problems in this study, and Mr. Libbeter writes of
what part played by natural inheritance in human destiny,
but of inhibitory factors that are constantly reararing
their head. Part of this is mitigated by a change
of environment. From this point of view no sociologist
worker in Africa can ignore the volume, but to provide
the groundwork one might suggest any work on such
that has not been done in the great task that lies before us
in this field.

*Cricketer and Christian.**Fine Life of Mr. C. T. Studd.*

To all who say that there is room in Christianity,
and especially to those in Africa who hold this
belief, I say read "C. T. Studd—Cricketer and
Pioneer," by N. E. Cobb (R.T.S., 3s. 6d.). I am
convinced that, after reading this fascinating book,
they will no longer think the same.

Here is the tale of one of England's greatest
cricketers who with his brothers, one of whom
became known as Sir Kyndall Studd, Lord Mayor
of London, the president of the Polytechnic—was
brought up in strict English home, and all three
of whom became heroes at Eton and Cambridge.
They all also became in their youth devout Chris-
tians without any qualification or apology. These
three missionaries—two of whom were other
americans—one had stroked the Var-

I took all to join the China Inland Mission, and
when I say I forsook all, I mean it, for he not only
gave up home comfort, and wife, but every penny
of his inheritance of £28,000.

Years afterwards, despite ill health, C. T., then a
man of fifty-two, started an entirely new career, or
rather the same career in a new sphere in the
centre of Africa. The epic of what he did there
is the part of this book that will make the greatest
appeal to African readers. The finest testimony to
that work is that when he died in 1931 at the age
of seventy, the grip of Christianity on the natives
did not relax, as some feared it would, attributing
it to the personal or magnetic hold that C. T. had
upon them. On the contrary, the belief in Christ
flourished more than ever, showing that what C. T.
did he did not do of himself but of God. It is a
magnificent tale, well told, and I challenge agnostics
and unbelievers and all who decry mission work to
read it, if they dare.

The book is excellently produced and printed, the
illustrations, especially the woodcuts, they are
placed in contrasts, well chosen, and it is really
marvel of cheapness. It is such a fine book that the
publishers' enterprise should prove fully justified.

F. H. M.

Teaching the African.

MR. PERCY NUNN, in his introduction to Mr. Edward
Jowitt's "Suggested Methods for the African School"
(Longmans, 6s.) endorses the author's unwavering
assumption that basic principles of method which are
sound in Europe must become in inter-tropical Africa.
One may agree, but Mr. Jowitt makes out a good
case and shows a real comprehension of the needs of
African minds. The book covers the teaching of African
children and the training of teachers. Among the
branches of education dealt with may be mentioned
hygiene, history and civics, religious and moral, manual
training, art, music, communal services, which
shows how comprehensive is the study. Mr. Jowitt is a
strong believer in the use of the vernacular, and his
book is excellently illustrated and well produced, and has
the advantage of being handy in size for all its 400 pages.
A reader sees a very good deal in Southern Africa,
but there has learned much from practical advice.
Teachers in Africa can now profit by the book instead of going through the path finding for themselves.
They will be well advised to avail themselves of
the opportunity.

Colonial documentation.

We have received Vol. III of "The carbuncle,"
prepared by Colonial Documentation for the British
Colonies (London, Brussels). To us it is the most
interesting of the series, as it deals with all the British
Colonies. Comprised from the official reports, there is
naturally nothing new in it, but it is a most convenient
volume which to have the information for comparative
purposes and references. In this volume the full facts are
given in English and a summary in French.

Secretary of State's Visit.*Still in Doctor's Hands in Nairobi.*

SIR PHILIP MORRISON, the Secretary of State for the Colonies whose East African tour of duty has been upset by his illness, is still in Nairobi suffering from a septic throat.

Dr. Jex-Blake having been unable to consult him by Dr. King and Dr. Brambridge, it was arranged that they considered it unlikely that any formal engagements could be undertaken before February 5. What part of his proposed tour in Kenya may still be able to complete itself in London will be postponed from February 24.

Arrangements for London Luncheon.

On his return from East Africa the Secretary of State will be entertained by the East African Group of the Overseas Local Government Luncheons at the Hotel Russell, Holborn Way, at 12.30 for 1.30 p.m. on Friday, March 12. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Plymouth, P.C., Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, has accepted an invitation to attend. Mr. F. S. Josson, Chairman of the Group, will preside. East Africans wished to be present should indicate as soon as possible with the London Luncheon Secretary, Mr. S. S. Murray, D.L.O., H.M. Eastern African Dependencies Information Office, Strand Building, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2. The cost of the luncheon is exclusive of fees, £2.50, but includes gratuities to servers.

Tanganyika and Closer Union.

The Arusha branch of the British Union of the Meshi branch of the British Association in Tanganyika have been amalgamated as the Northern Province Branch of the British Union of Tanganyika under the chairmanship of Brigadier-General L. Boyd-Moss. The Vice-Chairmen are Messrs. P. Wendham-Mosby and W. E. Crosskill and Messrs. J. Arusha, and the Committee consists of Messrs. J. Arusha and Goodall Bloom, Colonel C. L. R. Gove and Messrs. H. R. Lemmer, Mr. J. de la Motte and Mr. M. P. Tsoukas, with Mr. Eric Reed as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

It was decided to seek an interview with the Secretary of State during his visit to Africa, in particular to discuss: (1) Federation; (2) the Mandate; (3) closer white settlement; (4) Land Bank; (5) administration and local Civil Service; (6) Police and Judicial; (7) railway Services; (8) taxation; (9) Universities; (10) trade; (11) Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme; (12) naturalisation facilities in Tanganyika; and (13) the research commission.

The meeting, which was largely attended by representatives representing an expression of a strong local feeling that Great Britain was in a position to declare Tanganyika a British Colony or Protectorate, failing which it was urged that the Mandate should be revised from the B. to C. category, and more efforts made to promote closer constitutional union with the neighbouring British Colonies on the lines of Sir Samuel Wilson's recommendations. Meantime the British Union is to submit constructive proposals to Sir Philip Morrison after economic union, it being recognised that the time is not yet ripe for the attainment of full political union.

Trans-Nzoia Memorandum.

The memorandum prepared by settlers in the Trans-Nzoia district of Kenya for presentation to the Secretary of State confesses itself to be "a matter of record." It records that the Trans-Nzoia, with its 300 European settlers, was in 1933 the largest maize producing area in the Colony with 380,672 bags, second in the agricultural acreage harvested" table, and the fourth highest producer of coffee, with 15,289 cwt. To show that theirs is not a community of rich landowners, it is emphasised that only 1% of the European population are employers, while 99% on their own account, that is, are employees, and the balance dependents.

Dar es Salaam Medical Conference.

THE enterprise of the small but vigorous Dar es Salaam branch of the British Medical Association in arranging an important medical conference was commended in these columns months ago. The meeting took place last week under the presidency of Mr. W. R. Connell, F.R.C.S. Sir Spencer Lister and Dr. Gatrell of Madras were forced to absent themselves owing to urgent public duties and the Directors of Medical Services in Kenya and Uganda in absence of the Secretary of State's visit. There were two distinguished visitors from South Africa—Mr. H. A. Moffat, D.S.O., F.R.C.S., and Dr. C. M. Murray, D.S.O., M.D.—many welcome guests from Kenya, Uganda and Zanzibar, and a full attendance of Tanga members.

After the opening ceremony by the Acting Secretary and the presidential address, papers were read by Dr. J. H. Sedgwick on "Artery and Disease," Dr. R. S. F. Hendry on "Typhus Fever in Uganda," Mr. R. E. Barrett and Professor Schilling on "Sleeping Sickness," Mr. J. Harrison on "Agriculture in Relation to Medical Service," Mr. T. B. Welch on "Leprosy," Mr. C. Wilcock on "Native Tuberculosis," Dr. C. Sunshine and Moonshine," The Tropical Solar Myth," there was a discussion on "The Medical Education of Africans," and a demonstration by the Malawalokosa Officer, Mr. R. Mackay. It was a most interesting, instructive, and varied programme.

It is not all work and no play, a reception and a match, a dinner and dance, and a performance of "The Middle Watch" by the Dar es Salaam Amateur afforded relaxation for the members and their visitors.

Kavirondo Resurrectionists.

ELECTROGRAPHING in Shire, the Nairobi Correspondent of *The Times* said:

"The activities of a new religious sect among the Nethi Kavirondo, living on the northern coast of Lake Victoria under the leadership of a prominent Amale who claims powers to raise the dead, have been causing anxiety to official and missionary circles for some months. The sect is growing rapidly and is attracting a number of adherents of the Protestant mission. The announcement caused to local converts resulted in a clash a week ago. Reports indicate that the trouble centres in two villages, one inhabited by the Amale and the other by the Bantu. Two leading members of the sect were killed, and it is believed to have been a former deacon at the mission church. The sect retaliated, and both villages were set on fire. Eight deaths and a number of injuries are reported."

"The Provincial Commissioner immediately visited the scene and ordered his leaving a colleague to maintain order. The area is remote and an official investigation is being carried out. The Government intimate that there is no political significance in the affair. The disturbance occurred near the mining area, but has no connection with the industry."

Broadcasts on Africa.

BROADCASTING in Africa is to be the subject of several lectures in Farnham and March. On February 6 Mr. J. T. Lewis, of the Royal College, Cambridge, is to speak on "Scientific Research on February 10 on Economic Development in Africa." Next week Miss Dorothy Pernham will talk on the "Machinery of Government." A week later Miss Margaret Wrong will deal with Native Education. On March 9 there will be a discussion by Sir Edward Grigg and Dr. J. H. Oldham on "White and Black in East Africa," on March 16 the subject will be "Science and Health in Africa," and next week, on March 23, Miss Mary Verplanck will conclude the series with "White and Black—The Future."

The ladies of Egyptian soldiers who died in the Sudan between 1886 and 1889 and who had been sent to rest in the belief of General Gordon, have been transferred to a cemetery near Aswan. This decision was decided upon owing to the fact that the second heightening of the Aswan reservoir would cause the present graves to be flooded.

Some Statements Worth Noting

One hears better with the mouth a little open.
Major Radclyffe Dugmore, in "Rolling Stone,"

To converse with a man who has spent his life in the Colonies is often to converse with a man of past (and healthier) age; we may be unable to achieve his certainties. *The Lady of Shalott* reviving in *The English Review*.

"I have known many Governors leaving East Africa, but never one who carried with him the sympathy and regard of the whole population in the way Sir Stewart Symes has done." — Mr. Merton A. Ebbings at a public dinner in Nairobi Saloon.

"The business men I met were better up in the geography than many other countries trading with East Africa. During my visit I found that they all knew where Mombasa was. None of them knew of Boma or Nigeria or Port Sudan." —M.Y.
"Never looking in Mombasa."

"The British in Uganda have done for Uganda what the Romans did for the primitive peoples of Europe: by constructing a really wonderful network of good roads they have broken down the barriers that separated tribe from tribe." — The Bishop of

The tendency of indirect rule, as now applied, is to build up centralized African autocracies, disregarding the bases of former African constitutions and States, which were essentially decentralized and democratic. — *Carson R. S. Rattray*, writing in the "Journal of African Society."

The Tana Valley and Mtaa comprise some of the richest land in the world, and offer opportunities of intense cultivation under irrigation which require only capital, knowledge and energy to create an agricultural paradise. Mr. J. C. Gouverde, in his *Manifesto to the electors of the Coast Province of Kenya*.

It is no use trying to make the Native go in for better housing until you improve his sanitary conditions until you let him have a sanitary consciousness. Let me give him a few Sanitary assistants to keep him on the right line. — M. H. G. D. C. Mackay & Kennedy, Chief Secretary of Northern Rhodesia speaking in the Legislative Council.

The theory advanced by Mr. H. L. Gaskins on page 119 from new; that the failure of racial development in the Native after puberty—[I note he accepts this failure as a fact—is due to premature inactivity. lacks statistical and other scientific support, and is very open to logical criticism.

Br. H. L. Gaskins in a letter to T.R.

While the present indications appear to
be that we have definitely passed the lowest point
in the depression, the position continues to be com-
pletely overshadowed by the situation in Europe
and America." Brigadier-General D. Rhodes
of the Royal Engineers, the Kenya and Uganda Railways, introducing the Estimate before the Com-
mittee of Council.

If it is true, as old boys tell me, that a school is indeed
One employer came to me not long ago and told
me that he had had one of our boys in 1920 who
did so well that he has five more in 1921; and
these have done so well that he now asks for three
a year for the first four years.

The
Grace Headmaster speaking on King's College
Bull. Spec. Days

WHO'S WHO

188. Major John Williamson
Millman, D.S.O.



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Kenyans. Enoch was highly regarded as a sportsman and as a prominent business man. He went to East Africa in 1903 and in the following year began business in Nairobi. He had a successful, gradually increasing, career there until his retirement in 1938. In 1938 he sold his interest in the firm to the West African Mining and Smelting Company and served with that firm until 1942, as a director of A.P.R. During this period he was regarded the

He is Captain of the Kenya Flying Club and Vice-president of the Kenyan Society. Past President of the Kenya and Tanzania Association, has been three Presidents of the Nairobi Golf Club and was the first Squash Captain of the Nairobi Club. He is also Steward of the Government of Kenya for Africa and was a member of the Kenyan and Tanzanian Delegation to the Commonwealth Conference.

Association of Engineers, and has been a member of the National Society of the Royal Astronomical Society, and of the Royal Society of Arts, and a member of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Associated Chambers of Commerce. Major Stirling has the unusual distinction of commanding three universities - Oxford, the Sorbonne, Paris, and Berlin.

EAST AFRICA

PERSONALIA

Mr. Alfred Wigglesworth is visiting Mexico.

Baron and Baroness Rivers from London to Kenya.

Lady Blamire gave birth to a son and died in London last week.

We regret to learn of the sudden death in Tukia of Mr. J. L. Buckley.

King Alfonso of Spain left Cairo on Tuesday for El Omdurman in the Sudan.

Mr. David Edwards, Resident Magistrate at Edoret, has been transferred to Nairobi.

Mrs. P. H. Clarke intends to leave South Africa on Wednesday next to return to Mombasa.

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer has been elected director of the British South Africa Company.

Mr. D. G. Lancaster has been appointed member of the Port Clarence Management Board.

Lord Lugard last week celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday. Many happy returns of the day!

Sir Harold MacMichael, the new Governor of Tanganyika, and Lady MacMichael leave Mombasa for Dar es Salaam.

We learn with regret of the recent death in London of Mrs. Constance, mother of Colonel H. F. Stancham, of Kisumu.

We regret to learn of the recent death in London of Mr. T. H. W. Sheppard, Inspector of Produce, Zanzibar, who had served for three years.

Mr. T. A. Glover addressed the Royal Geographical Society on Monday afternoon on "From Senegal to Italian Somaliland."

Mr. H. E. Cameron, of the Royal Agricultural Department, was married in Feltham, Surrey, last week to Miss Lilian Mary Erwood.

We hear that Mr. W. T. Shapley, senior partner of Messrs. Shapley, Schwartz & Barretts, the Nairobi advocates, will shortly be home on leave.

A previous article has been recorded by Mr. Arnold Shantz as United States Consul in Nairobi with jurisdiction extending to Tanganjika Territory.

We hear that General D. Rhodes, General Manager of the Kenya and Uganda Railways, expects to be home in April in the early spring.

Mr. Edward Kenmoe, of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, has formed a Rhodesian Manx Society for those who prefer to wear the Isle of Man.

Sir Edward Grey presided last week at the Royal Empire Society luncheons to Sir William Clare, K.C.B., who spoke on "The East African Market."

Congratulations to Sir Joseph W. C. Sheridan, chief Justice of Jamaica, on his appointment as Chief Justice of Kenya in succession to Sir. Justice William Barth.

Mr. W. M. Lamerton, M.P. for so long Colonial Secretary in Southern Rhodesia and Mrs. Lamerton are outward-bound for Berlin by the gaily-gaily Castle.

Mrs. J. A. D. Thompson, daughter-in-law of Bishop Hannington, the martyred Bishop of Uganda, last week opened a missionary exhibition at the Huddersfield.

Mr. de Meza has been elected captain of the Black & Cricket Club, and Mr. J. P. Synington Vice-captain. Mr. B. M. Bennett joins the Selection Committee.

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Hindley, Royal Artillery, second son of Sir Clement and Lady Hindley, and Ruth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Corfield.

General Sir Herbert Gough, a past President of the East Africa Dinner Club, last week addressed the South Kensington Conservative Association on "Armament and Disarmament."

Acting on representations from Government, the Lukaka Management Board has elected its first unofficial Chairman, in the person of Mr. H. Rich, who is to overshadow a municipality.

Mr. A. S. Legat, Superintendent in East Africa of the National Bank of India, and District Grand Master of English Freemasons in East Africa, expects to be home some time in April.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. Robins, D.S.O., has been appointed Chairman of the Rhodesian Land, Cattle and Ranching Corporation to fill the vacancy created by the death of Sir Francis Drummond P. Chapple.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly in Dar es Salaam between Mr. D. H. Shadkess, Deputy Registrar of the High Court of Tanganyika, and Letta Dalglish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kirkland, of Arusha.

The engagement is announced between the Rev. H. Walter E. Elliott, M.A., M.P., Minister of Agriculture, who visited East Africa some time ago, and Katherine, second daughter of Mrs. Frey Lubbock and the late Sir Charles Clement.

Mr. and Mrs. Sir Edward Dalton, Mr. Gilbert Mr. Viscount Quay, the Rev. P. Allen Young, and Messrs. H. C. Scott, William Cleare, and F. E. Harper have been elected associate members of the East African Group of the Overseas Council.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Herbert Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lloyd, of Langham, and Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyle, of Nairobi. Mr. Lloyd, 30, who is engaged on the staff of the Statistical Department in Nairobi,

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During the absence in Europe of Mr. A. de V. Wade, Chief Native Commissioner in Kenya, Mr. H. La Fontaine is acting as C.N.C. Mr. La Fontaine has also been appointed a member of the Languages Board and Mr. S. F. Deck.

Mr. G. F. Bell, who as now on leave pending retirement from the Tanganyika Administrative Service, has served in the Territories since 1916, before which he served in South Africa for ten years. He has been stationed in Tukuma for some years.

Mr. John Threlfall, manager of Ndola, has recently been recalled to London on official business. South Africa, upon his presentation before a large gathering Dr. W. Malcolm Macmillan, resident mining engineer of the company.

Professor Leo von zur Mühlen, who has recently arrived back in Berlin from Ethiopia, is reported to have stated that he has definitely established rich gold deposits in that country, a concession of prospect which has been granted to German concern.

The marriage took place last week in London of Mr. Joseph Hunter Rodwell, eldest son of Sir Cecil Hunter-Bondell, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, and Lady Rodwell, and Miss Marjorie Girdlestone, daughter of the late Captain M. J. Girdlestone and of Lady Astbury.

At the Bishops of Masailand and Central Tanganyika are proceeding on leave early this week, while Bishop Willis of Uganda will also be relinquishing his office about the same time. It is proposed that the next Gibson Conference shall be held in Monrovia between February 7 and 14.

Mr. Gordon Loffem was received in audience by the King last week and was placed upon his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Seychelles. His Majesty also invested him with the insignia of a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The Hon. Sayabali H. A. Karimjee, a member of the Tanzanian Legislative Council, and a partner of Karimjee, Jivani & Company, has left Bombay for India and Great Britain, which he expects to reach towards the end of February. He will spend about six months touring the British Isles and the Continent.

Owing to the illness of Miss Creel the name part in "Tilly of Utonish" which was staged by local amateurs at Lusaka, was played in short notice by Miss Sandford, who scored a great success. Miss Sandford is the daughter of the Provincial Commissioner and a Northern Queen by birth.

It is to announce the death last week of Mr. E. B. P. Balfour, Chairman of the London branch of the East Africa Power and Lighting Company. Mr. Balfour's long and varied career had made an important record of the company's properties in Kenya, where during his term of office the company made great pro-

gress. Mr. William Wyatt recently returned through London en route to New York from Kenya, in which he has spent the last few years, and of which she speaks in terms of the highest praise. She intends to address American gatherings on the subject of British settlement and administration in East Africa, and to emphasise the attractions of the climate, residence, in the highlands.

Outward passengers by yesterday's mail for East Africa included the Hon. Peter Beatty, Brigadier-General de la Poer, Mrs. Ronald Tree, the Hon. Esme Clyn, and Mr. Stephen Shaw, for Nairobi, and Professor J. C. Thomson, Lieutenant-Colonel Haslam, and Mr. Blunt for Salisbury. Among the inward passengers on Saturday were Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Wood from Nairobi, and Mr. Cole from Kisumu.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. J. Sanders, President of the Alpine Country Club, Arasaland, announced at the recent annual meeting that the Club last year made a profit of £420. The film company, in which the Club is financially interested, has been formed to exhibit cinematograph pictures in the bar room. Mr. Duncan has been elected President, and Messrs. J. W. Ness, J. Storar and F. C. Peterkins have been elected to the board of directors.

The Church Missionary Society in Uganda will suffer a loss during the early part of 1934 by the retirement of several of its leading members. The Rev. Kev. J. F. Willis, O.B.E., D.D., Bishop of Uganda, who has served in the Protestantate for over thirty-four years, and Mrs. Willis are coming home to Britain. Mr. Albert G. Fox, who walked from Uganda to Lake Victoria, is returning to practice private medicine in London. The Rev. Mr. B. and Mrs. Langley, the former of whom has been Secretary to the Society in Uganda for many years, are returning to this country.

We deeply regret the sudden death at the age of seventy-one of Mr. Ernest A. G. Smith, formerly head of the staff of the Kenyan member of the Board of the Port of London Authority, and senior partner of the firm of Smith & Company, one of the oldest and most successful shipping concerns. Mr. Smith was born in 1862, when he joined certain German firms in Germany in pioneering the growth of sisal in what is to-day Tanganyika Territory. With the outbreak of war he turned his attention to Kenya, which he visited in 1923-4, making his tour of the sisal estates and giving very direct critical and valuable advice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nazis in Tanganyika.**M. Reid's Reply to Herr Troost.**

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR.—At this interval of time I must decline to bandy words with Mr. Ernst Troost regarding what happened during Sir John Sandeman's visit to Moshi. Mr. Troost's account is substantially the same as mine, only more verbose. Nor do I propose to offer any answer to his arguments, for abuse is no argument, and his letter to you of December 2nd is full of abuse.

Mr. Troost imputes to me a motive of "wishing to destroy the peace between the British and German communities in Tanganyika." My motive in writing you as I did was to describe the courtesy and forbearance which Sir John showed to Germans not only in Moshi, but elsewhere in Tanganyika. I refuse most emphatically to admit that I am seeking to "destroy the peace between Germans and British" in this country. That peace was destroyed when Captain Schoenfeld, the leader of the Nazi band in Tanganyika, published his bitter and scurrilous book, "Geraubtes Land." On the second page of that book is a libel on our Prince of Wales, and nearly every page thereof is full of slanders on the British, Greek and other settlers now occupying ex-German farms in Tanganyika. These are stigmatised as "robbers and blood-suckers."

For a time that book was treated with the contempt it merits. Then, early last year, the existing peace was completely shattered by the staggering behaviour of certain Germans.

If Mr. Troost will take the trouble to read my book, "Tanganyika without Prejudice," he will see there the spirit of courtesy, impartiality and goodwill with which all residents and British officials are prepared to treat all law-abiding Germans. That book, however, written before the Hitler Party, with its excesses both in Europe and in Tanganyika, had raised its head.

I still have many German friends who are not blind followers of the Nazi system. Nothing, not even Mr. Troost's petulant outburst, will avail to disturb the good feelings which prevail between such Germans and the British community and me. Some of these German friends complimented me on the letter to which Mr. Troost takes such exception.

What anti-British feeling existed previously among a few hot-heads died down as soon as a

broad and authoritative hint was given that several Tanganyika Germans had provided sufficient evidence to bring them within the scope of the Deportation Ordinance. They were told that the Ordinance would be in force against them if they did not mind their P's and Q's. The result was electrical, and their silence subsequently to that hint clearly typifies that "Teutonic mentality" referred to in my first letter to *East Africa*.

I can assure you, Sir, and Mr. Troost need not accuse my many German friends for they know that nothing further from my mind than to disturb the good relations between the moderate section of Germans here and the British. I sympathise, not with the Nazi Party's ambitions, or with Mr. Troost's thoughts, but with German Colonial aspirations. If the positions we are in should feel exactly as the Germans in Tanganyika do to-day.

But if, as has been the case during the last year, plotting through agents' provocateurs or undermining of allies and inciting them to pay tax to Government comes to my notice, I shall not hesitate to denounce these methods first to the British authorities and if prompt and adequate action is not taken to stop such methods I shall publish the facts in my own discretion.

To sum up: Good relations between every section of Germans and Tanganyika and the British residents are to be re-established fully only when Nazism has been purged from the world, its influence or when Tanganyika has been bound into a great East African Federation.

In all probability the latter event will precede the former.

Yours faithfully,

M. REID.
Tanganyika Territory.**Translation of the Scriptures.**

To the Editor of "East Africa".

Sir.—I usually find *East Africa* correct in its facts, but one item of "news" which I have just read in your issue of Dec. 2nd about twenty-eight years out of date. You inform the public that the Gospel of St. Mark has been translated into the Acholi language; as a matter of fact, this was done in 1895. The new publication in this language recently issued by the Bible Society is the complete New Testament.

Yours faithfully,
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Wireless in East Africa.

Short Wave Receiver Hints.

the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR.—Many a short-wave wireless receiver has had its efficiency marred, or has been condemned altogether through lack of knowledge as to how it should be operated. I would therefore strongly advise manufacturers to include with their sets a small book indicating what wave lengths should be tuned into and the hours of operation:

The following abbreviated information may be of some assistance to owners of wireless receiver:

First of all, don't expect your receiver to give you distance programmes, especially from Europe, on the medium band, that is, from 200 to 200 metres.

Don't mix up break reception on headphones carried out by experts at radio shows on special receivers using special aerials with the normal results obtained by any layman with the present-day short-wave receiver.

The most up-to-date receiver is designed and supplied by experts and is well for entertainment value. If your programme is to be received strong enough to be reproduced through a good loudspeaker with clarity, volume and tone, the receiver is of no value to you and Mrs. Resident of East Africa.

Carry on the market short-wave receivers capable of receiving the English and other European programmes as well as clarity, volume and tone. Here, there is a bug—namely, the receiver. A certain amount of intelligence, taste and knowledge of short-waves as a practical programme only, if satisfactory results are obtained.

The difference in time between the London and Nairobi stations is approximately 1 hr. 15 min. Nairobi.

Owners of receivers should familiarise themselves with the following table applicable to British stations, such as the one which follows below. Decimal places have been left out. The actual full wave length should be calibrated on the dial for precise purposing.

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11. 00 to 11. 15 a.m.	2. 45 to 3. 30 p.m. 16. 30 and 31
11. 15 to 11. 30 a.m.	3. 30 to 8. 30 p.m. 31. 30 and 45
11. 30 to 11. 45 a.m.	4. 45 to 5. 30 p.m. 25 and 35
11. 45 to 12. 00 p.m.	5. 45 to 10. 15 p.m. 25 and 35
12. 00 to 12. 15 p.m.	10. 30 to 11. 15 a.m. 19 and 21
12. 15 to 12. 30 p.m.	10. 30 to 11. 00 a.m. 21

Not all of the above transmissions will be received in East Africa, the nearest station, Dar es Salaam, uses special serial systems to direct certain transmissions to cover certain areas of the Empire, so that no programmes are received in any area of full strength.

Finally, few readers seem to realize that overseas programmes are published six weeks in advance and can be obtained regularly for a trivial outlay.

Yours faithfully,

London

Encouragement for Lancashire

In a recent issue of the Jangmees magazine, making a good deal of headway with their sheep and cattle, it was still possible to obtain fresh sheep wool from Native breeders in Tanzania. They had to pay 1/- per quintal.

"East Africa Trade and Friends."

"East Africa" is the only Colonial newspaper which has given me real satisfaction. I have on many occasions found it able to carry the whereabouts of old friends. —Editor of "East Africa."

"One Shot" 2010

"Mr. Alberto Araujo, of Murraia, on the Lambezi, has killed fifteen lions and twenty-three leopards in the last two years, in each case with a single shot. No wonder he is known locally as 'One Shot' Araujo." —From "E.A. sister."

Tanganjika's Glorious Escarpments.

"The new Aspa road from Mireya is an amazing engineering feat. The traveller climbs to 8,000 ft., and even with African pack animals being a sight not to be equalled down south. Tanganjika Territory ought to get good publicity for its escarpments, the thorns of which could not be equalled." —From a well-known businessman.

Gold Discoveries in Tanganjika.

"Extensive swarms of locusts are passing through the Shire Valley from south to north and have destroyed most of the maize crop in the Eastern Province. We can ill afford to lose four tons, but it is a great compensation that producers seem to be finding gold over the territory. The most recent discoveries of interest being Kivuvi and Dzama." —From a well-known Tanganjika man.

How to Start a Gold Experiment.

"Having a hand in it myself, I was interested in the Shire valley recently published on the first East African Gold Experiment. I believe it was at the suggestion of Mr. L. Hinde that I got letters of introduction and paid a special visit to that part of France in the Nimes, industry and gold field which is indeed the centre of the silk industry of France. I bought prior to 1900. As the result of my visit I brought back a box of silkworm seed or eggs and the like, and I only the origin of the experiment revealed to me in Lord Warwick's book, and mentioned in the summary." —From Mr. Campbell.

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Africa's Need of Books.

Miss Wrong on "The Talking Leaf."

AFRICANS who know European languages are beginning to read European books "good, bad and different," said Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa, in a talk broadcast by the BBC last Sunday. "A media woman was born in a hospital in the Belgian Congo," she continued, "who was deep in a vivid French novel; I discovered that the sentiments were read for three Africans may aid the education. It seems likely that novels, sensitive fiction, and some of our more sensational papers are giving the African ideas of European ways and customs which we should hardly consider normal.

Don't take it for granted, however, that all books which go from Europe to Africa are sensational. Some, and this is particularly true of school books, are meted out and listened to as boy spelling out English the story of a handsome boy lost in a London fog.

A reading lesson about an elderly battat the school days would have resulted in study of English to the life.

What I am glad to say is that new and elevating books are being written for African schools, and some schools are using books for themselves out of local materials, just as we do in the massing."

Miss Wrong gave many examples, ending with the following picture: "the story of the creation by an old African in another—

God said to the elephant what he wanted, and he replied, 'I want the forest'; so God made it. God asked the chimpanzee what he wanted, and he replied, 'I want the bush'; so God made it. God asked the monkeys what they wanted, and they said, 'We want what God made the others.' He then asked the bats what he wanted, and he replied, 'Food'—so God made food of all kinds. God then called the white man what was his desire, and he answered, 'I want books'—so God made books, and thus the world was created."

"But to day," said Miss Wrong, "it is the African who is asking that books should be created. The Bible has been translated into 20 African languages, but Africans want other books besides the Bible, and have a very natural desire to have small books that are cheap and tell them all about their own agriculture, the care of houses, of children, everything."

Pictures are also wanted, both for houses and schools. So great is the desire for books and pictures that African authors and artists are coming to the fore. In Tanganyika I talked to an African who had been to London and had written an account of his experiences in Swahili. An African teacher in Kenya showed me a manuscript of a school book which he had prepared for the teaching of art. I have seen Africans illustrating vernacular books, the best being in music.

Africans will read what they can get, be it good or bad. We see now how white and black men are working together for mutual salvation and I have come to the conclusion that the need for books is both great and urgent. While the white man can know what an African has called "the magic of the talking leaf" to Central and South Africa, while men have taught that magic in schools and the African has been an apt pupil. White men and Africans are writing books on all manner of subjects. These books are needed. The power of the written word is felt in the land. A continent is asking for books. Can we say that this is the best?"

Faster Air Liners.

Two small four-engined air liners built by Imperial Airways are undergoing their flying trials. They will carry from eight to ten passengers and a certain amount of mail, cruise at about 140 m.p.h., and are similar to the respect of the de Havilland "Dragon" machine, which, however, has only two engines. Imperial Airways have also ordered two other fast machines of about similar capacity. They will be replicas of the mail-carrier which was on exhibition in London last summer, and which attained a top speed of 100 m.p.h.

New Game Laws for Kenya.

Major changes in the game laws are foreshadowed in the Bill introduced by Captain A. T. A. Birtwistle, Game Master, who is to be congratulated on being the first member of a Native Department to speak to his own Bill in a British African Legislature. He naturally expressed pleasure at that fact because Kenya was unrivalled as a haunt of game, and also in the world in game legislation.

The new Bill removes ambiguities and inconsistencies, tightens up the control of trophies, and will assist in the prevention of smuggling. The cost of some licences is to be reduced, but it did not anticipate loss of revenue thereby. Four new "game visitors" licences were to be introduced, and another new licence for assisting him being largely to regulate what was now done illegally. There could be no legality about game visitors unless they claimed that the Bill would bring legislation into line with existing conditions.

Photographic permits would also be included as photography was assuming more and more importance, and while little or nothing would be charged for the permit, arrangements would be made for sufficient forfeiture in the event of the game-keepers having to kill game animals.

East African Group Meeting.

The annual meeting of the East African Group of the Overseas League is to be held at Vernon House, Park Place, S.W. on Thursday, February 15. Mr. H. G. Weller, author of Kenya Without Justice, will speak on Kenya Colony, taking the title of his book as his subject. All East Africans and their friends, whether members of the Group or not, are cordially invited to attend. Tea will be served at 2.45 p.m., and the address begin at

Tracy King Clinic for Kenya.

Organised by the Lady Nurses Home, Nairobi, its main feature being the formation of a children's clinic, which is expected materially to assist the finances of the institution. The clinic will be run on Tracy King lines, and all mothers will be invited to join "Mothercraft League." There is also an idea of training girls in the European schools as nurses.

K.D.F. Camps.

The Kenya Defence Force is to hold five-day camps in March, June and October for the training of Class 1 men resident in Nairobi, and it is officially stated that the severest action will be taken against men who, not having been exempted, fail to attend one of the camps. Indeed, those liable to such training will henceforth not be permitted to leave the Colony without producing a certificate that such obligations have been fulfilled.

Zambezi Bridge Progress.

Mr. J. C. Mather, who for the past eighteen months has been in charge of certain sections in the construction of the Zambezi Bridge, has retired at his home in Darlington. His Press interview has stated that eighteen of the spans had been erected when he left, and that if weather conditions are favourable this year as they have been in the past, the first span should be across by October, well ahead of completion time.

Leprosy Relief Work.

The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, which devoted considerable attention to leprosy right early in the Africa, is considering the employment of non-medical volunteers in leper home colonies in the Colonial Empire. The idea was conceived by the Rev. Dr. B. Clayton, founder padre of St. H., during his recent visit to West Africa, and a special committee has been formed to enlist specially-trained non-medical men recommended by Dr. Sir Samuel Wilson, late Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, as Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Charles F. H. represented by Lord Middleton, Sir Frank Walton and Dr. F. N. Leeds, and the others by Sir Francis Fremantle, M.P., Dr. Frank Carter, and Dr. Robert Cochrane. The other members are Drs. T. Stanton, Dr. J. Howard Cook, and Dr. W. B. James, all of whom are well known to East Africans.

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A RECORD OF DISTORTED SPORTSMANSHIP.

A RESIDENT of Nairobi, who does his hunting with the pseudonym "Spear," tells *The Field* that a tent club has been formed on the slopes of Mount Kenya, and proceeds:

"Recently two members went out when they came on a herd of *kongoni*, which is supposed to be too fast to be ridden down. One of the spears was mounted on a Somali pony, the other on a pony by a T.B. horse out of a Somali mare. They galloped at a full-grown bull, when after a little struggle, left the herd. After three and a half miles the Somali was outpaced; the other could just hang on. Suddenly the *kongoni* whirled round and charged. Ponies and *kongoni* met in a head-on collision, and rider, horse and quarry crashed to the ground. The spear fell himself all over, but could only find a broken nose in the mouth and two small wounds in the chest. The second spear now arrived, and the *kongoni* went off, pursued by two spears. After about a mile, being very bloody he tried to flick jungle and the spears had to dismount and go in on foot. The *kongoni* charged the second spear, but was checked by a boulder thrown by the first spear, which hit him on the head. He then got into a thick patch, where I was flushed off with the spear. It seems to me that it is worth putting on record."

Why? As a piece of distorted sportsmanship with which most East Africans will be disgusted? The *kongoni* strikes us as having behaved in a far more sporting fashion than the two Europeans who were so intent on bagging him by any means.

AVIATION IN THE SUDAN.

On the occasion of Sir Stewart Symes's arrival in Khartoum last week to take up his duties as Governor-General, *The Times* published an article on the Sudan, which was largely devoted to the progress in aviation which has had such a marked effect on the mobility of government. It stated:

A squadron of the Royal Air Force is permanently stationed in Khartoum, and there are now 112 official landing grounds for military and civil machines. The Sudan covers an area of a million square miles, and a short time ago most of the tribes and most of their districts' Commissaries were completely inaccessible at certain times of the year. Now all district headquarters have their landing grounds. The Governor-General can visit even the most remote of them, and obtain first-hand knowledge of the administrative and economic problems of the many and varied people by a two days' journey from Khartoum."

BEAUTY OF THE KENYA HIGHLANDS.

RECALLING his march to Uganda from the Coast in 1896, Sir Albert Cook says in the *Uganda Church Review*:

"And as we made our slow way inland, the picture gallery of memory became hung with scenes we can never forget. The first sight of Kilimanjaro from Keremba in the evening light, the verdant slopes of Kibwezi, the indescribable glitter of the ice and snow-fields of Kubwa and Mawenzi as the long caravan made its way through the Wakamba country in the early morning. The first view of the Rift Valley from the edge of the Kikuyu escarpment, the ascent of the Longonot mountain till one stood on the edge of the crater; the Eldama Ravine, the grandeur of our highest peaks on the Mau plateau in the Nandi country, and after two and a half months of foot-slogging the level shores of the Great Lake Naivasha for the first time after water-stilled, if ever."

More Fleet-Street Geography.

"Living in a wattle hut on the fringe of a desolate South African swamp, a Dorset woman has, by staking a claim in the Kakamasga Goldfields, Kenya, become the first woman gold miner." — *The Referee*.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COPPER BELT.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES, Chairman of the Kamara Corporation, interviewed by *The Bulawayo Chronicle* on his return from the Northern Rhodesian Copperfields, is reported as saying:

"It is a marvellous copperfield, the biggest thing of its kind in the world. From now onwards it is a steady progression as the trust builds up. It is a tremendous industry in its infant stage, and it is going to make the Copper Belt a very big concern. It is going to be a big industry in fifty years' time, and a huge industry still in another hundred years, and perhaps for centuries after that. In the meantime there has to be a long period of development, and the whole thing goes forward very slowly. It is a great service to the people who are living there. In reality, we are pushing it on as fast as

MATTHEW WELINGTON TODAY.

"Old Matthew in his 'Twilight Hours'" — The heading of an interesting report of an interview by a correspondent of the *Mashona Coast Guardian* with Matthew Wellington, the last of the Natives who bore Dr Livingstone's body to the coast for burial in England. Matthew Wellington, now an old man, 80 years, lives in a hut at Matoti, where he is quite content with his pension of £200 per month.

"Not quite so right, he was asked to reply, in this about his health. 'There is something wrong with my body,' he said, 'about so well now.' One of the old man's feelings that there was little that could humanly be done for him, he has sold his few possessions enough to pay his makuti roof over his head, a bed beside upon which his monthly pension is deposited in simple wants."

N. RHODESIA.

It will be news to most of our readers that northern Rhodesia has a tribe — at full working underground electric railway. The *Railways Circle Record* says that at Nkana Mine there is a double track 3 ft. gauge railway underground 7,250 feet in length, with rolling stock consisting of 13-ton electric locomotives hauling 10-ton trucks.

Some Elephant Measurements.

Mr. Francisco Gabra, who is obtaining trophies in Portuguese East Africa for exhibition at the Portuguese Colonial Exhibition to be held in Oporto in June, has shot an elephant of colossal size according to *The British News*. The male weighed two tons, the trunk was 7·54 ft. long, the shoulder height 10 ft., the neck 12·12 ft. round, and the perimeter of the last pad was 7·02 ft.

When finances permit, some of the East African Governments might take a print from the Bibliography of the Gold Coast, by Mr. A. W. Cardinall, which has been published by the Government Printers, Accra, at 12s. od. It covers 388 pages and contains fifteen sections devoted to anthropological, linguistic and economic works, and includes a valuable index of authors' names.

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Late Mining News.

We predict that the Kenya Government will grant exclusive prospecting rights on the Kish gold area to large companies guaranteeing to spend considerable sums on prospecting, instead of leaving the prospecting to individuals and small syndicates, as has been urged in the Colony.

Kenya and Tanganyika Production.

Alluvial gold has been found in the Ruvu River in Tanganyika. Prospectors are advised to detrain at Mikese station and proceed to Kibunge bridge.

Kenya produced £1,472,000 of gold during November of which 878 oz. came from Kakamega. The total production in the corresponding month of 1933 was 1,720 oz., the Colony's production in December 1933, reached a record.

Congo Copper Production.

That a further increase of copper output is contemplated by the Union Minière du Haut Katanga is stated by a correspondent of the *Financial Times*, who adds: "The favourable situation on the Cognac copper market, in consequence of which the present output of the Union Minière is sold for several weeks ahead, has caused the company to attempt a further increase in production, and they now expect to arrive at a record. It may be regarded as fairly certain that the future productive basis will be about 100,000 tons per annum. Other factors in favour of an increased production are the efforts of the Union Minière to keep step with Northern Rhodesian copper producers, who, with a yearly capacity of 150,000 tons, recently raised their production to 125,000 tons annually."

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Happy Kakamega.

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Rhokana Results.

Rhokana Corporation, Limited, reports that the estimated profit during the six months ended December 31st was £100,000. Capital expenditure during that period amounted to £24,000 mainly in building the new electrolytic copper refinery and opening the Mwadola Mine. The whole of the production business, amounting to 8,874 tons, has been sold.

Maya Subsidiary Trust.

Maya Subsidiary Trust has been registered as a mining company with a nominal capital of £100,000 shares. The objects are to seek for and secure operations for the development of capital in any part of the world and to secure for the firm dividend deposits mineral and other properties. Four directors are Mr. David C. D'Eath, Hon. Dr. J. G. Phipps Park, Longbourn, and Mr. Robert D. Peters, Wood Vale, Chelmsford, Essex. The registered office of the company is at Selection Trade Building, Mason's Avenue, B.C.

Antelope Profits.

Rhodesian Antelope Copper Mines, Ltd., have monthly reported that the gross revenue and net profit totalled £474,910 and operating expenditure £318,50, leaving a surplus of £156,780. Deficiency interest amounted to £2,500, and reserve for depreciation £27,500, leaving £126,780 subject to taxation of £67,780. Thus with the profit of £63,015 deducted for the three months, the company has made a total profit of £210,005 over the last six months. For the twelve months preceding June last the profits amounted to only £62,455.

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Since economic has been reopened, new luggage in advance service has been instituted on the Kenya and Uganda Railways.

Freight rates at Broken Hill for 1934 have been reduced by one-third as compared with 1933.

The Dutch steamer "Van der Graaf" ashore near Pangani on Tuesday. Salvage operations have been arranged.

Of the 83 Europeans who entered Tanganyika Territory during October, 39 were German, 24 British, and 5 Swiss.

The Standard Bank of South Africa have declared a maximum dividend of 12s. per share, being at the same time an annual less tax.

Half-yearly motor licences may now be obtained in Nyasaland. They continue in force from the date of issue until June 30 of December 31 following.

New facilities at the new amusement centre known as Cinema Theatre, of which Messrs. W. M. Rolph and W. G. Brownhill are joint lessees. The initial programme will consist of films.

Except for bush, caroom, and sewage notices, no certificates are allowed within 100 yards of any road in Southern Rhodesia. Older countries may well envy the young Colony.

Tanganyika exported the following minerals during November: gold, 2,355 ounces (£17,352); diamonds, 7535 carats (£125); tin, 650 tons (£1,747); mica, 565.38 lb (£25); and salt, 284,075 tons (£1,125).

A Bill amending the Butter Levy Ordinance has been passed by the Kenya Legislative Council. The principal amendment enacts that the bonus paid shall not exceed the difference between local and export prices.

A draft Bill dealing with the proposed graduated oil tax on non-Natives in Uganda has been prepared but will not be brought before the Legislative Council until the public has had an opportunity of examining its provisions.

Trade exports from Tanganyika between January and December last year amounted to £101,628, compared with £103,124 for the corresponding period in last year. Imports over the same period amounted to £101,153, against £1,737,400.

Sixteen rental farms in the Njombe district of Tanganyika are available for alienation at an average rent of 10/- per acre per annum. They cover an area of about 2,000 acres each. Fifteen agricultural farms in the Mbeya district are also available, the average size being 1,500 acres.

How amazing it is that has increased her exports of artificial silk fabrics to Kenya and Uganda is shown by the statistics of the imports of that class of goods during the first nine months of 1933. The total of 1,020,734 yards, Japan supplied 2,093,416, the U.S.A. 11,421, Germany 47,844, Italy 3,216, and India 1,000 yards.

Banks Latest Trade Reports.

The current Standard Bank monthly review includes the following notes on East Africa:

Kenya. Japanese cotton piece goods continue to accumulate, although it is felt that the surplus requirements held in Mombasa will be readily absorbed. A good maize crop is expected in the Trans-Zambezia, coffee crop generally will be small, and a large wheat crop is expected to be harvested next month.

Uganda Territory. Trade in Salama hares is reported to be active, but the movement previously reported at Tanga has not been fulfilled.

Nyasaland. Satisfactory progress is being made with tea and tobacco plants. Large swarms of locusts, however, are reported, and the damage from this pest is viewed with great concern.

BANK OF BANK (D.C. & O.) have received the following cable information concerning trade in Kenya. Early down maize and wheat results, the revised estimates are 1,020,600 and 166,625 bags respectively. Trade generally remains quiet.

Uganda. Satisfactory rains are being experienced from most districts, and a bumper in the Eastern and Northern Provinces. The recent drought has apparently affected the maize sown, on the basis of the average of the main crop would indicate an average yield of 1,000,000 bags. **Angola.** Weather conditions generally remain quiet, due to the new crops, except in the Arusha and Moçambique coffee areas where further rainfall is required. General trade has been quiet.

Nyassaland. Wholesalers and retailers reported fair business during December, and business generally is on a sounder basis.

Northern Rhodesia. Trade conditions in the copper belt remain active and steady, with a tendency to improve, and generally speaking business in other centres has been a little better, though the improvement has been largely seasonal. Motor trade continues to be active. Excellent rains have fallen. Improvement in cattle trade has been maintained.

Sudan. There has been a slight improvement in the sugar market. Stocks generally are not large. New sugar crop arrivals continue to be heavy, and the market is reported as the largest on record. Sales of sisal and groundnut oil, Egypt continue to be brisk. The overseas market is distressed.

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Tanganjika (week ended January 10)—Kinshasa, 0.93; Kisumu, 0.93; Mombasa, 0.93; Nairobi, 0.93; Karok, 0.15; Songea, 0.55.

Uganda (week ended January 14)—Hoima, 0.11 inch; Masaka, 0.06; Mbende, 0.05; Tororo, 0.02 inch.

Tanganyika (week ended January 01/58)—Arusha, 16.3; Butembo, Bibambulu, 22.8; Buboba, 34.8; Dodoma, 7.74; Fringa, 73.7; Kibwa, 33.9; Lushoto, 21.6; Mbeye, 37.3; Mbuya, 41.8; Mbogoro, 11.0; Mpwapwa, 50.2; Mwanza, 48.6; Ngombe, 50.3; Old Shinyanga, 42.2; Songea, 18.0; Tabobo, 14.1; Uteete, 43.4 millimetres.

Zanzibar and Rhodesia—The following details of rainfall for the week ending January 16 have been received by the High Commissioner in London: Bulawayo, 0.04 inch; Victoria, 0.87; Gaborone, 0.33; Qua Que, 0.73; Sekukwana, 1.66; Salisbury, 2.72; Singita, 2.2; and Sinopoli, 1.70 inches.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT.

ANALYSIS—The important subject of Closer Union which has received no public attention arises from the recent appointment as Treasurer of Kenya of Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, and Deputy Commissioner of Customs for Kenya and Uganda.

The impending retirement of Mr. Ernest Adams, Controller of Customs in Tanganyika Territory. It thus happens that the two senior East African Customs appointments are vacant at the same time—a circumstance of which full advantage might well be taken. Considerations of personnel, particularly in the higher ranks, inevitably exercise a good deal of influence in any such amalgamation of Departments, and any student of East African political affairs who cares to look back over recent years can see for himself that much of the opposition to Closer Union in official quarters has sprung from the disinclination of various individuals to risk their own subordination to men of similar status in another territory, with whom they feared might take precedence over them in a large joint Department covering the three contiguous territories.

Now a fortuitous chain of circumstances the opportunity now occurs for the fusion of the Customs Departments without fears and dislikes. We sincerely trust to advise the present situation will be seriously weighed before any appointment is made to the

DANGERS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.—We have said again and again that the co-operation in Customs matters between Kenya and Uganda on the one hand and Tanganyika on the other which has been achieved in recent years rests on a firmer foundation than goodwill and mutual interest, and we believe that the risks of such a position are constantly increasing.

These risks are far too great to be lightly permitted. Protective and Excise duties, tariff and treaty adjustments, and the control of Japanese importations are only a few of the many questions which affect most differently the interests of the three territories, and even of important sections within each State. That being admitted, the case is unlikely to be satisfied with the present embryonic structure, which, though it has stood the strain imposed because discussions have hitherto been handled with knowledge and mutual trust, is too insecure to be regarded as a permanency.

The practical advantages of Closer Union, and the opportunities it affords of affecting real economies, become more and more apparent. Under it there would have been no half complications as those which have arisen from the Armitage-Smith and Roger Gibb Reports, and there would have been much smoother working—tandem planning—in many matters, including general taxation, Customs, aviation and joint service, staff. Even between Kenya and Uganda the positions might at any time become difficult, particularly if the finances of Uganda continue to be so much more favourable than those of its neighbour. For instance, continued large subsidies to Uganda could scarcely avoid stimulating agitation for the reduction of Customs duties or at least of the average of the present tariff, while reapplication of the levy upon official salaries in Uganda. Kenya's financial position did not permit simplification, would raise awkward questions. The only reasonable solution is Closer Union, one of the important steps towards which is fusion of the Customs Departments. If the present golden opportunity is missed, new complications will be introduced, for if a new Com-

should be appointed for Kenya and Uganda, on the present scale which does not seem unduly high considering the responsibility and hard work which devolve upon him—until such time as he may be promoted at a later date to the post of Commissioner, or he be suited to it, or the position delayed until he can be found another appointment. This is the obvious time for amalgamation of the Customs Department.

British manufacturers are often accused by residents overseas of lack of enterprise in catering for their particular requirements.

**CAPT. MANGNALL'S
IMPORTANT
INVENTION.** In this issue we publish some news of a new British contraption which in the immediate future promises to have a very

great effect upon the sisal industry, and to divert to Great Britain much trade in decorticating plant which has latterly passed to foreign suppliers. This pleasing result is attributable primarily to the pertinacity of the managing director of the British engineering company in question, who, having once convinced himself that the problem of an entirely new decorticating principle needed to be tackled, has within the past three years paid three separate visits to East Africa, and worked on a plantation as no man in his own factor would have dreamt of doing. His perseverance and skill will now bring employment to a British engineering works, freight to British ships, and increased fibre extraction at much reduced cost to sisal growers who instal this up-to-date equipment. Already we have heard responsible men in the sisal trade say that plantations will soon be driven to utilise this new British invention which is of moment to East Africans generally, and not only to sisal growers, for a flourishing sisal industry contributes greatly to general prosperity whereas a depressed sisal industry is a burden to the whole community, particularly in Tanganyika and Kenya. East Africans should therefore consider themselves Captain Mangnall's debtors.

Dr. Leakey's address (reported in this issue) on the impact upon the Kikuyu of the civilisation of Europe condensed several volumes into a lecture, and our synopsis of his synthesis necessarily pays a price of double compression. Two facts, however, emerge; and as *Onatachi matandis* far beyond the limits of the Kikuyu, and as far as they are concerned to them here, and all the sum total of this is the sum of things which Sir Malcolm Haldane may well hexadecimal, so that he may perhaps give us guidance. First our efforts to impress the morals of the Bantu have unfortunately resulted in turning what was to our Western eyes a sin into an immoral, but not really so, real immorality, creating chaos out of order under the impression that we were introducing order into chaos. Secondly, in our ignorant endeavours to introduce Indirect Rule we have set up Slave Law, which because the chief has been put before in a Judge's seat, carry no weight, and is natural when judicial power is handed over to European rule, instead of to the trained and experienced judiciary. In a phrase of Dr. Leakey's, it is "as if we the Admiral or General, to preside over a Council of Chancery." There has been much unwise blanteting in Africa, and it is high time for us to call in Africa's cooperation to stem the pernicious

downward slope that is to undo the mischief which we, with the best intentions in the world, have done. Africans are fully conscious of our errors, and they will gladly help us repair our errors. Without their co-operation we shall add fault to fault, with it we may rectify many present weaknesses.

Without fanfare the Government of Northern Rhodesia has authorised an innovation which may have considerable effect upon the future of the territory. The elected members having urged that retiring

**CIVIL SERVANTS
RESIDENTS.** Civil servants should be encouraged to remain in the country, the Government wisely in our opinion suggested that men of the age at which its officers retire, particularly when having no experience in agriculture, would be unlikely to make good farmers, and could not therefore be confidently encouraged in that field! Civil servants are, however, to be allowed to take up residence after their last tour, and approved applicants are to receive practically free grants of land up to twenty acres for residential purposes in the neighbourhood of any town, subject to suitable clauses as to occupancy and the erection of approved dwelling houses. This is a move in the right direction, and will keep pension money in the country whence it is derived. For people with limited but assured incomes, like these retired officers, there are abundant attractions in living in the land they know, and this experimental scheme should in time result in the growth of a body of families used to the country and to its Native population which may prove a source of strength. Parenthetically we see no reason why such residential land grants should not be extended to approved European residents in suitable cases.

European educational problems are getting less acute each year, and the

**FILLING THE NEED FOR
HONORARY WORKERS
ON PUBLIC BODIES.** to the number of family men that this scheme foreshadows will accelerate the rate of improvement very considerably.

One of the benefits of the plan is that it would produce a leisured and experienced class of men who would be available for public services; the lack of such a class is always a distinct handicap to young countries, and even in old civilisations like that of Great Britain an immense amount of work of different kinds entrusted to "the Great Unpaid" is to a large degree handled by retired men. Though an accession of strength in politics is desirable and should result, we have also in mind membership of Town Management Boards, education and health committees and boards, masonic councils, welfare centres, sports clubs. England could not get on without the free services of retired men to such causes no more or less than the colonies. Because we feel that this statesmanlike proposal is essentially on the lines for the pooling of ideas, we suggest that the developments of this outer fringe of suburbs should not necessarily be done piecemeal. There is much scope for controlled private enterprise in Park Lane, etc., and Northern Rhodesia would be well advised to inquire into the experience already gained in Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, and elsewhere before proceeding with the actual development, which we shall, however, hope to see done at an early date. It should contribute to the balance and stability of the country.

Dr. Leakey on the Kikuyu.

Constructive Criticism of our Past Errors

Exclusive to "East Africa."

"BECAUSE of the coming of the white man the 'bride price,' or 'marriage insurance' is rapidly becoming a purchase, and that's a wicked thing. This change could be stopped now. The Kikuyu would co-operate with us in stopping it, but it must be done soon."

That was one of the pregnant remarks made by Dr. E. S. B. Leakey last Thursday in an address to the University of London Anthropological Society. He spoke with the authority of an anthropologist who claims to be practically a Kikuyu; his knowledge of the tribe is said to have been obtained only by one born and brought up in it, and speaking the language as his mother tongue.

Anthropology to-day, he said, means the study of a primitive people so as to understand the effects of culture contacts for them and submitted that this is the most important task that lies before us in Africa. He then launched into his main objective, which was to show nine points about Kikuyu customs in pre-European days, and the same nine points showed either their impact from which could be deduced the aims of this cultural contact. He enumerated the nine points as follows:

(1) Young people of both sexes were given very definite instruction, with strict rules being "told what is permissible and what is not, and with warnings as to the consequences of breaking the rules."

(2) Unmarried people after marriage were permitted, nay encouraged, to indulge in certain forms of restricted sexual freedom, which gave them ample opportunities for getting to know each other properly.

(3) There was a proper organisation, *niamna*, by means of which any who broke the rules of the tribe were severely punished with the result that conception by quite young girls was rare, as were young unmarried mothers.

(4) The vast majority of marriages were based upon mutual consent, and cases of girls being forced to marry against their will were rare.

(5) Marriages were stabilised, and gave security by means of payment of stock as a form of "marriage insurance." This did not necessarily mean a large sum of payment, but was an arrangement which called for further "premiums" from time to time. There was no question of buying and selling in the European sense, as is known by the words used for these transactions.

(6) The reason for marriage was not the legalising or giving of tribal sanction to the sex life of two persons, but the question of legalising the clan status of the children. Both parties could, if they so desired, as lovers provided certain laws were observed.

(7) Widows, young or old, were inherited by others, was a safeguard. The basic principle was not the idea of getting an extra wife cheap, but a matter of *undertaking the responsibility of feeding and clothing the widow*.

(8) A special custom existed whereby impudent young men could marry legally, thus legalising the clan status when they might beget.

(9) Although a married man might be away from his home from time to time, it was never for long, and usually when his wife looked after the children, chores and property.

Going over these same points again one by one, Dr. Leakey then presented a picture of how matters stand to-day.

In whatever the intention, the result of mission contact has been, to say, in effect: "You must not give sexual instruction to your young people." They considered that the teaching which used to be given was immoral, but did not substitute another form of sex instruction, so that such young people as exist will, at best, the idea that anything to do with sex before marriage was sinful. The fact that children are growing up with no knowledge of the facts of life is leading to the most appalling mess, young unmarried mothers and fifteen or sixteen being increasingly common.

As regards Native law, it is affected by mission teaching, the traditional teaching is still given; they are told the D.C. and D.O. is, but the whole of the safeguards, the controls and punishments have been broken down by us, and nowadays the results of the traditional teaching are often very unsatisfactory.

As regards the restricted sex freedom before marriage, strict punishments used to be enforced for any infringement of the laws, and the restricted freedom did not result in unmarried mothers. It simply served as a means, and the only one in the customs, of letting two young people get to know each other intimately, and if they found they were incompatible, they could never dream of marrying. With the removal of the whole machinery of punishment, there is no safeguard left, and as a result the restricted freedom leads to behaviour never sanctioned by custom, and pregnancy results.

There is another side to this misadventure youths and maidens are exhorted to have nothing to do with this promiscuous courting, and, if they obey, the result is that they often marry without knowing each other at all. This state of affairs often results in desertion and divorce, and not infrequently ends in the girl becoming a prostitute.

(3) Besides references already made to this question of punishment, this affords an excellent example of the extreme difficulties involved when a European administrative system tries to govern a primitive tribal life. There used to be the *niamna*, which was the executive carrying out the orders of the *timau*, or Council of the Elders. The *niamna* were responsible for seeing that any proved infringement of Native law was punished. The breaking of sex rules was punished most severely, sometimes even unto death, and at least by heavy fine and social ostracism as a deterrent. The fact that the *niamna* had power of life and death was deemed obviously incompatible with our administration, for if they used that power they would always be treated as murderers and not as executioners. Because of this the whole of the *niamna* system was abolished, and of their powers merely being limited. The leaders of the tribe have bitterly complained of the failure to understand the *niamna* organisation in its correct perspective.

Marriage Problems.

(4) Marriage by mutual "consent" is rapidly disappearing, and forced marriages are going common. In the majority of cases young men and girls are now paired off by selection. There was polygamy, of course, because the women outnumber the men, and no girl would dream of remaining unmarried if it did not follow that she became the secondary wife of an old man if it was against her will. It might be the only alternative to unspeakable spinsterhood, but it might be from preference. Things are alluding and leading towards forced marriage for the following reasons:

(5) We are turning "marriage insurance" into a purchase price, with the natural corollary of selling to the highest bidder. At one time missions, Government and settlers defined in decrying the "bride price" altogether. Some were for complete abolition of the "buying of wives." It was compared to slave in India. Wiser, the lecturer queried this counsels prevailed. It was said in effect: "If we are going to tolerate this buying of wives at least we will not have it done by instalments." Where possible the father of the girl was made to go before the D.C. or missionary and make a declaration that he had received full payment, and would never demand more. This broke down the whole idea of insurance, forced up the so-called bride price, and encouraged selling to the highest bidder.

(b) The whole economic system required five men, his father-in-law, and there was much inducement. Now X often goes far away to work, takes his wife and may never return. Even if he does, his old holding may no longer be available, and he will stale away from his wife's people.

(c) The use of Swahili as a *lingua franca* is a strong contributory cause to all this. It is a language fundamentally useless for interpretation, as the word used for this "insurance," which was quite different from the word for "buy," was commonly interpreted *unna* (buy), because there was no satisfactory word in Swahili for the real idea. This is understandable when one realises that the *Arabes-madani* at the coast, following their own custom, regarded payments at marriage as a purchase, and the European, using this medium in interpretation, accepted this idea, so the transaction was a purchase and was determined to put down this "cruel custom."

It was then that Dr. Leakey said the words quoted at the beginning, urging that we say later, "It is too late."

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Notable British Enterprise

Brighter Outlook for the Sisal Growers

EXCLUSIVE TO "EAST AFRICA."

JOSPH BYRNE, Governor of Kenya, recently arrived in the Legislative Council to research the development which has taken place in the Colony in connection with the production of sisal fibre. East Africa is now able to tell the full story for the first time.

During the last three years costly experiments have been in progress, and untiring efforts made to bring about substantial improvements in production methods, and the results obtained now place the new process on a commercial basis. Moreover it is already quite evident that it will have a far-reaching effect upon the cost of sisal production in East Africa and elsewhere.

The efforts have been directed mainly to the process of extracting the fibre from the leaf, in a lesser degree to more efficient baling in order to reduce ocean freight, and also to more economical factory layout. The parties have been concerned in this work are the Hydraulic Engineering Co., Ltd., of Gloucester and London, who were anxious to extend their markets overseas, and Mr. James Macrae, of London Sisal Estate, Nairobi. The scheme aimed at a cost of production which would allow a margin of profit even at low market prices. The individual responsible for the whole development is Captain A. R. Mangnall M.C., managing director of the British engineering company mentioned. When he started the whole experiment, except for a small grant from the Kenya Government. He recently returned to England from his third visit to the Colony in connection with this work.

Mangnall Decoricator

When so much is said in favour of British manufacturers, it is gratifying to remember the enterprise of this British company which is welcome to this free advertisement. While the whole sisal industry should be indebted to Mr. Jimmie Macrae for the important part he has played in securing important reductions in estate costs.

Many efforts have been made in the past to produce new and improved methods of fibre extraction, but none has achieved commercial success. Today the whole industry has long admitted that the existing process involves a great and usually very wasteful treatment of the leaf. Large power units are required, and, as a result of uneven application of the power, the machinery upkeeps and general maintenance charges are high.

A aim which we have had an opportunity of seeing in action shows the new continental machinery at work at long last convincing us that sisal growers will have to revise their practices radically, and that commercial production of the Mangnall decoricator is a real milestone in the progress of the industry. Captain Mangnall's process was evolved to meet the material requirements.

The foreground waste is to a minimum, so as to produce more fibre from the leaf, thereby directly reducing the cost of production and also increasing the value of an estate by its immediate yield of fibre per acre.

(2) To achieve a substantial reduction in power units required, as to permit smaller power units and thus reduce capital cost and running cost.

(3) To provide for an even application of this reduced power in order to avoid shock and unnecessary wear of the machinery.

(4) To evolve machinery in which all parts are readily accessible for adjustment since delay means loss of production.

To produce a pulp of finished fibre which shall be as free as possible from the juices of the leaf, since these juices deteriorate colour, feel and strength.

The new process achieves all these conditions. In place of the single scutching action of the existing process, four definite stages are employed.

First there is a mechanical arrangement in the form of the feeding mechanism, which gives to the treatment sections of the process a continuous supply of leaves, perfectly spaced, parallel, and with their butt ends in line.

The leaves pass through treatment which flattens them out into an even thickness, and also reduces them from a hard to a soft condition, in order to permit ready removal of the pulp in the next operation.

This operation is a double one, in that the pulp is removed first from one surface of the leaf and then from the other. This method permits very slight settings between the cleaning drums and brushes, which gives a gentle action on the leaf. Each end of the leaf is treated separately, just as in the existing process. Water is applied in all the washing operations.

Very Low Power Requirements

Some idea of the light action of the whole arrangement may be gained from the statement that the whole of the conveyor mechanism, which draws the leaves through the process takes under one horsepower to drive. It would obviously be premature to publish further details until the first batch of commercial machines are at work, and photographs and figures from the various estates have been obtained and collated, but the saving of fibre in the experimental machinery, and the low and even power required to drive it indicates the importance of the development.

Since both short and long leaf can be treated efficiently, this machine should facilitate the manufacture and export of sisal bags by treating the short leaf at a price which will compete with fibres of the same grade than sisal.

It is to be hoped that planters will lose no time in procuring further information from Captain Mangnall. Late German machinery has considerably strengthened its hold upon the East African sisal industry. It is to be hoped that British development should immediately redress the balance. In fact, we already know of large users of the latest foreign decoricators who have decided to purchase this new British machine, which they are convinced will speedily justify its expenditure.

New Nyasaland Road Map

The Nyasaland Publicity Bureau is to be congratulated on the issue of an excellent dual-purpose road map, one half showing the principal roads of Nyasaland, together with useful mileage tables across the various districts, while the other shows the main roads from the Cape to the Victoria Falls, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. Its chief intention, of course, is to attract travellers to use the new route via Nyasaland which was opened a few months ago. Soon a deviation through the Jakwa Gorge will be ready, providing a notable scenic addition to what is already a wonderfully attractive road from the standpoint of natural beauty. The map, which was drawn by the Nyasaland Land Office, folds to pocket size and is widely distributed among motorists in South Africa and East Africa. We believe it will be of considerable value in helping a good deal of tourist traffic to the Pro-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Lawlessness in Kenya. Witch-Doctors who Organise Robberies.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR.—In recent years there has been a great increase in crime in Kenya, which is especially in the Kipsigis and adjacent country. This has reached such a state that law-and-order is now at the Kipsigis are far more disturbed, for no one feels that his property is safe, as is evidenced by the ubiquity of the padlock, which a few years ago was unknown.

It is easy to blame the administration, officials and police, accusing them of weakness, incapacity or to say that there ought to be more police and severer punishments, but we must consider the vastness of the land to be watched by a handful of officers and constables before punishment along police lines can be carried before us. Some would say: "Make the natives pay the tax." But not all Natives are more Europeans, ate thieves. Again, when maize is worth 8s. a month at present it is scarcely possible to add it to increase Native taxation.

To increased punishments, it is not so much the duty of untrained Englishmen to punish the criminals as the duty of a Native chief. If the captives of such criminals would allow it, the most unwise would be to inquire into the causes of the increase in the ranks.

A general lack of contact with European civilization, through which arises a disregard of respect for law and custom under which without any police there was a rate of crime within a tribe.

The attempt to substitute European law (and Courts) "supposedly" a necessary measure has been a failure, was bound to fail. Owing to the freedom of movement, European law and police to support it were necessary in settled areas, but he attempt to re-establish the old Native law and Courts (Courts) would certainly settle matters in the Reserve. Undoubtedly the disappearance of these Native Courts, which were Courts of Justice as well—is partly responsible for the decline in the sense of responsibility considerable among the Kipsigis.

Another cause of the increase in theft may be the temptation to help oneself to the goods of people and from the Native standard appear to be so wealthy. Before the European came there was little disparity in wealth, at least in the display of it, among the Kipsigis. In even the most civilized countries there is a tendency to covet and take from those who accumulate more wealth than their neighbours.

Not only is the difficulty of contending with the growing disrespect for law greatly increased, but more constructive work is handicapped by abjectly inefficient methods, or lack of method, in community changing the administrative and police officers in every district. We can hardly be expected that every officer can control the policy of his districts, unless he wish to usurp or create new power of his own, that he will have time to him and his results, and when he is removed, never to return. Under such circumstances Government can neither obtain the confidence and co-operation of the law-abiding nor the respect and fear of the law-dispensers.

It might seem that the foregoing covered most of the causes of Native law crime, but it now appears that in the case of the district in question a special factor has been at work all the time and is responsible for nearly all the thefts and raids committed in Kipsigis by any party of Kenyans.

The Government has only recently discovered an extraordinary robbery organization, at the head of which are five or more so-called "witch-doctors." *Il-lauhane* (as they are known to the Masai). They are the chief men of a small clan, descendants from an immigrant who came from the Shillong. The originators of this clan were men who had fled to Nandi. I record this because they are still regarded as foreigners by the Kipsigis, though they have, of course, intermarried with them.

I have no personal knowledge of this clan or its doings, but it is now common knowledge that they have a tremendous complication of others, not only all over the district but right through the Nakuru area and far even to Nairobi. Their "doctors" are even in Government

service as messengers, tribal police and so on. The whole area from Sosiani to Nakuru is divided up so that each of the chief leaders of these areas of an route from his particular areas, a man is entitled to steal on his own account for that is the sole pecuniary of these "witch-doctors." They not only take the proceeds of theft but further levy a tax on all who are too afraid to refuse.

The whole organisation is based upon the fear of their power of "bewitching." Hence they resist and cause the people to resist all attempts at progress, such as pushing on to centres of teaching the people improvement of cattle, a vine, agriculture, &c., for they were not enough to stand up to education in the people would soon loose interest in them.

Three years ago officialdom got in taking hold of this, and did its best to see the clan defeated and the native to obtain the sanction of Government to this sign

largely responsible for the subsequent increase crime.

Of course, the prestige of the *Il-lauhane* greatly increased, but that appealed to the people to the infidelity of Government to remove them.

My conclusion is that until these men, after the wholesale clan, are removed out of reach of any possible communication with the districts, the native cannot progress, there is no real safety or opportunity for progressive work by the Administration. I expressed this opinion three years ago, and I feel to day that it is still more definitely necessary that they be removed before worse trouble occurs, no matter how difficult it may be.

Incidentally, many of the Kipsigis are

not to blame, but are increasingly subject to a curse by virtue of witchcraft—a secret rule of recent days of ours which they are much more afraid than of European punishment.

The vast majority of Kipsigis would be grateful and immediately relieved if the removal could be undertaken.

It should be done at once.

Kenya Colony. Yours faithfully,

JAN Q. ORGRADSON.

Mr. J. Thompson, Commissioner and his suggestion that the infinite expense of the Kenya Government which would be incurred to remove these organisers of crime should be thrown to some distant place. The local chief of a previous offender who, having been ordered to "abuse" used to send a motor-car to his district, and then to collect his "tribute"! —Ed. ("F.A.")

The Witch-Doctor's Burden.

Comments on Mr. Melland's views.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR.—It may be of interest to contrast with Mr. Melland's highly interesting paper in your issue of Jan. 14, to recall the opinion of the late Mr. Macdonald, the first minister of Native Affairs, and the first European to have an intensive knowledge of the aborigines. The diversities between

Mr. Melland's sound advice, and the wild accusations of the *Il-lauhane*, last week, are wise to offend to the chief. These are the most intelligent men in the country, I feel. One day we told a native our judgment of his act, insisting that he was sound and deserved to be paid for, but that he knew well enough that it did not come from the whitened-looking countenance of the court, but from his own judgment. The man took offence.

He might have added, "I believe that the confederates did on another occasion, but I would accept his advice unformed. Still, there

there may be more in the business than the diversions honest," than appears on the surface. Some, at any rate, of the prosecution believe that there is some influence at work on the like we *Il-lauhane* to do with it, as all evidence that his dead father's spirit guided the *Il-lauhane* this way or that. I should be inclined to conclude that the intent of the process, perhaps unconsciously perceived, lies in its giving the "doctor" the opportunity to collect his thoughts and to study not merely the facts but the various and voluntary gestures of his clients.

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Dr. Melland's work—first so far as I know than most missionary books of that period, though not entirely so—is still of value, especially as a record of many cures which have now passed away. It has been objected to on the ground that he sometimes leaves in doubt to what people he is referring. But it may be taken as certain that where he does not expressly mention any other tribe he means the Yao.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. MELLAND, C.M.G.

Mr. Melland writes: "I am gratified by Dr. Werner's corroborations. The book has so many people quote to condemn the witch-doctor, as she says, largely due to the fact that she does not credit his advice unadvised. Many witch-doctors have been cured. Similarly with their medicines. The sole secret ingredient was known to be a certain root, anyone could get it, but if the practitioner has to include something else, like the powdered claw of a monkey, after this get the medicine from the *manga*, and not directly from the doctor."

Medicine Man and Wizard

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR.—I read Mr. Melland's confusing article on the *manga* as "medicine man, not a wizard, or a witch doctor." The *witch doctor* is *mchau*.

The *manga* is benevolent; that is to say, though his methods are crude and often cruel, he means to heal. His name *manga* belongs to the verb *kugana*, meaning "to bind up." (Mission nurses and doctors are often spoken of as *mangana*.) The *manga* is exorcist but never bewitch.

The *mchau*, or wizard (witch-doctor) is not a good name, as deals with evil spirits. Hence his paraphernalia. He puts them into a victim or drives them out according to agreement and fee. He deals with persons and not with *ghosts* of it. Both are "charmed professionals," but one practitioner is feared and the other respected.

I do not think a *giver* could be an *mchau*. He

might easily be an *manga*.

Also, I wonder if Mr. Melland really expected that a "Native" could "wonder" explain the origin of witchcraft.

Yours faithfully,
Weston-super-Mare, "USAMBARA".

[Mr. Melland writes in reply: "An annotation is an *editor's* premises. I agree that 'witch-doctor' is a poor word to use, but it has become accepted. 'Wizard,' however, is merely a synonym for 'witch' and I have never heard of a 'witch-doctor' being a 'witch.' There were some herbologists, but they were not巫医. They were *shamans*, *shamans* are *shamans* and *shamans* are concerned with divination in all forms. In this country it is also a 'witch-doctor.' I go to this in my book 'No Witch-Doctored God.' I know of native chiefs who are 'witches' in the sense of *shamans*, but I am certainly not able to say after ready to explain the origin of witchcraft. I have lived in tribes of finding some tradition or legend as to its origin."]

The author formerly form Kenya is unclear in this letter, whether he refers to Mr. Melland or Mr. Melland uses *manga*.

F.D.

Mr. Mackenzie-Kennedy

Retirement Great Loss to N. Rhodesia

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SIR.—The announcement of the retirement, pending retirement of the *Colonial Secretary*, Mr. H. C. D. C. Mackenzie-Kennedy, has been received with something like dismay, and with very genuine regret throughout the country. It is felt that during the recent very trying times it has been

to his guiding hand that conditions in Northern Rhodesia have not been very much worse. He has been the friend of all, and particularly of the *native* tried farming community, and it is regretted that the assistance he has been able to afford has been limited only by the financial stringency of the last few years.

In taking leave of him it is the hope of all his friends in Northern Rhodesia that his career of usefulness is not finished, but that he may be speedily restored to health, and yet obtain the sufficient strength which he has so well earned. Nothing would please Northern Rhodesians more than to see him return at the head of affairs at such a date for no one has wider knowledge of the country and its conditions, or is better fitted to administer to its needs.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. WERNER,

"N. Rhodesia."

[This letter reached us by air mail on Monday, which day we learnt officially of the retirement of Mr. Mackenzie-Kennedy, in the trouble of ill-health. His departure will be a sad loss to Northern Rhodesia of his long and excellent service in which he will still write at a later date. E.A.]

A Professional Hunter.

Reply to the Secretary of State.

To the Editor of "East Africa".

SAY.—Rather belatedly I have seen a report of the Government luncheon in honour of the delegates to the International Conference on Game Protection and Fauna of Africa at which the Secretary of State for the Colonies is stated to have declared that "the real risk to wild life in Africa comes from men who in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred does not care for game animals or the preservation of anything, but is out to make as much money as he can in the easiest way he can." He then talked of the man who had "made the killing of animals—the getting of trophies—is life's profiteering work."

Was he referring to the professional white hunter? to whom from time to time blood is slung. If so, he cannot realize that in great many cases it is the professional hunter who is responsible for really preserving game by cutting the bloodlust of unscrupulous "sportsmen." And does the Minister really feel that the professional hunters' acceptance of his pay is "profiteering"? If some called "big-game hunters" went out without a white hunter there would be immediate stampede—scattered—and who need—that here is a "big-game" male? me. I go on to say, my experience has come in no fear of extermination. In fact, owing to no game Regulations, it is on the increase.

Nairobi, January 20, 1924.

Yours faithfully,
MURRAY SMITH,

"East Africa's" Independence.

East Africa is really the voice of the territories. I often think it is more completely in charge of self-government than any other paper, for its independence, union are so obvious, so sound, and valuable. From a well-known resident in Northern Rhodesia.

Amazing Nairobi.

Nairobi is an amazing place, and there seems to be nothing pokey about, though I find it difficult to understand how the relatively small population can support a fine township with such magnificent buildings, big houses and hotels. Could do credit to any large city in England. From an East African who had not visited Nairobi since 1923.

Some Statements Worth Noting.

"Beira is not only the natural commercial port for the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, but their natural trade routes as well." — *The Beira News*.

"The buildings are only the shell, the staff the supports of school, it is the children who are its heart." — Lady Stanley Carrat, at the Prize Giving at Natura School.

"My conviction grows stronger and stronger with the passing years that there is a wonderful future for Tanganyika." — Mr. J. C. Coward, Chairman of Tanganyika.

"The record long jump is that of a lion which has been measured to be as much as five feet in a single bound." — Captain G. H. Norman, lecturing on African antelopes at the Natural History Museum.

"Indirect rule and anthropology are both regarded by the majority of educated Africans as but veiled attempts at 'keeping the Africans in their place'." — Captain R. S. Rathbun, writing in the *Journal of the African Society*.

"The country should know that over 70% of the officers employed in the Administration of Northern Rhodesia have been recruited between Cape Town and Dar-es-Salaam—Mr. C. D. C. Mackenzie Kennedy, speaking at the Northern Rhodesian Legislative Council.

"The level of education is high in Kenya largely on account of the cost of extravagant building, the cost of which might have been put to better use in the provision of greater and better educational facilities." — Mr. J. C. Coward, in his manifesto to the electors of the Coast Province of Kenya.

"One would like to see a large proportion of posts in the Kenya Civil Service filled by persons who have received the whole of their education in the Colony. I submit that such a consummation is not likely for a long time." — Dr. T. H. Sequeira, chairman of the Kenya Society for the Study of Improvement.

Some of us, instead of accepting the fact that we live in a Mandated Territory, and working to further the general prosperity of Tanganyika, have some doubts of the advisability to question the validity and permanence of the mandate. There is not the remotest hope of the country reverting to Germany. — Mr. G. Bush-Smith, M.L.C., speaking at Arusha.

"The estimated expenditure of the Tanganyika Government on personal emoluments for 1934 is 35% of the total estimated value of the imports, and 44% of the total domestic exports for 1933. In 1930 the proportion of personal emoluments to Government expenditure was 55%; for 1934 it is 50%." — Mr. A. Morris, speaking at a public meeting in Dar-es-Salaam.

The map of the greater Germany which is to be won for the Teutonic race is plastered all over Germany, and impressed on the mind of every German schoolboy. It includes the Polish Corridor, Austria, Westphalia, the Saar, Schleswig-Holstein, Switzerland, Lübeck, in the West, the Saar, Alsace-Lorraine, and the lost Colonies. Hitler has profited by the lesson, and less, no intention of becoming involved in a war with England or France. Hitler does not tell us a big German army, and he keeps the doorway for the restoration of the colonies in the background. "The New Standardised Nation" is a leading article.

WHO'S WHO
189. Mr. John Lindsay Bruce.

PERSONALIA

Prince George arrived in Cape Town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnaway and Miss Nancy Oliver were recently married in Fort Hall.

Mrs. Max Hunter is returning to England later this month by the Cunarder Castle.

Lord Glamorgan last week opened an exhibition of photographs of famous dogs at the Ilford Galleries.

Mrs. Raymond Trafford, who is well known in Kenya, has returned to London after a visit to Brazil.

Miss W. T. Shattock, the well-known Nairobi advocate, reached London at the beginning of the week from Kenya.

Mrs. James O'Hanlon left England for East Africa to visit her grandchildren and Gwladys Lady Delamege, and will be away for several months.

Mr. McDonald recently laid the foundation stone of the new headquarters of the Rhodes branch of the British Empire Service League.

Sir Cyril Cobb, M.P., who visited East Africa some little time ago, addressed the St. Pancras Unionist Association on "The East African Territories."

The Rev. A. St. John Thorpe, who recently visited Kenya, gave an illustrated lecture in Beckenham last week on Church Missionary Society work in the Colony.

Mr. T. H. Chamberlain, who set out last year as an air commercial traveller from England to East and South Africa, is to attempt to lower the flight record to the Cape.

Sir Miles Lampson was received in audience by the King last week and kissed hands upon his appointment as H.M. High Commissioner for Egypt and Sudan.

Brigadier-General P. A. Parker, C.M.G., who served in the Matabeleland and Mashonaland campaigns, has been appointed Colonel of the 1st Wellington's Regiment, West Riding.

Miss Cecilia Redwell, daughter of the Governor of Southern Rhodesia, broke two Rhodesian records recently when she swam 100 yards in 72 seconds and 200 yards in 3 minutes 23 3/5 seconds.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Harold A. Orton of Kitale, Kenya, and Miss Olive Norah Underwood of Caversham, Reading. The nuptials will take place in March during his month.

East African Freemasons will learn with interest that H. H. the Duke of York, who is Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, was last week installed Master of the Middlesex Masters' Lodge.

The Hon. Rupert F. Beckett, who has in the past visited Kenya, and who is the father of the Dowager Lady Delamege, presided at last week's annual meeting of the Westminster Park, of which he is Chairman.

The Rev. Bryan B. S. Wilson, who for nine years was Vicar Apostolic of Parhamore, and whose transfer to Segira U.P.C. was announced a few months ago, has arrived in Georgetown to take up his new duties.

Mr. R. R. Farquhar Green, manager for East Africa of Messrs. Coates & Nephews, Ltd. (Prop.), Ltd., the well-known disinfectant dip and spray manufacturer, is on his way to England from Nairobi.

The Rev. D. T. N. Woodward, M.A., lately U.M.C.A. Chaplain in Livingstone, has been appointed Organising Secretary of the Mission to Central and Visiting Chaplain for the Diocese of Canterbury and Truro.

Mr. H. H. Rushton, until recently Treasurer of Kenya, and Mrs. Rushton, who is making a good recovery from a serious illness, left England on Saturday for Gibraltar and Tangier, where they will spend some weeks.

Mr. J. E. Murray, son of Frederick Murray, of Stratford-on-Avon, and Miss Margaret Ruth Buchanan, daughter of the Rev. A. E. Buchanan, of Padiyore, Stourbridge, are to be married in Buxton Hall in April.

Mr. W. G. Freeman, late Director of Agriculture in Trinidad, and Mr. H. H. Smith, editor of *Tropical Life*, addressed the Planters' Group of the Royal Empire Society on Thursday last on "The Coconuts Palm and its Products."

Lieutenant Walo Mittelholzer, the Swiss airmail pilot who has already visited East Africa, has left Zurich with a Fokker machine which he is to deliver to the Ethiopian Government. Several firms operate to accompany him.

We regret to learn of the recent death of Sister Elizabeth, who had lived and worked in the Massai district of Tanganyika for the past twelve years. Altogether she had served for over thirty years in a nurse with the S.D.C.A. in Africa.

Miss Jean Page, who met with a flying accident last year when piloting a machine between Moshi and Nairobi, has just left the care of Mr. Richard D. A. L. White, Miss Page's daughter, of Sir Arthur Page, Justice of Peace.

Mrs. Westgate, daughter of Dr. T. B. R. Westgate, who was a missionary in Tanganyika before the war, and now resides in Canada, has been appointed an Assistant Missionary of the Girls' School at Ngare Nabo, near Arusha.

Albert Storar, who has been promoted Locomotive Superintendent of the Kenya and Uganda Railways, formerly served with the Transvaal Railways Company in Nyasaland. He is a son of Engineer Lieutenant-Commander J. G. B. Sams.

A mugging has been stopped, and was partly effected by Mr. John Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bailey of Shawbury, Hants, and Patricia, his eldest daughter of Messrs. B. and Mrs. Thomson of Kimmin, Kenya.

Eight of the senior pilots of Imperial Airways—Captains Lamore, Horsey, Jones, Perry, Rogers, Walker, Wallcockson and Youell—all whom are in charge of machines flying on the service of the East Africa air service, have now collectively flown 66,300 hours in the air.

Lord Londesborough, Secretary of State for Air, who has arrived from London after a 16,000-mile tour of R.A.F. stations in the Middle East and India, including the Sudan, says that acceleration on Empire mail routes by means of night flying will very soon have to be faced.

Prince Lij Idris, the nephew of the Emperor of Ethiopia, is reported to have arranged a marriage with Japanese bride Misako Kusaka, daughter of Viscount Hiratsuka Kurade. The Ethiopian prince was in Japan three years ago, when the Japanese Ethio-Japan Treaty of friendship was concluded.

The Rev. J. A. Chisholm, the well-known Mwenzo missionary, has described in *Life and Work* his recent trip to Central Africa by sea and followed it with a description of his journey to the same place thirty-three years ago. Now the time interval is one week; in 1900 it was sixteen weeks!

Colonel H. McMickling has presented to the British Museum (Natural History) a small collection of heads from Somaliland, containing some good oryx skulls and specimens of Scimiterring's gazelle. There are also two examples of the rare dibatag or Clarke's gazelle (*Ammotragus clarkei*).

On Wednesday evening, February 28, Colonel E. W. Standish, F.D., who has done so much for the British branch of the Royal Empire Society, will give a gramophonic recital and commentary at the Society's headquarters in Northumberland Avenue. The title is "Bound the Earth with a Gramophone."

Mr. D. J. Jardine, Chief Secretary of Tanganyika territory, who has been appointed Governor of British North Borneo, and Mrs. Jardine are to return home by the "Dunluce Castle," which leaves Mombasa on February 25. They intend to disembark at Gonaives and expect to reach England about March 8.

Colonel R. MacLennan, M.P., and Lady Jean MacLennan are touring South and East Africa by air. Captain MacLennan is interested in mining, industrial and agricultural development, and is Secretary of the Imperial and Colonial Committee of the House of Commons. His itinerary includes Northern Rhodesia and Uganda.

In the year of Mr. John Layton Mitchell's disappearance of eighty-three Rhodes loses one of its most interesting pioneers. He was a trusted agent of Cecil Rhodes, to whom he was introduced by the well-known Cape statesman John X. Merriman. Recalled as guide to Sir Charles Warren's expedition, and first went to Mashonaland in 1866.

The following office bearers have been elected for 1934 by the Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Eastern Africa. President, Mr. J. B. Pandya; Vice Presidents, Mr. D. D. Puri (Nairobi) and Mr. M. K. Tackha (Kisumu); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Paroo; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. H. Patel. There is a Committee of sixteen members from different parts of the country.

Outwards passengers by yesterday's East African air-mail included Lady Numurhoo, of Hartshorn; the Bishop of the Upper Nile and Adjutant-in-Chief Scoutmaster to the Duke of Gloucester; Mr. Leslie, 2nd Lt. R.A.M.C.; Mr. Pearce, 2nd Lt. R.A.M.C.; Mr. Hulme, 2nd Lt. R.A.M.C.; Mr. Peacock, 2nd Lt. R.A.M.C.; Mr. Everard, from Nairobi.

With regret we learn by air-mail of the sudden death in Kenya of Mr. Benjamin Ralston, partner in the Nairobi firm of advocates N. F. Ralston and Kaplan. He reached Kenya from South Africa some fifteen years ago, and a few years later joined forces with Mr. Kaplan, who had also qualified in South Africa. Meantime he had adopted the name of Ralston, having previously been known as Rubenstein. He was a keen golfer and tennis player, was generally liked, and owned property in Nairobi. Much sympathy will be felt both in Britain and his two children in their bereavement.

In tributes to the memory of Sir Francis Agar were paid at a meeting of the Committee of the Sheriff's Fund Society held at the Central Criminal Court last week. Sir Francis, whose death was reported in these columns of last December, was one of the governors of the society, and also a member of the committee. Sir Ernest Wilds, K.C., Recorder of London, said that Sir Francis Agar was a remarkable personality who combined the usual round of man-of-business with the tender courtesy of a gentleman. No one of a ruder grain ever wore a coat in vain. He was one of the people whom you could go to in trouble.

We deeply regret to announce the death in North Walsham of Mr. B. V. Gurney, F.R.I.B.A., the well-known Kenya architect, who had practised at Nairobi for nearly ten years. He had designed some of the leading buildings in Kenya, and was responsible for the architecture of many churches, including the "Church of the Torch," the Church of Scotland Mission church which was recently opened at Kilimani, Nairobi. Gurney was related to Mr. William Gurney, the ninety-two-year-old senior partner of the elder manufacturing concern. He had for some time suffered from phthisis, aggravated by injuries received during the war.

East African Camp Meeting

At the meeting of the East African Group of the Over-Seas League on Thursday next, February 15, at Vernon House, Park Lane, London, Mr. F. O. Voller will speak on "Kenya With its People." All East Africans and their friends, whether members of the Group or not, are cordially invited to attend. Tea will be served at 3.35 p.m. and the dress begins at 4.30 p.m.

Secretary of State's Visit.

Surprise Convalescent Delegates.

We are glad to report that the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has been serving his convalescence in Nairobi, since January, sent in a wire, this morning, advising that Lady Cunliffe-Lister, attached to the Kenyan delegation by an Imperial Airways flight.

News received Monday air mail shows that much dissatisfaction was felt in the colony at the decision of the Minister before the onset of his illness not to receive delegates of the Convention Associations, which, it is considered, would have an opportunity of presenting their views had a "special delegate session" to discuss the whole subject. Sett's opinion therefore carried with a shock of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister's determination to receive in Nairobi "only the European and Indian exiled members of Council and Canon Burn, the nominated member representing Native interests on the legislative and representative of the Coffee Board, the sisal Growers' Association, and the East African Sugar Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Nairur, he had met the directors of the Kenya Farmers' Association, and he expressed his intention of receiving representatives of the Kenya Mine Association at Kakamega while in his various different centres he hoped to meet as many people as possible formally and informally. It has been uniformly seriously interfered with these arrangements.

Accompanied by Sir Stephen Hale, the Governor, Major T. C. Wells, H.E.'s private secretary, and Mr. R. S. Weston, Chairman of the Kenya Coffee Board, the Secretary of State toured the Kiambereza growing area in the early afternoon following his arrival in Nairobi, and at the Kiambereza Club met many leading planters from the immediate vicinity, Gaka, Buru, and Emuru.

The Associated Chamber of Commerce banquet at which the Secretary of State was to have been the chief guest was cancelled but the delegates were entertained luncheon by the Nairobi Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Frank Mayr has been President since 1934.

Message to Kenyan settlers.

The *baraza* at Nyanyuki was in honour of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, who attended the Governor and Sir George Tomlinson; who were entertained to luncheon by the local settlers. A message was delivered from the Minister, expressing courage and co-operation.

"Co-operate with your Government, co-operate among yourselves, co-operate with your neighbours. The economic interests of these adjacent territories are very closely linked. Each will be served by wise co-operation. There is no question of sacrificing the interest of one territory to the interest of another. Obvious economic considerations dictate a policy of close co-operation pursued with a broad vision. The Governor's Conference, which is working admirably, is not a permanent session for this very purpose. It is being used in just the right way, the Governors, each in turn, formally and informally, with his own local opinion, both official and unofficial, meeting fully prepared to discuss these matters of common interest and to work out practical policies of benefit to their own territories and to East Africa as a whole."

Mr. Joseph Byrne said that in the two days before his illness the Minister had given decisions on many matters of importance which ended uncertainty and possibly controversy. He had acquired a picture of our beautiful country and of our decent, loyal and law-abiding peoples, European, Asiatic and African. "It will thus be an better position to defend us should unfair attacks be made upon us elsewhere."

Official and Unofficial Representations.

We have received the official record of the interview between the Minister and a deputation from the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Messrs. G. B. Craddock, H. A. Carson, P. D. Drury, Dr. H. H. Hubber, Messrs. J. L. J. P. V. Lind and D. N. Stafford.

Dr. Lind urged the appointment of a financial Commissioner to examine the whole question of taxation, official terms of service, and salaries. He advised that his pension should exceed £1000, the running of all Government Departments, and to advise whether the headquarters of certain departments should be transferred to Kampala or Entebbe.

The Minister replied that the Finance Commission of 1933 had examined their work excellently, and that he saw no reason to set up a Financial Commissioner who would have recourse to such inquiries only in exceptional cases. He preferred officials and umfieldis to co-operate in solving their local problems. He did not consider it would be a good investment to spend money on new Government buildings in Kampala for the transfer of headquarters offices from Entebbe.

Mr. Meldi urged the speediest arrangement to reach a combat aerodrome, and the encouragement of enterprises like the proposed railway flights to Mombasa.

Mr. Meldi also advocated the free entry of East African cottons into India, was told that the proposal was not practical, but since the cotton only in India is a foreign crop, but that the Minister would always do his best to give preference to any Colonial product.

Mr. Meldi spoke of Kampala need of an aerodrome, but was told that although certain sites had been claimed as suitable, only one seven miles from Kampala, had been considered fit even for aerial provision for the accommodation of which could cost £1000, whereas a first-class aerodrome at Entebbe had cost only £3,500.

Mr. Craddock said that the Chamber favours scrapping the Co-operative Treaties in order that fair preference could be given to British goods, and emphasised that Uganda did not support the anti-movement in favour of currency devaluation. The Secretary of State said he was very glad to hear of the firm determination of producers and traders in Uganda to maintain the sterling parity which he regarded as essential.

Mr. Stafford explained the difficulties of planters and the dangers of increased taxation.

While in Uganda Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister was presented with a most magnificent elephant tusks by the King of Bunyoro, who received the honorary A.B.E.C.E. in the 1930 Year Honours List.

B.S.A.P. Reunion.

A reunion dinner is to be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on March 17 to establish a London branch of the British South Africa Police Reunion Association, which comprises surviving members of the corps which created it, namely, the Mashonaland Mounted Police, Border Police, the British South Africa Company's Police, the Southern Rhodesia Constabulary, and the British South Africa Police Service Column. Members of the corps mentioned are invited to attend the dinner. The Hon. Secretary, B.S.A.P. Dinner, c/o High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, Crown House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.



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East Africa in the House.

Colonial Development Fund Grants.

THOMAS East Africæ was not mentioned in the lengthy debate which took place last week in the House of Commons on "Empire Population." Many of the members who took part in it made some concessions with regard to territories, among them were Sir Henry Park Croft, whose has land interests in Kenya; Sir Edward Grey, the former Kenya Governor; Dr. William McLean, who served in the Sudan for many years before the War, and who planned the city of Khartoum; Mr. A. M. Somerville, who visited Mombasa a few years ago; Captain, the Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest, who owns estates in Kenya; and Mr. W. Lynn, who was for a time Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in the late Socialist Government.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., son of the Prime Minister and Under-Secretary of State for the Dominions, stated in the House of Commons last week that during the absence of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister in East Africa, he had been asked to reply to questions on his behalf.

Ellis asked for full particulars of the development schemes recommended by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee since its inception and whether the Secretary of State was satisfied that the Committee was taking advantage of every opportunity to develop the Colonies to the mutual advantage of the member nations of the British Empire. Mr. MacDonnell reported that the total amount to be contributed by the Colonial Development Fund to schemes approved before March 1st was £1,54,508, while the total estimated expenditure from all sources on these schemes so assisted was about £1,600,000. As to the first part of the question, the reply was in the affirmative. The particulars desired were given in the interim report of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee which had been published as Command paper, while particulars of later schemes, covering the period April 1st 1934 to March 1st 1934, would be included in the Interim Report.

Taxation of Native Women

Mr. Banfield asked whether the Secretary of State would instruct the Government that the burning of huts of Native men and women who are unable to pay their rents and poll taxes, should cease. Mr. McDonald replied that the hon. member's suggestion did not become feasible to Government unless there was no rent due for several months overdue, and there was no reason to suppose that even when a hut thus became forfeited, it was the practice of Government to burn it.

Where Mr. Banfield asked whether institutions could now help him to get the Government that the collection of tax from his previous was so discontinued. Mr. Macdonald replied that it was not discontinued, but were not tax in Kyns. They were preferable to hit tax day in the majority of cases, but together with the evidence he gave the people of the McGrath family in such cases as the widow, we were liable for paying the tax. In the exceptional cases, he said, he could make such arrangements as he deemed fit from the tax.

Miss Rathbone asked, whether the statement that "in
Kenya an African woman was the property of the heir
of a contravention of the definition laid down by
the Export Commission on Slavery that it was
a person over whom any one of the property of was
held was a fact." Mr. St. John replied, "Such a
statement is bandied about as an impudent answer of
a question. I would have you look into the matter
and will give you full particulars of the number of

Field taxation in particular
in view the Kenya Government,
waived the collection of tax from immovables African
Mr. Mauzy replied that the tax in respect of the
current year came due on January 1 and the
collection was still in progress.

Préfecture des Seychelles.

Mr. M. McDonald, Captain A. Evans, at the recent report of the financial trading conditions in

The Seychelles had been through a difficult discussion with the Governor of Seychelles before he left to take up his new appointment. Further action would be carried until he had arrived in the Colony and had had time to make considered recommendations.

A question was recently asked in the House of Commons concerning the alleged ill-treatment of Native children in British Somaliland. The matter was again raised last week by Mr. Albery, who was informed by Mr. Malcolm Maclean that the Native children were compelled to collect refuse from the streets of the Native village of Sheikh Sharif, and to clean up the refuse. This duty was assigned to the boys with the acquiescence of the tribal elders, and on such occasions only, within the last four years, had they been punished by four strokes with a light cane. No complaint had been received from the slavers of Sharif.

What Livingstone Wrote

The Livingstone Municipality suggests that the
carried out by Northern Rhodesia is moved to Lusaka, the
Province. The Commissioner who transferred his head-
quarters from Mazabuka in 1925 should return to Living-
stone, so that there should be a senior official at a port
of entry to receive distinguished guests. It is also
advocated that the Civil Police and the Customs should
remain at Livingstone and that the transfer of the
Postmaster-General to Lusaka should be revoked.

Thirty Tons of Locust Eggs!

Three tons of locust eggs, or over 3,000,000,000 potential hoppers, have been dug up by Native miners at the latter date in Portuguese East Africa. This gives some idea of the magnitude of the attack from which the territory and Southern Rhodesia are at present suffering. Mr. R. W. Jack, the Chief Rhodesian Entomologist says that it appears clear that the parasites which are attacking the adult locusts have not prevented them being deposited on a very explosive scale. A maggot, *Sarcophaga lusitana*, is attacking the egg deposits in some districts, but only locally, and on the whole the parasite literary to have

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Joint East African Board.

Government Competition with Settlers

COMPETITION between Government experimental farms and private enterprise was the chief topic of discussion at the February meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board, which considered the complaint of settlers in the Morogoro district of Tanganyika, represented by Mr. H. R. Ruggles-Brise, that their local markets for the sale of fruit and milk were being usurped and market prices depressed, by the sale of surplus produce from the farm conducted by the Agricultural Department.

Complaint, said Mr. Ruggles-Brise, was first made to the Tanganyika Government last June. The reply, made in the following month, was rejected by a meeting of settlers as entirely unsatisfactory, and it was asserted that the official rate of about seven shillings per ton contained several definite inaccuracies.

He was disposed to favour the conduct of agricultural research and experimentation by the Agricultural Institute, and although "quite agreed" that small-scale experiments were necessary in different localities, objected strongly to development of such experimental stations on farms. The Ngorongoro station, he claimed, had long since become a farm; it was managed a few years ago by a single agricultural officer, who had also many other duties to perform; at one time last year there were four Europeans giving their whole time to it. Moreover, it was doing nothing, but merely imitated work begun by unofficial residents. Its only possible justification could be the introduction of new or improved crops, and Mr. Ruggles-Brise could not think of one single item of produce which the Morogoro experimental farm had pioneered or greatly improved. In fact, anything it might have done for settlement generally had been more than offset by its damage to private enterprise.

The sales of the farm's main product, Morogoro, bit, all told, to some extent up and down the railway line, were almost certainly between £200 and £300 per annum, despite the fact that the letter from Government estimated that the total sales from the fruit trees, which provided the greater portion of the revenue, did not exceed £5 per annum. The absurdity of that contention was evident from the fact that various amounts up to £150 had from time to time been paid by tenderers for the right to collect fruit from the farm in excess of 300 kilos. per week, that quantity being reserved by Government. Some of it was distributed free to local officials, some went to hospitals and prisons, and the balance was sold often at far below local market prices.

Settlers were a still exception to the prevailing practice resented, which they regarded as largely an excuse for achieving nothing, and they also considered the Agricultural Departments which at present had fifty-seven Europeans, costing £60,000 per annum, heavily overstaffed. It was suggested that between thirty and forty European officials should be ample. This proposal was that no crops should be cultivated by Government in such quantities as to be marketable.

Experience in Other Countries.

Sir Humphrey Leggett said he had been faced with exactly the same problem in Potchefstroom when he was Director of Land Settlement under Lord Selborne Government, which had had to point out that real useful results could be got only from bulk experiments. The greatest good of the greatest number would seem to be to sell the produce of such experimental produce, thereby reducing their costs to the country. The only other suggestion appeared to be to have the produce or otherwise destroy it.

Mr. Petitpierre, speaking from his experience of tropical agriculture, considered experimental farms must be on a commercial basis since the results from a few trees could be off-set against a guide to production on a large scale, and Mr. Leslie Orme, who had been in Morogoro for nine years, suggested that the Government farm had accomplished its object, and should cease to compete with settlers, when he was not convinced that Tanganyika does not offer a market for all the fruit and vegetables which could be produced, and which certainly bought not to be sold by Government below ruling market price. He said that local residents had been very glad at the assistance of the experimental farm in the early days when it had distributed fruit trees and various plants.

Mr. W. A. M. Sim recited similar complaints in Kenya

in the early days, and stated that there was general agreement that the Department of Agriculture should not plant those new areas of any crop, but, having made small plots, should seek the co-operation of local settlers.

Sir Humphrey Leggett suggested that the Board should ask the East African public bodies for their views on the principles (a) that experimental farms generally should not grow any crops in such volume as to enter the commercial field, and (b) that bulk experiments necessary to prove the commercial prospects of any crop should be made, not on Government farms, but by European settlers in co-operation with agricultural officers.

Mr. Ruggles-Brise urged prompt representations to the Tanganyika Government, but the Council considered that this was a matter of principle applicable to all the territories, and decided to await the views of constituent bodies in East Africa.

In the course of the discussion Mr. Ruggles-Brise stated that there was a strong feeling in Tanganyika that complaints from the planting and trading communities would not be satisfactorily dealt with until the Government had an independent economic adviser, who, not being tied to any Department, could investigate the merits of representations from any quarter, and make a point of the closest contact with officials, in order that Government through him might better understand the views of settlers and merchants. Proposals to this end had been made from time to time, but had been rejected by Government on the score of expense, even when they were doubling staff of nearly all the Departments. Until there was an unbiased, unbiassed, unbiased dissatisfaction was likely to continue.

Other Subjects Discussed.

Two subjects on which *East Africa* had given the public exclusive news were then considered—the forthcoming survey of Africa to be undertaken by Sir Malcolm Hailey, and the imminent change in Zanzibar currency. At the suggestion of Sir Humphrey Leggett, the Board decided to offer its co-operation in the work of the survey.

It was reported that Mr. Eric Welch had suggested a number of amendments to the new Kenya Mining Ordinance, and that these had been forwarded by the Board to the Convention of Association of Kenya and the Association of Chambers of Commerce of East Africa—but that meantime news had been received of a third reading of the Bill. As, however, it would not become law until it had been approved by the Colonial Office, it was decided to approach that Office if so requested by these East African bodies.

Messrs. Mitchell, Cotts & Co., the Tanganyika Cotton Company, and Messrs. John A. Gilrat & Co. were elected members of the Board, and it was reported that the Board's offices would at the end of March be removed to Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square.

The meeting was attended by Colonel C. F. Ponsonby, M.D. (in the Chair), Major C. H. Dakin, Mr. H. R. Grant, Sir Humphrey Leggett, Mr. Leslie Orme, Mr. G. J. Petitpierre, Sir Philip Richardson, Mr. H. R. Ruggles-Brise, Mr. W. A. M. Sim, Major H. Blake Taylor, Mr. F. S. Welch, and Miss R. B. Harvey (Secretary).

Nearly 150 Fellows have been elected by the Royal Empire Society as a result of Commander Reynolds's recent visit to Kenya and Tanganyika.

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Flights and Fancies.

Shrewd Observations of an Airman.

The present solution of the African problem lies in administration. Then what is the administration problem? "One of time and space." Thus does H. W., a squadron leader of the R.A.F. in the Sudan, sum up his conclusions in "Something New Out of Africa" (London, T.S.), a fascinating study of Africa, and definitely something new.

It is a fresh vision of Africa, and the exposition of a dream that, as the trade with the Far East developed our mercantile marine now, with that trade so largely lost we may build up a great new trade in Africa by the fuller use of airways. The book emphasises the fact that wonderful as has been the progress of aviation over Africa, it is still in its infancy, and that it is for us to seize the opportunities and make the air routes for British Africa at any rate—long before these steps.

H. W. goes on:

"The administration problem is an economic one. The Nations are not organised and do not require conquest or undue coercion. Our budgets and other hand have to be balanced. Our industries, &c., a host of things in the world, have to be regulated and supplied in proper proportions, and at a price to ensure that there is 'something in the kitty' for the lean years."

There are administrative questions more closely connected with the Native himself, such as the organization of his community, particularly with this training. You cannot build railways, houses, or even roads without the assistance of skilled and partly skilled labour. The Native in Central Africa has not been as a child to the seaside at Marseilles with a bucket and spade. We have already seen the general intercommunication system. The solution of the administrative problem must include efforts to improve roads, to make economic communications, and particularly in a broad outlook towards the use of the air.

"The Dual Mandate," Lord Lugard, perhaps gives us the key when he says, "the development of Africa may be summed up in one word, TRANSPORT. So we come back to transport, particularly to a modern outlook on the problem."

The author seems, in fact, to have done a little useful preliminary spade work for Sir Malcolm Haney by his aerial survey of Africa, and the book deserves the closest attention for the fresh vision that it brings to our problems; but, apart from this, the whole view is so novel and so illuminating, the numerous illustrations so wonderful and the maps so excellent, that it is definitely a book to get and treasure. It is a fine example of literature keeping pace with the trend of thought.

H. W.'s comments on the effects of aircraft on game are shrewdly well worth noticing by all concerned, and he is good on meteorology and other points. On Ethiopia, besides giving us (thanks to Sir Harold

MacMichael) some delightful examples of their primitive art, he tells lurid tales of savagery in warfare and raiding. He pays just tribute to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for his share in making the air-minded, and also gives full credit for patriotic to the gallant band of air-pioneers. How many know that

John Frances MacLean flew a seaplane along the Nile to Chartoum in 1916, having literally dozens of forced alightings *en route*, and that in many places along the Nile all aeroplanes are still called MacLeans?

The book concludes with a valuable appendix of "African Experience" (1933), and it is, in brief, an example of African experience that should help the countless people who will be attracted by the allure and its lighter side to get Africa minded. Think of Africa as it is to-day and as it may be tomorrow. Because it is so attractive and so readable it should be a real force in that education which young Africa so sorely needs as an ally in its emergence from ages of sleep.

VIAVOR

A Good First Novel.

MISS ELLEN GATTI has the knack of story-telling and much of the technique. She has given us a remarkably good first novel in an East African setting, full of life and incident, and with real people on her stage. What is more, they are mostly quite decent folk, and that is a really strong point. In an early chapter of "Wayfaring Women" (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.) she sketches lightly a scene in Fortnum and Mason's export department, with a visit to the cellar for a glass of beer which will strike a chord in many an East African reader's breast, and when she gets her characters out to Africa one feels equally that this is really Africa and not merely cardboard and paint. The scenes are varied, the characters true types, the story moves easily along its appointed path and, while the interest is cleverly sustained throughout, the situations are not strained unduly. There is a good love-interest, which is very welcome.

Now, for a few criticisms made in a friendly spirit. Some of the details about game are palpably inaccurate. There are some bad mistakes in Native words. Swahili is not spoken in Southern Rhodesia, and in that Colony there are no Provincial Commissioners; nor, if there were, would one ever be in the running for the post of Governor. These errors do not spoil the story, but a little "vetting" by someone who knows could easily have obviated them, and the book would have been all the better for such revision. However, it is good stuff, and a cordial welcome extended to an author who can write an exciting, credible and readable African romance.

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Hint to Tanganyika Nazis

The anti-Nazi activity has been so marked in Tanganyika Territory of late that the leaders of the movement have received a warning from the decision of the Government of the Union of South Africa to advise the Governor-General to sanction the anti-Nazi Ordinance passed recently by the Legislative Assembly of South-West Africa. That Act empowers the Administration to prohibit the wearing of badges and uniforms without express Government sanction, and also to prohibit any organisation considered detrimental to the public interest. Violent Nazi agitation threatened to the intensification of propaganda for the revision of the Atlantic and restoration of the territory of Germany is alone responsible for this step. Though it is to be hoped that similar action will not become necessary in East Africa, this precedent of the Union Government should not be without its influence.

Late Mining News.

A report has reached us that in the Kauraishiri hills, about 100 miles east of Uzaka, patches of gold running to about 7 dwts. have been located. Considerable mining activity is reported from the Mwanza area; geologists, engineers, prospectors and many directors coming and going with increased frequency. It is believed that the Mara River will soon be bridged, in order to give quick communication between Mwanza and Kakamega, the need for which is already evident.

M. Rhodesia's Mineral Output.

Northern Rhodesia mineral output during 1938 was as follows: Gold, 5,886 tons; copper (fine), 162,240 tons; lead, 73 tons; zinc, 18,424 tons; vanadite, 79,153 lb; manganese ore, 5,367 tons; mica, 3,333 lb; and cobalt, 260,941 lb.

Southern Rhodesia's Record Outputs.

The mineral output of Southern Rhodesia during 1933 showed a considerable expansion when compared with the production for the preceding year, as is shown by the following details: Gold, 642,400 oz. (574,160 oz.); silver, 44,434 oz. (114,555 oz.); chrome ore, 38,032 tons (17,207 tons); asbestos, 30,182 tons (15,765 tons); coal, 533,501 tons (482,273 tons); mica, 4 tons (14 tons); scheelite, 34 tons (14 tons); tin, .12 tons (.1 tons); iron pyrites, 12,214 tons (300 tons).

Kenya Gold Mining Progress.

Kenya Gold Mining Syndicate issues the following progress report of developments to December 31: Black-hall reef, West Wing; between first and second levels, 100 feet; average assay value, 14 d. M.K. reef, 36 inches; shaft diameter, 14 feet; average width of reef, 27 inches; average assay value, 14 d. M.K. reef, lowest level for 105 feet driven; average width of reef, 18 inches; average assay value, 40 C.

Born to Kill: Elite Marksman

The 1953 Challenge Cup awarded to the South African team for their victory over the West African and Central African forces was won by the Somaliland Police, with an aggregate score of 16 points out of a possible 20, the team which was captained by Deputy Commissioner Davies was composed of eight Africans.

The Raiders Conquer!

A party of Natives believed to have raided a number of European farms were tracked back and flushed to the Ngaruahere, seven miles from Taupo, by European and Native police under Inspector J. C. Crampton. When surprised they attacked with bows and arrows. Inspector Crampton being seriously wounded, and another policeman less seriously. The police opened fire, killing one Native and seriously wounding two others, one of whom afterwards died.

New East African Film

Advance shots of parts of the "Kongoroad," taken recently in Uganda and the Belgian Congo, have reached London. They are part of a film woven round the adventures of the late Edgar Wallace's famous character "Sanders of the River." The film was directed in East Africa by Mr. Zoltan Korda, who will later direct the main story in Eisted. A number of big game pictures are included in the film, including the stampede of a large herd of buffaloes, taken from what is claimed to be a unique angle.

Reptile Skin Exhibition

Reptile skins from East Africa are to be included in Reptile Skin Marketing Exhibition to be opened at the Imperial Institute on February 26 by Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. Jacksonville, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade. The exhibition has been arranged through the Reptile Skin Marketing Committee, and nearly forty varieties of the skins—snakes, lizards, and crocodiles—will be displayed. In addition, there will be seven demonstrations of the processes in preparing skins for use in the making of shoes, handbags, dress trimmings, and other articles.

Kenya Wants a Milk Factory

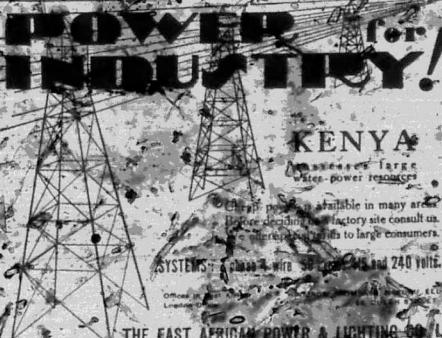
At the recent special session of the Convention of Associations of Kenya it was resolved that that this Convention firmly believes that the erection of a meat products factory is of vital importance and urges Government to interest one of the big companies in the matter, and to give such company reasonable assistance in regard to a grant of land and in any other manner which may be considered necessary. It further urges Government to make use of its existing powers for the purpose of obviating overstocking of Native Reserves which results in such heavy mortality. The success of such a factory would be to a great extent dependent on adequate supplies being forthcoming.

Rhodesia Railway Debenture Payments.

Rhodesia Railways, Ltd., and the Mashonaland Railway Company, Ltd., announce the following interest payments to holders of their 6% Consolidated Debentures: (a) A payment of £1 15s. old per cent., less tax, representing £1 15s. per cent., plus 2½d. per cent. in respect of interest at the rate of 6% per annum; and (b) a payment of £1 14s. 15s. per cent., less tax, representing £1 14s. 1d. per cent. on account of the half-yearly interest of 3% per cent., plus 1s. id. per cent. in respect of interest at the rate of 6% per annum. The payments will be made on February 12. On the same date a payment of £2 11s. id. per cent., less tax, representing the full half-yearly interest of £2 10s. per cent., will be made to holders of 5% First Mortgage debentures in the Mashonaland

Land Railway Company Ltd.

The annual report of the Beira Railway Company Ltd., states that for the year ended September 30, 1935, net earnings of the Beira-Umtali section were £24,250, compared with £7,873 for the previous year, being an increase of 200%, mainly due to greater mineral exports, particularly in copper which increased no less than 200 tons. The profit and loss account shows a loss on the year's working of £37,602, which increases the debit balance to £123,602. The reserve fund is £125,000, and however, been transferred to the credit of profit and loss so that a credit balance of £2,400 will be carried forward on the next account. During the year there was an increase of £50,271 in the gross revenue, and as a result of the drastic economies effected the surplus of gross revenue over working expenditure was increased by £66,424. The large return for the current year shows that the improvement continues.



BUSINESS POINTERS.

With the object of assisting the development of trade throughout East and Central Africa, "East Africa" is always glad to give information regarding the territories to manufacturers and exporters, and to put merchants and others in East Africa in touch with shippers of suitable goods. The co-operation of readers in this service is cordially welcomed.

The East African Club has decided to hold its annual ball on January 25.

A Radio Society of East Africa has been formed in Nairobi.

Olives are being grown experimentally in Nyasaland.

Zinc output for Indonesia Broken Hill Development Company, Ltd., during January was 1,550 tons.

Tanganyika Railways earned £41,896 during November, as against £38,702 during November, 1932.

Subscription lists opened on Tuesday for the issue at par of 440,000 shares of 5s. each in Tata Goldfields, Limited.

The A. G. Ferrell Bridge and Engineering Company have received an order for a 75 foot span road bridge for erection in Kenya.

Four Hereford Heifers, ordered by Major A. Holford Walker, the Nakuru settler, left Birkenhead on Saturday for Mombasa.

The Association of Chambers of Commerce of Eastern Africa has resolved to maintain co-operation with the Joint East African Board.

Electric clocks are now in use in Bulawayo, and a master electric clock has been installed at the Municipal Power Station, from which they will be regulated.

Messrs. Eccleshall and Aranha have begun business in Kampala under the title of The Popular General Agency. They are handling certain truck and fire agencies.

Monday's air mail brought news that swarms of red locusts are advancing north on a front stretching from Tanga toabora, and have entered Kenya at a point about forty miles from the coast.

From Kenya we hear that extraordinary high yields of pyrethrum are being obtained. There can be little doubt that the growing of this crop will increase considerably during the next two years.

Japanese cameras, of very pocket size, are being sold in Cape Town, complete with three films, a dozen strips of printing paper, a printing frame, and developing and fixing solution for long drilling.

A new coin called the Alaba has been put into circulation in Ethiopia. Equivalent to half a rial, it shows on one side the head of the Emperor Haile Selassie, and on the other the Lion of Judah.

The Kenya Government has agreed to the principle of establishing scholarships at an English university for Kenyan-born youths. A recent vote of £60 has been included in the 1934 estimates for that purpose.

In order that Portuguese imports into E.E.A. may be protected, full duty on imports into Beira, other than national imports, must now be paid in gold. The new measure, which does not affect port dues or transit traffic, increases the cost of imports by about 40%.

Increased output of cassiterite is reported from Rwanda-Urundi, and it is to be hoped that the Tanganyika Central Railway will shortly reap the benefit by carrying greater tonnages of tin ore to Dar es Salaam.

The air service between London and East Africa may shortly be covered entirely by air instead of the Paris-Brindisi stage by train. Negotiations with the Italian authorities have been very protracted, but agreement is at last likely.

The Postmaster-General of Southern Rhodesia recently broadcast from Salisbury to ask for more than one than on a previous occasion to a questionnaire that was being sent out asking if there is a demand for a local broadcasting service. The response was forthcoming, and that it was the affirmative, for there are great possibilities in such a service.

The motor trade in Southern Rhodesia is in progress. In November, 1933, 1119 cars were registered, compared with 70 in November 1932; for the first eleven months of the year the registrations were 5,093, as against 6,744. Of these registrations 58.8% were American or Canadian, and 32.5% British. Ford still leads, with Chevrolet second, and Morris third, closely followed by Hillman, Vauxhall and Austin. All our reports show that there is room for more push in the marketing of British cars.

BEACHES AS A Holiday Resort.

Beira is taking energetic measures to attract tourists following the lead given by the Governor, Admiral Luis de Magalhaes Correa. In addition to offering facilities to the Child Welfare Society, he is busily engaged in converting the Macuti Beach into a camp for children. Said the Society, His Excellency has made the same offer to any other organised body in the Rhodesias, such as the British Empire Service League, Farming Associations, and Troops of Boy Scouts.

EAST AFRICAN STOCK AND SHARE PRICES.

We have received the following prices by air mail from Nairobi:

	Last week.	This week.
E. A. Power and Lighting Ord.	32s.	32s.
Eldoret Mining Synd. (Ss.)	23s.	23s.
Eldoret Rakai mega Ventures	8s.	8s. 50cts.
Keriny Consolidated Goldfields (Ss.)	5s. 50cts.	7s. 50cts.
Kicwa Goldmining Synd. (Ss.)	11s.	11s. 50cts.
Koza Malamu	20s. 50cts.	25s.
Kutana Goldfield (Ss. Prefs.)	4s. 50cts.	5s.
Makameus (Ss.)	1s.	1s.

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East African Market Reports.

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Third sizes	8s. od. to 68s. 6d.
Peaberry	65s. od. to 68s. 6d.
Old Crop	58s. od. to 90s. od.
" A' sizes	58s. od. to 90s. od.
" B' "	48s. od. to 90s. od.

Uganda.

A' size	58s. od.
" B'	40s. od.
Peaberry	10s. od.

Toro.

Pale greenish	5s. od.
Bugishu	5s. od.
" A' size	68s. od.

" C"	50s. od.
Peaberry	50s. od.

Second sizes	50s. od. to 78s. 6d.
" B"	50s. od. to 55s. 6d.
" C"	40s. od. to 53s. 6d.
Peaberry	65s. od. to 75s. 6d.
London graded	45s. 6d.

First sizes	58s. od. to 92s. 6d.
Second sizes	52s. od. to 60s. od.
Third sizes	42s. od. to 52s. 6d.
Peaberry	60s. od. to 68s. 6d.

Kaimosi.	
London graded	
First sizes	50s. od. to 80s. od.
Second sizes	47s. od. to 70s. od.
Third sizes	30s. od. to 45s. 6d.

Peaberry	100s. od.
London graded	105s. od.

First sizes	105s. od.
Second sizes	85s. od.
Third sizes	70s. od.
Peaberry	100s. od.

London cleaned	50s. od. to 80s. od.
First sizes	50s. od. to 80s. od.
Second sizes	47s. od. to 70s. od.
Third sizes	30s. od. to 45s. 6d.

Peaberry	100s. od.
London cleaned	105s. od.

First sizes	105s. od.
Second sizes	85s. od.
Third sizes	70s. od.

London stocks of East African coffees on February 5 totalled 9,521 bags, compared with 8,478 bags on the corresponding date of last year.
The mill has destroyed 2,250 bags of coffee since July 1 last, the rate of destruction being increased recently to 1,500 bags per month. Since this measure was decided upon on July 1, 1930, it is calculated that 26,100 bags have been destroyed.

OTHER MARKETS.

Castor Seed.	Firm, with East African quoted at £9.12s. 6d. (1933: £12. 10s. 6d. to £13. 10s. 6d.)
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Cloves.	Quite, with Zanzibar spot at 51s. 6d. (Feb. 1933: 5d. per lb.)
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Copper.	Firm, with standard for cash quoted at 10s. 6d. and electrolytic at £37.
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Copra.	Steady at about 8s. 17s. 6d. per cwt. (1933: 8s. 10s. to 12s. 10s.)
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Cotton Seed.	Moderate sales of East African have been made at from 4d. to 7d. according to quality. (1933: 5d. to 10s. 6d.)
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Cotton Seed.	Increased to £3. 10s. 6d. (1933: £1. 10s. 6d. to £1. 15s. 6d.)
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Gold.	Has touched its new high record of £7 per oz.
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Silk.—"Lady East African" No. 1 for Feb.-April being quoted at £10.5s. and £11. Jun. at £10.10s. March No. 2 has sold at £10.7s. 6d. No. 2 Feb.-April is quoted at £10.10s. 6d. and £11.10s. 6d.

The annual statement of Messrs. Wigglesworth & Co. states that the production of East African and Sumatra sisal during 1933 was approximately 20,000 tons above that of 1932, that America purchased nothing like her normal annual consumption, but that there was greatly increased consumption in Europe, for binder twine, ship twine, trawl twine, and various other uses. The report adds, "On the abolition of the duty of Manila co. gentlemen's agreement was reached with spinners in Great Britain and Canada for a larger use of Manila sisal for twines, but it is feared that the low price of Manila hemp has tempted many to switch over to that fibre. Whether this project is meeting the consideration of the authorities."

Tin.—Active, continuing higher at 12s. 7s. 6d.

Wool.—A few Kenya clips, chiefly crossbreds, have met excellent competition and obtained good prices. Bradford tops 64's are quoted at 10s. and 46's at 10s. 6d.

RAINFALL IN EAST AFRICA.

The Eastern African Dependencies Meteorological Office in London has recorded the following details of rainfall in the territories during the periods indicated:

Kenya (ended January 23).—Kahote, one inch; Limuru, 0.004; Machakos, 0.05; Nairobi, 0.8; Naivasha, 0.05; Nyeri, 0.02; Simba, 0.85; Soy, 0.05; Jomo, 0.05; Langonya (week ended January 23),—Amanzi, 0.12; Dodoma, 0.12; Kilosa, 4.5; Kigoma, 3.8; Mahenge, 12.8; Mbeya, 1.1; Maragoro, 0.8; Mpwapwa, 4.8; Mwanza, 7.0; Mbomwe, 1.35; Mbaboro, 0.1; Tukuyu, 0.05; mmetre?

Northern Rhodesia.—Bogoria Hill, 2.25 inches.

Southern Rhodesia.—The following details of rainfall during the week ended January 23 have been received by the Hydro Commissioner at Bulawayo, Bulawayo, 0.60 inch; Victoria, 0.05; Selukwe, 0.05; Gatooma, 0.02; Chitungwiza, 0.05; Mazoe, 0.05; Salisbury, 1.00; and Simba, 0.47 inch. The latest maize crop report gives the following details:

Maize crop now estimated at 1,023,980 bags (per acre), compared with last season's yield of 1,100,000 bags (per acre). Dry weather throughout most areas causing considerable damage to later plantings which are now badly needs rain. Re-earing of earlier crops has begun.

Wheat.—Yield estimated at 160,000 bags, compared with 63,458 bags last year.

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Malta	Feb. 1
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Kazania	left Salalah for Durban, Feb. 1

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Singapore	left Rotterdam for S. and E. Africa, Feb. 30
Nieuwkerk	ps. Gibraltar homewards, Jan. 28
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Nijkerk	left Amsterdam for E. Africa, Jan. 30

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Ambroise	left Réunion homewards, Jan. 28
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General Metzinger	arr. Marsaxlokk, Feb. 3
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Dunbar Castle	left London for Madras, Feb. 1
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Llansteffan Castle	left Mombasa homewards, Feb. 5

EAST AFRICAN MAILED.

MAILS FOR AFRICA.—London—Mombasa and Zanzibar close at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, 1934.

General Metzinger
"Narvalo,"
Lloyd's mail from Europe are expected on

The Dutch steamer "Zulu" which was reported in our last issue, has now been towed to Durban by the British tug "Ndovu."

Understanding the Native.

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by co-operation to cure the mischiefs we have so disastrously done.

For the old sex freedom among age groups stands directly against the tendency to prostitution. There was no question of a wife being made to cohabit with a man in her age group, only too much lust was affected and recognized. Decency has reduced the need for prostitution and thus created a class of prostitutes with all its attendant evils. This breakdown has resulted from temporary measures, standing and Government misunderstanding, which have either broken down a highly organised system or left fallow grave evils to sleep in.

How could these things be altered? We should do all we could to re-establish African life and custom wherever possible.

We should try to overcome an entire misunderstanding of native law and courts of justice, such as our enmity between chiefs and presidents of their courts. The natives had a fully organised system of justice. All native traders alone had the right to go to court. All elders could take part in the debate, but only those qualified in running affairs of administration could give decisions. We have broken down this system by putting chiefs, who are often ignorant of the European legal system, into the position of president of native courts of justice. We must undo that. We must use the machinery which they have, and not puppets.

We must stop their co-operation with us, and that starts from the confounding irretrievably a purchase and we must face the fact that in a community which is highly developed sexually, adults must be naked under conditions. A lot of the morality against which we have in fought in the past is imaginary rather than real, and we are much too fond of dictating to the natives what we think they should think, such as being seduced upon our own traditions and prejudices.

A lengthy discussion followed, special expressions of attitude to the lecture, of his address, and putting many pertinent questions, were answered fully and candidly, thus expanding much of what has been briefly reported above.

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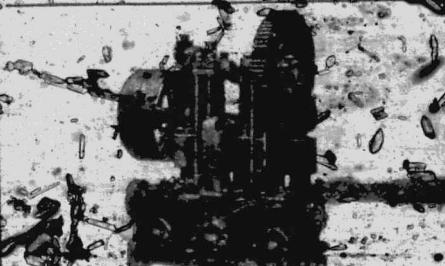
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