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REMEMBRANCE DAY.

THIS year's celebration of Remembrance Day which marks the tenth anniversary of the Armistice has a special significance for East Africans, for at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the Hymn to the Throne will stand in tribute not before the Great Comptoir in Walpole Hall, where His Royal Highness has paid his yearly visit by year since the war-drums ceased to beat, but before Nairobi's memorial to those who laid down their lives in the East African Campaign. It had been hoped that the Prince would find it possible to unveil the newly erected Cenotaph in Dar es Salaam on this day sacred to the memory of those who died that we might live, but if the King's warrior son cannot perform that ceremony in the capital of the Territory which has come under British administration as a result of the War he will be paying a sincere token of reverence to those whose prompt response to the call of duty will always reflect credit on East Africa.

African hostilities in Central East Africa was not found wanting: settlers, traders, prospectors, big game hunters, officials, and missionaries in Kenya, Uganda, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Zanzibar, and the Belgian Congo, fearing the security of their adopted land threatened, hastened to offer their persons and their property to the State. Farms, every acre of which meant much to their owners—who had in the great majority of cases struggled unbelievably hard for years to develop them without adequate capital—were left without a second thought: businesses, built from nothing, were cheerfully allowed to return to nothing; mineral discoveries, from which every optimistic prospector expected to make fortunes, were abandoned. Thus were gallant forces raised. That their true history has not been written is a loss to East Africa and to the Empire; probably the record will never be faithfully compiled, but, in tribute to these indomitable irregular corps, *East Africa* is at all times only too glad to give space to accounts of their achievements.

In this issue two writers pay tribute to Native gallantry in the Campaign, which was not, as is sometimes thoughtlessly suggested, one from which the African derived nothing but his pay. True, he could not understand the fundamental acts and facts at issue, but as a direct result of the conflict in which he bore so worthily a part the Native has in this last decade gained many benefits for which he might otherwise have had much longer to wait. Just as the brotherhood of arms brought settler, official, and missionary into closer sympathy, so did it knit new bonds between white and black, bonds expressed in the words "trustship." Some few there are who claim that the word means little, and that it is scarcely more than a convenient fiction for political and diplomatic use; in their view they do less than justice either to themselves or to their fellows. Who that had any share in the East African Campaign would assert that the Briton consults only his own interest, disdaining to consider the Native?

The Silence is a reminder that each individual has something to contribute to the public welfare for he and he alone can contribute his breed of personal loyalty. When East Africa commemorates its dead it cannot but think of the Territory which they won for the Empire. Are East Africans satisfied that the Empire's trust has been adequately discharged? Great progress has been made in Tanganyika and great good conferred upon its Native population, but more must be done, and done speedily, to ensure the predominance of British civilisation and British ideals. Remembrance Day sounds a call to service in that cause.

TAWABU, A GALLANT YAO.

An Incident of the East African Campaign.

Specially written for "East Africa."

By An ex-K.A.R. Officer.

TAWABU, a Yao of Yaos, active, tall, upstanding man, light of colour and proud of bearing, came from the vicinity of Fort Maguire. Many years of service had brought him to the rank of Colour Sergeant. Of a quiet, retiring disposition, he did not mix much with the others. His authority was unquestioned, his orders were obeyed. He was never in my company, but somehow we had become fast friends. Thus many a time had he come round for a talk by the camp fire.

Early in 1918 my battalion of the K.A.R. was in Portuguese East Africa. For months we had been marching through the rains with an occasional scrap to keep us going. We were all a little war-weary, after unbroken years in the field without leave or change of scene.

Now at last the Colonel was able to let a few of the older Native N.C.O.'s go down the line on leave. They most of all needed a change, for their ranks had been woefully thinned by casualties; they had been constantly 'teaching' new men and new officers, and they felt that one day their bullet would come.

After a long march during which an enemy patrol bumped into our carriers, caused much confusion, no casualties, and disappeared, we made camp towards evening. Then it began to rain in torrents. My tent was up, but everything was wet and soggy, even to my blankets.

I had just turned down my lamp and settled in to the drumming of the rain on the canvas when I heard a pulling at the tent door, and a voice calling

"Bwana."

"Who is it, and what do you want?" I called.

"It is I, Tawabu, and I want you, Bwana."

"Can't wait until to-morrow, Tawabu? It is cold and wet and very late."

"Bwana, I must speak with you."

"All right, come in."

A dark figure crept in through the low entrance and settled itself on the ground at the end of my bed. I made to turn up the lamp, but he remonstrated, saying it was better so. I could just see it was Tawabu, dripping wet and cold, and I passed him a coat which he threw over his shoulders. He looked sad and worried, as if some heavy load were on his mind—a fact which astonished me, for I knew he had been promised leave, and was, in fact, to start down the road next day.

I waited silently, knowing full well that in his own good time he would unburden himself. For an appreciable space he sat there gazing out in front of him with unseeing eyes, his mouth half open, his gaunt features whitening in the chill darkness. At last he raised himself and sighed.

"Bwana, I have come to you because you do not laugh at our ways, or at our old beliefs. You enter our minds, you listen to our words, you know our customs. The Colonel sent for me yesterday and asked me to forego my leave for a few days. He said a big battle was coming now, and he wanted me to stay to help. I agreed. What else could I do?"

He paused again and stirred uneasily, as if seeking for courage to go on. Again I waited silently.

"I journeyed far last night, even into the village of my fathers, which is in the hills behind the Nyasa lake, and from there to the Luchilanga mountains,

which are the home of our tribe, and where the greatest men of the past hold counsel. *Bwana*, it was a sad journey. There was great sorrow in my home, and in my mother's home. The fields were neglected, the crops withered, the children untaught. Misery surrounded them, and my mother mourned as only a mother can mourn her son."

"Tawabu, my man-child," she moaned. Great was her fear when she beheld me before her, but was hurried on, having no converse with my family, and only glimpsing one instant the sweet faces of my slumbering children sleeping that peaceful sleep which only the young and untroubled can sleep. "On into the mountains I passed, and there the message of death awaited me. *Bwana*, to-morrow you know the battle begins, and to-morrow I die. I have come to say good-bye to you."

He stopped, and resting his chin in his hand, gazed out into the unknown. It was his fate, he knew it, and there was no altering it, no way out. The dead had spoken, had warned him, and his fate was sealed.

I lay there for a time wondering what to say and how to say it.

"Perhaps even you disbelieve my story, doubt my journey, but my aching limbs and tired body prove it, and see here the marks upon my legs."

"Tawabu we must see to this," I said. "I will speak with the Colonel. I will arrange it with your officers. When we ~~are~~ ^{are} out to-morrow you shall remain with the reserve guns. True, the spirits have spoken true, their message is of death, but we will cheat them this time."

A look of astonishment and of rebuke came over his face. He looked hard into my face.

"You speak like that, *bwana*, you know those are only words. I have not come to beg intervention. I am prepared. I came to say good-bye. I have spoken to no one, but when all this is over you will see to my family. May God keep you!"

"As you wish, Tawabu. Good-bye, you great soldier."

A long and hard handshake, and without another word he was gone into the night, leaving me to think deeply over his words.

Next day we were in it early, a real close-quarter battle, in which we were suffering heavy casualties, especially amongst the officers, who were the particular targets of a screen of snipers. Passing down the line, I thought I noticed a couple hidden in the scrub covering an eminence. I hurried on to find a machine gun to turn on to this place.

Soon I came upon one well dug in in a sheltered pit; it was not one of mine, but the need was urgent. I called out to the N.C.O. in charge, and up stepped Tawabu. Quickly I explained to him the situation, and pointed out the target.

Our heads were touching; my right hand pointing, when Tawabu seemed to take a sudden leap into the air. There was a crash, and he was lying on his back some feet from me. I ran up to him, but it was too late. A bullet right through the temple had ended his life on this earth. He had gone, the long journey to the Luchilanga mountains to join the great majority of his tribe.

Fate, kind and harsh, had thus used me as the direct instrument of the death of a friend who had confided in me his inner thoughts. But Tawabu died as I am sure he would have wished to die, facing the enemy and doing his duty—which to him meant the regiment in which he served, and the officers whom he trusted, and that bullet was aimed at the officer, not at the man.

THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES.

A Tribute to Their Service.

Specially written for "East Africa."

By P. Ecott-North.

You do not like the Natives,
You call them "lazy devils,"
"Black skunks," and other terms as vile,
You talk of your *kiboko*,
How you "let 'em know you're boss";
And you smile a patronising sort of smile.

I don't know much about you
I don't think that I want to;
You're the kind of animal I can't admire,
But I'll state right in your teeth
That I'm here to hold a brief
For the Black Man, and you won't prove me a liar!

Did you ever see "the Rifles"?
(The King's Own African Rifles).
No finer men e'er answered bugle call!
And they've fought, and bled, and died
To uphold the White Man's pride
In the face of hardships that might well appal.

They're a heterogeneous crowd—
Coast boys, bush boys, warriors proud—
Of almost every tribe that you can name,
On the Abyssinian sands,
In the trackless, nameless lands,
In bush and swamp, they've fought their way to fame.

They have won 'gainst odds so great
That death seemed their certain fate.
Yet a desperate valour nerved their arms to smite;
And for every bloody raid
Dearly have marauders paid
Till respectfully they bow to Britain's might.

They police the weary places,
They outpost civilisation.
They're the Mandate that controls raw Savagedom.
They're the Terror of the Tyrant,
The Vengeance-born of Justice,
And they're helping on the prayer "The Kingdom Come."

Their loyalty is real,
And they've set a blood-red seal
On their fealty to their Emperor and King.
And they've earned as high a place
As the men of whiter race
On the Scroll of Fame of which the poet

And many a man has died
His white offices beside
In endeavouring to turn from him the blade,
And when he might have fled
Has stayed behind instead
And I say of stuff like this are heroes made?

A look at a hippopotamus hide whip.



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And I'm here to say to you
(On the face of it it's true),
That a man may have a skin as black as night,
And yet be white of heart;
While on the other part
A black-souled brute may own a skin that's white.

So, partner, take my tip—
Use less stress upon the whip
And get your boys to trust you. It'll pay!
Be straight, be just, be true,
And they'll faithful be to you,
And you won't speak as I heard you speak to-day!

* Being lines written upon hearing a European advocate ruthless methods in dealing with Native peoples.

Sunday last November 4th was the fourteenth anniversary of General Stewart's attack on Lengido, the first severe action in which the East African Mounted Rifles were engaged. Ten Kenya settlers were killed, the total British casualties being 52. The Germans reported 38 European and 84 Native casualties. On the same day the battle of Tanga began.

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO EAST AFRICA.

The Prince Returns to Kenya.

SIR PERCIVAL PHILIPPS's cable last week to the *Daily Mail* from Eldoret gave interesting news concerning the movements of the Prince of Wales, who we are told travelled over 1,000 miles in Uganda by motor car and steamer. The telegram states:

"Every settler for fifty miles inland and many from even greater distances, came to Eldoret to see the Prince of Wales another example of the hospitable welcome of the Kenya highlands." They came in all kinds of cars from the shining limousine of the big landowner to the battered roadster of the humblest settler, bringing their wives and children for a glimpse of their future King. When the Prince emerged from his special train at 10 o'clock at the gay little railway station where he had lain since dawn he found them clustered along the drive way with their flags and cameras.

There were 200 soldiers wearing medals—European, Indian, and African—a score of ex-officers of the Line and of the Guards, healthy-looking Girl Guides, various grades of school children, and tiny boys in Kitaki and forage caps. Last but not least, there were all the local Southern Irish. At their head was Mr. T. J. O'Shea, a leading business man of Eldoret and an ex-member of the Legislative Council of the Colony, who is better known in Dublin as one of the most active members of the Sinn Fein organisation. In the days of the Home Rule movement these far-away adherents of the new Free State joined as heartily in Eldoret's simple gesture of greeting to the Prince as any other members of the community. Mr. O'Shea presented him later in the day with a replica of a four-leaf shamrock on the background of the Free State tricolour, to be worn as a symbol of good luck when the royal visitor rode in the local races. The Prince accepted the gift with a smile of goodwill.

Eldoret, realised like Kitale, that the Prince was here for rest and recreation and did not burden him with any official ceremonies. He drove straight from the station to play golf, then went on to luncheon on the racecourse, three miles from the little cross-roads group of one-storied shops which compose the heart of Eldoret. There was a high wind blowing sharply across the mountains during the greater part of the day, and in this bracing air the Prince found himself feeling unusually fit and active, like all the people who live at this height of 7,000 ft above the sea.

To-night there was the usual dance. The people of Kenya take their pleasures vigorously, and among the guests were a number of men and women who had danced until dawn this morning at Kitale forty-five miles away, and then motored here for breakfast, changed their clothes, and continued the amusements of the day without a thought of sleep.

Of the Prince's visit to Kitale *The Times* correspondent in Nairobi reported:

"At Kitale the Prince is in the heart of one of the most closely settled highland areas in Kenya. Wheat, maize, and coffee cultivation are extending rapidly, particularly since the advent of the railway a few years ago. The settlers are largely soldiers and sailors who have turned farmers and who looked forward with the kearest interest to the opportunity of entertaining the Prince at an All Services dinner."

The Prince was met at the station by a group of people which included the elected member for the district in the Legislative Council, the Assistant Commissioner, and several settlers. He drove through the bazaar and the tiny beggarified township, and proceeded to the Elgon Club, situated some miles from

the town amid the beautiful hillside scenes of the foothills of Mount Elgon. After luncheon the Prince and his party met a number of the prospecting firms at a garden party.

The Prince's departure from Uganda has been thus reported by *The Times*:

Leaving Kampala yesterday morning October 29, the Prince of Wales stopped at Mombasa for a few minutes in order to say farewell to the staff of the Bishop Tucker College. Proceeding to Lengazi, he inspected the sugar factory there and was presented with a pair of hippo teeth.

He arrived at Bugungu, Tanga, the approach to which for over a quarter of a mile had been prettily decorated in Native fashion, arches of small banana trees lining the road, at 11.45. Here the Provincial Commissioner of Burundi, Mr. Westlethwaite, and the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Cox, the Kabaka, and his three Ministers had assembled, together with Saza Chiefs and many other Natives. Before leaving, the Prince informed the Kabaka that he had enjoyed his stay in Uganda very much indeed. The Saza Chief, Ham Mukasa Sekibohó, presented the Prince with a copy of his book, "Uganda's Katie" in England.

Arriving in Nairobi in the afternoon the Prince was escorted to Jinja by 300 Sese Islanders in twenty-five canoes. He landed at the pier steps, which had been specially erected at noon, and was met by the Provincial Commissioner for the Eastern Province, Mr. Weatherhead, many Government officials, residents, and natives witnessing the arrival. Leaving the pier, the Prince made a tour of the gloriated town and then proceeded to Ripon Falls, where the Nile issues from the lake, and afterwards to Owen Falls. On his way to where the Prince stopped at the Native arch and spoke to the Chiefs.

His formal flights concluded with Mr. Weatherhead and in the afternoon played golf. After tea he left for Tororo, where he is due to arrive to-morrow. The Kitale."

An interesting article on the great North Road, over which the Prince is about to travel, was recently contributed to *The Times* by Professor R. C. Coupland, who wrote after a long trip:

"The road which runs for nearly 2,000 miles through East Africa from Nairobi to the Victoria Falls is commonly called the Great North Road. It is an ambitious name, and rightly ambitious, but it might well mislead the motorist who has only seen its prototype. The Great North Road in England is one of the finest highways in the world, elaborately and expensively made, broad, hard, smooth, an invitation to fast driving. The Great North Road in East Africa is not 'made' at all. It is an earth-track, moreover, by which is meant the traffic that passes over it. A simple machine is sometimes used for scraping away the soil to make the track broader or more level; and sometimes, in a particularly swampy place, narrow causeways are built mostly with tree-trunks to keep the track from being quite submerged in the rainy season. A clearing of varying width through tall coarse grass or 'bush' in the middle of it two robust logs of wood, each about a foot broad, between them grass, sometimes high enough to brush against the knee, sometimes a full great North Road for most of its length."

"The surface, of course, is perfectly broken, a few of the deeper ruts and hollows in the wet season can be filled up. And then, in the country the rock comes through the soil, one of the sharp, curving, stony descents and climbs are more adapted to a mule than is a motor. In

crossings are tiresome. There are practically no stone or metal bridges. The larger rivers must be crossed by ferry. The innumerable streams or dry stream-beds are crudely bridged with tree trunks—big ones acrossways, with a layer of smaller ones laid loose on top. The wise motorist approaches such a bridge gingerly, the timbers often at no pace at all, lest bumping on the first trunk, the car come down too heavily and break right through. And then he creeps across the dry trunk rattling and jumping under his wheels. Altogether, therefore, no great pace can be expected. Fifteen miles an hour, without allowance for stoppages, is a good average over much of the Great North Road.

This is not a hypercritical description. It is certainly not meant to convey any criticism of the Government concerned. The making and maintenance of a metalled road over such vast distances are obviously beyond the present capacity of their revenues. Still less is it meant to discourage the traveller who contemplates taking the overland route from Kenya to Uganda. Under certain conditions he will enjoy it as greatly as the present writer enjoyed it a few months ago, and he has enjoyed few things more.

One East African at least thought the description so accurate that he posted copies of the article to several friends who, like himself, had helped to build some of the road.

The Prince of Wales has informed Sir Donald Cameron that it will be impossible for him to visit Dar es Salaam. His Royal Highness will reach Arusha about November 25 and Dodoma about the 26th or 27th where he will be met by the Governor.

Major G. St. J. Orde Brown, Labour Commissioner of Tanganyika, is in charge of all local arrangements in connection with the Prince's visit to that Territory.

The Prince has expressed his regret to the Sultan of Zanzibar that it is impossible for him to find time to visit Zanzibar during this tour.

The new ballroom at Government House, Nairobi, which was completed just in time for the Royal visit, is 34 feet long by 35 feet wide and 23 high. The floor is of teak.

Admiral Crampin presided at the All-Services dinner at Kitale in honour of the Prince. Sir William Gowers, Governor of Uganda, was one of the guests.

A special train carried the Prince and his party from Tocore to Kitale.

During the Royal visit to Kitale a golf match was played between representatives of the Kitale and Entebbe Clubs. The Prince and Sir William Gowers played for Entebbe.

The Duke of Gloucester is reported to have shot a record oryx.

After spending four days at Nakuru the Prince of Wales returns to Nairobi for a brief stay before going on to Naivasha.

A correspondent informs us that a shadow-dance is to be held in the Meru Hotel, Arusha, on November 15, the day of the arrival of the Prince, and that a *lai-lai-ugonzi* has been arranged for the following day. It is expected that His Royal Highness will stay two or three days in the township.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the district Lord Delancey presented the Prince on his arrival in Nakuru with a silver-mounted hunting-crop of numerous heads. While in the township His Royal Highness paid a visit to the Nakuru War Memorial Hospital.

During his visit to Eldoret the Prince won two races, a Sennari pony handicap and the five-furlong race for the Beech Cup, his mount in this event being a horse owned by Mrs. Markham. Mr. Henry Taitton, riding a horse owned by the Governor, was beaten by half a length by the Prince.



HOMESTEAD NEAR ARUSA WHICH THE PRINCE WILL VISIT NEXT WEEK

A PRIMITIVE NATIVE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM (MUTEKO) IN THE BUKOBA DISTRICT.

BY A. W. M. CRITCHEN.

In view of the fact that the present system of school education is intended to create "a good African"—a term which is capable of a different interpretation by every individual created or brought up—the following description of a primitive system of education which has existed in Bukoba from time immemorial, and which is intended to create the type which the Native considers to be a good African, may be of interest.

The *mukama* (chief) selected a man of good social standing and recognised ability called *mukungu* who was commissioned to go through the whole country, *gombolola* by *gombolola*, and gather together all the boys of twelve years of age, or even of ten years if precocious. These boys were detained by their respective *gombolola* chiefs for a period of ten days, during which time they were exhorted to uphold the honour of their *gombolola* (*inkinga*) and instructed how this should be done.

Subsequently all these boys were taken together to the *mukama's* residence where competitive sports, jumping, dancing and other games in place, and a collective name was given to the children of that year such as "*Omulakimalo*" (the men of action). This formal institution of these bands of children into rival companies took two days during which time they were fed at the *mukama's* expense. There would be perhaps 200 children present at this first meeting, divided into about six companies in such a country as Kiziba.

A chosen company would then remain for a period of two months at the *mukama's* house, and the others would be sent to their respective *gombololas*, to be brought forward in their turns.

The syllabus as given to me by several old men who were present at these schools was as follows:—

The head boy beat the drum at 6 a.m., and any child who did not immediately rise and dress was punished.

All proceeded to the *mukama's* huts and cleared out the cattle manure and grass, which was taken to the banana plantations and there used as a fertiliser. I would here remark that the *mukama* had possibly a hundred serfs who could do this work, but that was made incumbent upon the children to do so as a part of their education.

By 10 a.m. this was completed and all were compelled to cleanse themselves, which took about an hour. At 11 a.m. half an hour's relaxation for play was permitted.

At about 1 p.m. all would go to the *mukama* to get their food. Here they would be detained on various ceremony until 5 p.m., as the *mukama's* hut was easy of access, and 1 p.m. was the hour for food. During this meal it was the duty of the *mukama* through the elder boys to instruct the children in table manners and the whole ceremonial procedure of eating in the presence of superiors, e.g., burring eating or greed were punished. Speaking with the mouth full or unduly staring at any other child who was eating were prohibited, as was also chewing the foot with the mouth open.

A short rest was allowed until about 2 p.m. and followed by races and sports of various kinds until about 4 p.m., when all were again taken to the *mukama* with singing and the beating of the drums. He would be on his *baraza*, surrounded by the chiefs who were on duty at his court.

Shields and sticks (spears) ranging in size according to the age of the child would therefore be given, and games calculated to show off better skill in warfare were the order of the day. This portion of the day's proceedings was taken very seriously by the *mukama* and his chiefs, and definite instruction in the arts of war was taken. Promising youngsters were definitely marked out.

This procedure would end at about 6 p.m., and the *mukama* would then occasionally have the boys eat their food in his presence. This privilege was not given at the 1 o'clock meal which was devoted to instruction. At the end of the meal the children would be taken in an orderly manner to the huts to contain a fixed number of boys, arranged according to their strength and each under control of a senior child.

Where bullying occurred, the bully was removed to a hut containing bigger boys than himself, who were instructed to check his propensities in that direction.

The above is a description of a typical day. The work done by the boys varied. Some would cut grass for the cattle to lie upon in the huts, or carry grass for the young cattle in the huts, or look after the plantations. (Cattle live in the huts in *Bukoba* and fresh bedding is cut every day.)

Each band of children would follow out this proceeding at the *mukama's* residence for two months and would then be replaced by the children of another *gombolola*. Those who had completed their two months would return to their *gombolola*, where instruction would still be carried on until they were married. As they grew older, instruction in the art of building houses and fences would be given, and that is why to-day the architecture of some of the Native houses with their *mateke* plaiting, regular curves and pillars, is a matter for admiration. They have developed a type of architecture in which beauty has not been sacrificed to utility, and which—most unfortunately—is being lost, because these schools no longer exist.

The *mutoko* (band of children) to which a Native belonged in his youth was one of the greatest things in his life. If an old man is asked his age, he will reply, "My *mutoko* was called so and so," and from that he expects the date to be calculated.

To return however, to the subject of instruction, the *mutoko* served not only as a school for general education but as a qualifying examination for those boys whose ability showed them to be superior to their fellows. On the third visit of a *mutoko* to a *mukama* for instruction of two months at the *mukama's* residence, the boys being at this time about fifteen years of age, any number from four to ten boys would be chosen out of each *mutoko*, perhaps thirty or forty out of the whole district, who would remain permanently at court. These were reprimanded by the *mukama* in direct observation and never left him. These boys were by this time supposed to know all the ceremonial forms of address, and the fact of admonishing a visitor without giving his full rank would be sufficient reason either a severe reprimand or dismissal to his *gombolola*. I understand that about 50% of these would be dismissed in the course of a year.

The boys who passed with credit through this strenuous school were marked down for future honours, and though heredity is the main basis of succession in tribal or *gompololo* chieftainships in Bukoba, they would receive these honours in cases where the succession was broken. They would be the regents for the *mukama's* young children who were not yet of age to rule their *gompololos*, or the captains in the *mukama's* army.

This 'system' calculated on the Native mind to educate the boys and fit them for the life they were to lead, was in existence up to 1916, though the growth of mission schools throughout the district had diminished its power. The children went to the mission schools where discipline was less severe. The *bakama* feared the power of the missions with whom they appear to have been at variance on this subject of education, and the *bakama* schools disappeared, tribal authority, courtesy, and manliness have suffered owing to their disappearance.

Up to 1923, however, the *bakama* were responsible for the building of the Government district schools which have been established. They also undertook the feeding and in many cases the clothing of the children who attended them. In 1923 they were told that their responsibility no longer attached to them, and this virtually destroyed their interest in education, which they did not quite understand and which was conducted by people over whom they had no control. The reversal of this policy, which has now taken place has re-awakened their interest; without exception they are ready to vote as much money as the Native Treasury can afford towards the purpose of education.

EDUCATION IN KENYA.

Now Entering a Transition Period.

In the Report of the Kenya Department of Education for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 2s.) Mr. J. R. Orr envisages a fundamental alteration in the object of education for European children. Hitherto, he writes, European children in the Colony have been prepared for entrance to public schools in England or South Africa, and the external examination of some British University has been taken, of necessity, to satisfy parents that a sufficient standard has been reached. Now an increasing number of children will remain in Kenya after leaving school, which means an essential difference in the outlook. Whereas formerly the objective has been the examinations which now must be 'the acquisition of knowledge and the arousing of emotions by means of a locally adapted curriculum.'

Admitting the willingness in the past of the Universities of Cambridge and London to introduce fresh subjects by request, and a certain adaptability in their examinations, he visualises a time in the near future when, with a strong body of local inspectors, the Education Department of Kenya will be recognised by the British Universities as a competent examining body. Briefly put, he thinks a Kenya examinations for Kenya children will be a sound one. He realises the power which lies in the hands of the teachers of the young, and quotes the case of Germany and of Japan, and concludes that—

'there is no doubt that the future of each nation lies in the hands of this schoolmaster class, the true mistresses of the Colony.' Of these the most important are the teachers in European schools, since there is an unparalleled opportunity of impressing upon the children of their race the need for courtesy and consideration.

wards others and especially towards the backward races of the colony. The question needs to be whether, as the native generation becomes more and more "Kenyan," greater gifts will not be required in an adaptation of European education to local conditions.

Real education, like charity, begins at home, and teachers in the Native and experienced of coaching tribal candidates for the Cambridge Locals and the Matric, and have realised the fulness of those examinations and of many of the questions set as a test of genuine education will wish success to Mr. Orr's aims.

Lessons of the Year.

For the rest, the Report indicates steady and good progress. The lessons learned from the year's experience are thus tabulated—

(a) The need for increased inspection over the hundred of village schools coming into existence and for the organisation of areas and for orderly provision of schools as needed.

(b) Better staffing of mission schools to meet with the great demands which are being made for education and the staffing of Government schools on a proportion at least equal to that demanded of Mission schools under the grant-in-aid rules.

(c) The concentration upon a combined literacy and technical education for schools upon reasonable lines.

(d) More encouragement of the education of girls.

(e) insistence upon the *twofold* object of education:

the improvement of the home, the improvement of health,

the development of industrial skill, and wholesome use of recreation.

Of particular interest are the reports on the two Masi schools, one at Njoraro and the other at Narobi. In the former, the Principal, Mr. J. E. Whitehouse, is a fluent Masi scholar—an unusual qualification—and the boys are taught in the Masi language. Their diet of *posho*, rice, sugar, tea, and meat is widely different from the traditional Masi one of milk, blood, and meat, but seems to do the boys good. It is noted that a boy can easily drink half a gallon of milk in a sitting.

Industrial training and school gardens have been a failure, as the Masi will have none of them. Ghee making has been a great success. Hundreds of pounds have been realised by the sale of Masi ghee, which fetishes \$1.54 a frasila, as against sh. 38 a frasila for Machakos ghee, which is considered the standard in Nairobi.

Exclusive of administration—which cost £15,847.37—£7,078 was spent on European education in 1927, £17,319 on Indian, and £60,893 on Native, a total of £115,280. In 1928 the total was £60,558. Of the seven Government schools for European children, that at Nairobi (senior secondary) had 25 pupils, the Central School (Eldoret) (junior secondary) had 163, and the similar grade schools at Nakuru '93, while 93 children attended the four elementary schools.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Kenya Police Report for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 1s. 50 cents).

The Kenya Judicial Department Report for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 1s.).

Kenya Public Works Department Report for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 2s.).

Kenya Education Department Report for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 2s.).

The Kenya Police Review (Government Police, Nairobi, 'Monthly, 50 cents).

Kenya Department of Agriculture Annual Report for 1927 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 1s.).

Report of the Proceedings of the Fifth Mombasa Conference and the First Wheat Conference August, 1928 (Government Printer, Nairobi, 1s.).

EAST AFRICA'S BOOKSHELF.

A PIONEER MISSIONARY IN KENYA.

THE REV. J. A. WRAY's *Adventures*.

Mr. J. A. Alfred Wray began his work as a M.S. missionary at Sagalla, in the Taita hills. He spells the word as *Taita*, though Taita is now generally accepted. It lies some ten miles from Nairobi, as far back as the year 1882, and for thirty years he laboured in that district. 1882 is a very early date in the history of Kenya. Colony Joseph Thomson did not arrive until 1883, or Bishop Hannington until 1885, so Mr. Wray can claim to be indeed a pioneer. His reminiscences are therefore very welcome, for changes in East Africa have been, and are still, so rapid that we are in danger of forgetting the experiences of those who blazed the trail which opened up the country to civilisation and Christianity.

Why Mr. Wray should have entitled his modest little book, which runs to only 112 small pages, "Kenya, Our Newest Colony" (Marshall Brothers, 6d.), is difficult to understand. For he quite properly confines himself to the scene of his labours in one small area of the Taita hills, and tells almost exclusively the story of his missionary efforts. They are well worth telling, for they give a picture of a simple, devoted soul thrown quite alone into a strange, wild, uncivilised, savagely savage people, and winning through by virtue of his unshakable faith. Incidentally, he reveals how deep was the ignorance in those days of the Society which sent him out and how great were the hardships which that ignorance brought in its train.

An especial charm of the book is the transparent honesty of the author.

Many of the ideas of missionary work which I had before I went to Africa, he writes, "soon underwent change. I imagined the heathen as waiting to receive the Gospel and that one had only to tell it them, and they would drink it in like the ground drinks in the rain, that comes down upon it; but that was far from being the case. When I spoke to them of God's love, they would only laugh, and reply by asking some absurd question as 'How much did your coat cost?' Look what a miserable piece of cloth I've got could you give me a better piece? The men think chiefly of eating, drinking, and multiplying wives, while the women simply live to eat. I found that they were not the simple-minded folk I had pictured but with an animal form of intelligence called *rusingo*, most highly developed."

Few missionaries have put a fundamental truth so plainly. Mr. Wray's weapons in his missionary outfit were pictures, books, a rattle, sol-fa modulator, a maximum and minimum thermometer, a school bell, and a small harmonium—albeit which, but especially the harmonium, were looked upon by the Natives as the paraphernalia of a new and powerful magic designed to bewitch them. Judging by the sounds they decided that the harmonium contained a man and a woman inside, who screamed when the keys were pressed.

Knowing but a word of Swahili or of the local Taita dialect, Mr. Wray began to teach the children the alphabet, and was amazed at their progress until they, backed by their parents, demanded wages for learning, and promptly went on strike when no wages were forthcoming.

Then they began to question among themselves what possessed the white man to come and subdue their country. He did not give presents. He did not buy or exact taxes. He refused to pay the young people for doing

dish, dash, dash. It was evident to them that they would reap no benefit from his residence in their country. The sooner he and his *mission* cleared out the better.

Then the missionary realises that the welcome he has met with at first was entirely due to the hope of material benefits stimulated by exaggerated reports of his wealth in money and beads, and his power of magic for wealth or vice. A general coolness set in, disappointment and indifference followed, then secret opposition, and finally open hostility.

The religion of the people at Sagalla he found to be fear and veneration of spirits, but especially of the skulls of the tribe, which were preserved in a cave in the woods and to which sacrifices were made. They had a sacred meeting place on the top of a little hill where "mungo," a holy ebony tree, grew, and where the missionary, like the native women, was forbidden to go. There the elders of the tribe met, and there sacrifices were offered.

Like Livingstone in South Africa, Mr. Wray had the misfortune to establish himself just as a great drought began in the district. There were other troubles, it is true: small-pox broke out, raids between villages and tribes were incessant, the Akamba hunted the Swahilles as if they were beasts, killed the men and sold the women and children for slaves, and at least one invasion by the Maasai occurred and was nearly fatal to the missionary and his friends. But the drought was the worst, and the author relates that he still shudders at the recollection of the scenes he was compelled to witness. Naturally he was thought to be the cause of the drought, and his personal safety in the circumstances borders on the miraculous.

Within ten years Mr. Wray had, with the consent of the tribe, cut down the sacred ebony tree—which he sawed into logs and took to England, where he made £300 out of it—and erected there a permanent church in Taita—and built himself and his wife a house on the holy hill, right on the spot where the ebony tree had stood! His hold on his converts was such that on one occasion, though starving, they refused by their own free will to kill some elephants because it was Sunday! Before he left he received the written thanks of the District Officer for the splendid way in which the tribe paid their hut-tax.

Kenya Colony has reached a stage when its early history is of growing importance, and when thoughtful settlers are beginning to form libraries of record for the delight and instruction of their children who shall follow them as Kenyans. This modest little book, by its inherent interest and simple style, deserves a secure place on every Kenya bookshelf.

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SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN TANGANYIKA.

Comments of an Experienced Observer.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

After paying a short visit to the Manyara and Mbulu districts of Tanganyika I am more than ever convinced that there are just as good prospects for white settlement over all that area as in Kenya. In fact in two respects these southern highlands are better than Kenya, for they are better watered and lie further from the equator. They are, however, much less known. There are large areas of land not only suitable but crying out for white settlement, and as there are very few Natives on this land, white settlements could be established without any detriment to them. In fact it would be definitely to their advantage, as giving them an outlet for their labour and their produce.

Unfortunately, the Tanganyika Administration makes all the mistakes which were made in Kenya in the early days, but to draw parallels from Kenyan errors is but to invite wrath, for the name "Kenya" is anathema to all good Tanganyika settlers.

If the much-trumped Native policy is not working more effectively in other parts of the Territory, it may be accounted a farce, for the most obvious results are that the Natives do not work, drink too much instead of much beloved chicha, naturally being the worse for it more than their leaders, and in one part the Native-taking meetings have turned a corner. As everywhere, including hut tax collectors, are left to the Native staffs of the Administration, officers never go around their districts and do little for Natives.

For tobacco or settlement. Some of the land is suitable for tobacco, and some for tobacco, but I think most of it is not. A general tobacco-growing industry is not the answer. Colonel Grey, whom I am very fortunate to have met, is very optimistic about sheep, but I am a little doubtful myself. Although the East Coast fever is rampant, no case carried death. If the Government seriously means to introduce a settlement scheme do now before it is too late. What it needs is belatedly doing, is to bring in medical advice with tenacity, dipping, and a land bank.

The present Tanganyika policy is, however, half-hearted, and based on fear instead of courage. Of course, settlement cannot really go ahead without a railway, and so they ought to be unmitting pressure for a railway, anyhow as far as Iringa for starters. At the same time settlement ought not to be held up until the railway comes, as people can just make a living without one, and as more settlers follow in some cases it will be brought to bear on Government to start the one railway. Not to build the railway is an incurable criminal negligence. The three points of view: (1) our own 3000 inhibitory power which should make us stop all the wrongs; (2) the best possible capacity of our men to build in the Rhodesia; (3) to assist the local tobacco and tea industries at home. In this regard the Commission recommends a rail connection with the colonies of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania as making easier to get the exports. Until the railways are built the only possible crops are those which can stand high temperatures such as coffee, tea, tobacco, cotton, rubber, sisal, and some dairy products; cereals, except of the millet sort.

One of the difficulties is that the Government of Tanganyika has no recent experience to advise them

or none of its officials has any wide experience in white settlement work, things which must be done, such as the written and open system, now in force.

Yours faithfully,

A REGULAR READER.

The writer of the above letter is an experienced observer, whose opinions merit serious consideration.

CATTLE WHICH ARE IMMUNE TO FLY.

Comments of an Experienced Observer.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

I was very interested to read in your edition of August 9 last that the report of the Empire Marketing Board emphasises the importance of investigating and carrying out experiments with such African domestic stock as are known to be immune from tsetse. I feel sure that along this line of research a very great deal may be done, and it has always been a wonder to me that, whilst the veterinary services have never yet been able to give us at least partial immunity to the rinderpest disease.

The fact that Native stock in certain parts of Africa are immune has long been known to me and I have put this far forward in two of my books. I remember many years ago meeting some skilled cattlemen who were returning with a mob of cattle they had purchased in German East Africa telling me that in the southern part of the country they ran across some herds of Native cattle which had been located for many years in the fly belt and which they reported as immune to fly disease.

With these, of course, in mind to the subject of common occurrence.

Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER BARNES.

Shepperton-on-Thames.

A WEIRD REPORT FROM NYASALAND.

King George's Short of Medicine.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

SIR,

As your paper is in closer touch with Central African matters than any I know, I should like to draw your attention to a report from Nyasaland published in "The Standard," which reads:

"The King here will not go out after dark. They say King George is short of medicine and has come to this Government to get Native men out of their lands. Lots of them have gone back to their villages, and the roads all night are silent except when parties of natives are seen together for small-scale pillaging. The fact that no Native has been killed with a spear since last October can be attributed to the King's influence."

King George's Short of Medicine, comments on this strange piece of information as follows:

"It is quite probable that the scare has originated in a distorted version of the Maroondi gland treatment and the resulting cleft palate from Africa for this purpose."

Yours faithfully,

PETER SAMPLER.

Narrator of any such trouble has to be a native, and the number seem negligible. However, if you could get hold of the King of Nyasaland, he would be a man of some weight.

THE MOTOR CYCLE AND CYCLE SHOW.

British Manufacturers Interested in East Africa.

From "East Africa's" Managing Correspondent:
During the past year British cycle and motor cycle manufacturers have, it is evident, become increasingly interested in the East African market, for which British machines have proved themselves eminently suited.

The wide selection of pedal and motor cycles, tyres, components, and accessories that has characterised previous exhibitions is once more available at the Motor Cycle and Cycle Show of 1938, moreover, the commercial sidecar figures prominently on several stands.

Features of the Year.

A feature this year is a laudable attempt to produce a light utility machine priced at under £30, for makers now realise that such a motorcycle is within the reach of many who are satisfied with a pedal cycle. From the financial standpoint the development is interesting, for apart from its appeal to Europeans who travel many miles daily in supervising their estates, large numbers of Natives are potential buyers of such a unit, which is listed at Olympia this year for as little as £24.

But the maker of pedal machines need not be worried. He, too, has aimed at converting the mere pedestrian by lowering his prices, and if he will organise his selling arrangements and advertise adequately he can develop excellent business among the Natives living adjacent to the roads, ever increasing in mileage, of East Africa. Those Natives have shown that they want cycles, and British cycles—a fact which many British cycle manufacturers have evidently noted.

Among the year's improvements may be mentioned the long overdue fitting of efficient silencers, the widening of mudguards, the enclosing of valve gears (even of the engine itself in some cases), the adoption of chromium plating; automatic and grease gun lubrication; synchronised, more powerful, and finger-adjustable braking; and stress-resisting framework. The slowest machine on view has a speed of 40 m.p.h. Saddle tanks have come back into favour this time with cellulose finish. Apparently the piston car is passing; its place is likely to be taken by heat seats, foot-rests, and even handle-bar grips for the additional passenger—definite moves towards greater comfort and safety.

Three a day of interesting cinema film is shown by a journal devoted to motor cycling. The showing of this picture in East Africa would prove excellent propaganda, especially that section depicting the appalling conditions the motor cycle overcomes during a road race in South Africa.

SOME UNKNOWN MAKERS.

Rough, a household word among Native buyers in Africa, have shown British manufacturers excellent business can be done in Uganda and other parts of the field. That their persistent and appropriate advertising has had a final touch to their favourable results cannot be questioned. What East African does not remember their firm, advertisement? They are, of course, represented legally, Mr. Keffer, K. & Co., offices in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Dar es Salaam, covering Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika, and Abuia Stores handle the business in Nyasaland. Mr. J. E. Payne in Northern Rhodesia, and the Blundell Company in Zanzibar, cover Zanzibar, in East Africa, and also, I think, a portion of the Sevilles.

Arms and Leys, the London-based firm, good business in East Africa, and the

and who have also proved incidentally how well it pays to advertise are represented by Messrs. J. R. Cox & Co. in Nairobi, Alderley, Kampala, and Dar es Salaam, and Mr. M. J. L. Johnston of Salisbury, for Northern Rhodesia. Nyasaland is open.

Kenya Agencies Ltd., Nairobi, represent Armstrong Cycles in Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and the Sudan, but the other territories are open. Francis & Barnett Ltd., on the other hand, are open for Kenya, Uganda, and the Sudan but are represented in Zanzibar and Tanganyika by Karunjee, Jivani & Co., in Nyasaland by the African Lakes Corporation, and for Northern Rhodesia by Joseph & Jeans, 86, Chiswell Street, E.C.

The agents for Lumford & Elliot (Dunelt) are now Dohmorn Motors Ltd., in Northern Rhodesia; R. S. Campbell & Co., Mombasa, in Kenya; Whelpdale & Moody, Kampala, in Uganda; Lehmann and Co., Harris Salam, in Tanganyika; and the Manica Trading Co., Zaria, for Nyasaland.

Humber's representation is the same as last year, except that Nyasaland is now covered by the African Lakes Corporation. H. Collier & Sons have appointed Brimelow's Garage, Nairobi, for Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika; Gellatly, Hankey & Co. for the Sudan; and Stafford's Stores, Port Jackson, for Northern Rhodesia. Nyasaland and Zanzibar are open.

New Entrants to the Field.

The Coventry Eagle Cycle Company intends to cover East Africa thoroughly, and their travelling representative, Mr. Walter Davison, left recently for the territories; he can be addressed at Box 20, Nairobi.

The underslung spring seat saddle introduced by Herbert Terry & Sons should attract East Africans on account of the comfortable riding it assures over rough roads. Mr. G. W. Davidson, Box 20, Nairobi, who is handling Terry products, also represents Blitzen Bros., the well-known makers of motor, motor cycle, and cycle accessories, whose Northern Rhodesian agent is Mr. F. Deakin, Box Johannesburg. Mr. Davidson likewise represents Avon tyres.

Hercules' agents in Kenya and Uganda are Bullows & Roy, in Tanganyika, Lehmann and Co., in the Sudan, T. Bowen Roy & Co., and in Nyasaland, Almeida & Co., Lubizi. New Imperial Motors have entrusted Mr. J. R. Nightingale, of Kyambi, with their representation for Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zululand.

Other Arrangements.

The travelling representative for the Excelsior Motor Company is Mr. V. C. Newnham, of Nairobi, and Mombasa, but the arrangement for Northern Rhodesia is the same as last year.

Oswald Cox & Co., Queen Victoria Street, E.C. are covering Northern Rhodesia in Grindall Street, London, and their travelling representative is the sole agent for all territories, covered toward the Motor Cycle Show, 1938, in London, 30, Lime Street, London, E.C. 4. Cox & Co. are now distributing their goods through the Grey Motor Company, 10, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. 4, London, and the company also handles the pedal cycles, and K. & Co. handle the motor cycles.

It is interesting to note that the first firm to be interested in East Africa with regard to motors was V. K. & Co., of London, with their business

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHDEACON JOHNSON.

Sixty Years in Central Africa.

LAST week we gave some account of the fine services given to Africa by the late Archdeacon P. Johnson. At the suggestion of a friend we quote his appreciation which appeared six months ago in *Central Africa*, the monthly journal of the missionary society to which the Archdeacon belonged. The tribute reads—

Doctor De Lint's honorary fellow of our University College, Oxford. Does this deserve me? It does not. Stroke of his College eight years that give an impression. It goes to some extent. After that Major of his College Dr. Bradley thought no worse of it. As I leave from the bank. Strength that gives fibres and sinews and bone at the local stations substitute Central Africa, and while Johnson was in the "city" he has been for fifty years in Africa. To win on the river he was determined, and determination has been always his great characteristic. Bishop Steere taught him, and as with so many in those first days of the East C.A., strength of character, force of will, total devotion and ability to bear all hardships carried him through. His sayings often, in perils of robbers, in perils by the heathen, perils on land and indeed, as well as said of him in peril among his own countrymen Africa for fifty years has been the country of his life.

What he has done through we shall never fully know. Truly he has given us impressions. But they only go so far and further. They do not really describe the man Johnson alone and, starving Johnson anyone else besides Johnson rescuing slaves. Johnson's active himself. We have heard of them but little more. Neither shall we ever really know of the work he has done. That he was nicknamed "The Native" the man who never sits down, we know. His love of how to carry on the work, his methods and his plans may have been often thwarted with those of his fellowland he was but he's been a people can to deal with and to live with. He was unshaken in his own way.

"Not always popular with him, but gives impatience with authority when he came to a difference of opinion? But is there now something about in the days of saints that they should be so little so often unaffected? Was there not another in their madness? Who does not like Brighter Bullock? And who can like loving Archdeacon Johnson for saving away the garments sent from England which were actually rags. Hard on the other hand, he was not well liked as the Archdeacon Johnson. Although he was sent from England, he did not let on the slave might not be well treated, nor die than

The great all-time staple of the Archdeacon of Johnson's life was the mission of the Church. Shows his great love of the Church, but also of different means of reaching people. Many of his efforts were aimed at the natives. If she speaks English or French or speaks in English and you are disappointed. He does not follow the common tongue of the people, but the man who can speak English and French, and his speech is understood by all. This speech is the language of the world, as you know, and the world would understand them. Fair you the small

The paths which he has made may be narrow and winds, but they lead to salvation. The Africans know them well and they are accustomed to narrow ways and by them are led to their home. Later those paths will be better paved than they can imagine. He has opened the way, and others will follow him and bless him.

Let us rejoice over to have lived in Johnson's day. Let us praise God that we have had him all these many years. Praise for him! In fast thing his courageous missionary would do. But as we think of him we recall that great Apostle to the Gentiles and painfitter, in watching the hung and thirst in long robes said, "If I must needs glory, I will glory of infirmities." Thereby we see Johnson himself, the apostle of modern times has been added to that Mission in Africa for fifty years and we celebrate his golden wedding of Life, the man of assistance example will always abide. A great tribute to a great man.

AFRICA'S FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES.

BY R. W. DAVIS IN EGYPT.

ESPECIALLY the first available of the African Olympic Games will be held in Alexandria from April 5 to April 11. The programme includes triple-jumper, long-jump, weight-lifting, rhythmic display, general Greco-Roman wrestling, boxing, rowing, swimming, lawn tennis, and Association football.

All competitors must be citizens and must have been born in Africa. There will be no age limits, but women can compete only in the lawn-tennis tournaments.

The programme provides for the following events:

Field and Track Events.—A race of 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 metres; a 10-metre hurdles race; a Marathon race of 40 kilometres; a high-jump, long-jump, pole-jump, throwing the discus, throwing the shot, also a relay race of 400 metres in teams of four each.

Gymnastics (in which groups of at least sixteen females will compete against one another); weight-lifting competition will be divided into five classes, (1) feather weights, up to 60 kgs.; (2) light weights, up to 75 kgs.; (3) middle weights, up to 75 kgs.; (4) light-heavy weights, up to 90 kgs.; and (5) heavy weights, over 125 kgs.

Boxing and Greco-Roman Wrestling.—Competitors will be divided into three weight-classes respectively according to weight.

Fencing.—Sabre, foil, sword-and-sabre contests.

Cycling.—A road race of 30 kilometres from the Alexandria Stadium to Rosetta and back.

Rowing.—A race of 1,500 metres, 4,000 metres, 8,000 metres, and an eight-oared boat 200 metres.

Boat Races.—A race of 100 metres free-style, 700 metres back stroke, 300 metres breast stroke, 200 metres butterfly, and a 300 metres free-style. Also a relay race of 400 metres, four members.

Swimming.—A relay race of 400 metres.

Lawn Tennis.—Men's singles, ladies' singles, men's doubles, ladies' doubles, and mixed doubles.

PERSONALIA.

Captain A. H. Colliger, of the 3rd K.A.R., is on leave from Kenya.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. Nelson are outward-bound for Dar es Salaam.

Mr. T. G. Buckley, O.B.E., District Officer, Tanganyika, is now stationed at Tabora.

Mr. John Vlom has been provisionally appointed Belgian Consular Agent at Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

We regret to learn of the recent death in Uganda of Captain F. W. Douglass, formerly of Eldoret and Rongai.

Congratulations to Mr. L. D. Galton Penzi on being the first to drive a car from Nairobi to Dar es Salaam.

Sir Alan Colquhoun's film record of his flight round Africa is expected to be released for public exhibition at an early date.

Sir Cecil Rodwell was received by the King last week and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. Ernest Henry Walland has been nominated by the Governor of Northern Rhodesia to be a Councillor of the Municipality of Livingstone.

Sir Edward Denham was received by the King one morning last week and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of the Gambia.

Captain J. Minnery, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., has been posted to Arusha on his arrival in Tanganyika on first appointment as a Game Ranger.

Congratulations to Miss E. M. Plant, well known to many of our Tanganyika readers, on her promotion from Senior Nursing Sister to Matron.

Sir Robert Williams and General Sir Reginald Wingate had the honour of dining with the King and Queen of the Belgians at the Palace on one night last week.

The Hon. Sir Lewis Loyd Michell, whose death at the age of eighty-six took place last week in South Africa, was the intimate friend and biographer of Cecil Rhodes.

Mr. S. S. Waterlow was received in audience by the King on Monday and kissed hands upon his appointment as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Addis Ababa.

Colonel G. A. P. Maxwell, General Manager of the Tanganyika Railways, has just left the territory on leave. He is returning to England via Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa.

Mr. V. Longland, District Officer, Tanganyika, who recently assumed charge of the Arusha district, served as Intelligence and Liaison Officer attached to the Belgian Forces during the East African Campaign.

Sir Clement Hindley, until recently Chief Commissioner of Railways in India, who visited Kenya, Uganda, and the Sudan a few months ago, has arrived in London to take up the chairmanship of the Betting Control Board.

East Africa learns from a usually well-informed source that Sir Edward Grigg, Governor of Kenya, is likely to return to London from the Colony at a very early date in connection with the report of the Hokin Young Commission.

Mr. John Perry Jones, Acting District Commissioner, Peimba, was appointed provisionally an official member of the Legislative Council of Zanzibar during the absence from the Protectorate of the Hon. R. C. Johnstone.

Messrs. W. E. Forbes, D. W. Malcolm, and T. Q. Pike recently arrived in Tanganyika Territory on first appointment as Cadets in the Administrative Service. They have been posted to Tanga, Bagamoyo, and Dar es Salaam respectively.

Mr. Arnold Hudson, Governor of the Falkland Islands, who will be well remembered by many of our East African readers as a former Consul in Abyssinia, is to address the Royal Colonial Institute at a City luncheon on Tuesday, November 20.

Dr. H. A. Tempany, until recently Director of Agriculture of Mauritius, has been promoted to be Director of Agriculture in Malaya. During his service in Mauritius Dr. Tempany has been responsible for very great help to the sugar-producing industry.

The mail which arrived from East Africa at the beginning of the week brought news that Sir Bishop of Bagamoyo had accepted an invitation to attend the Dodoma Conference, and that Mr. I. F. H. Harper, Chairman of the Kenya Convention of Associations, hoped to be present.

Major J. Drought, of Mau Summit, who rendered splendid service during the East African Campaign, in which he raised and commanded the irregular unit still remembered as "People's Skin Corps," left London a few days ago to return to Kenya. He will, however, be back in England next spring.

Colonel H. F. Penn, D.S.O., and Captain C. H. Pearson, who returned from Central Africa about a year ago with the huge gorilla which set up by Messrs. Rowland Ward, is now to be seen in the South Kensington Museum, expect to leave London with a travel party in December for the Virunga volcanoes and the Ruwenzori mountains.

The Admiralty announces that Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert G. Brand, who is well remembered by East Africans, will relinquish command of the Atlantic Fleet on April 17 next. In naval circles the relief of Admiral Brand before the expiration of the usual term of two years is regarded as indicating his selection for another appointment.

A recent issue of the *Official Gazette* of Zanzibar contained a list of the living members of the Order of the Brilliant Star of Zanzibar. The British members of the first-class of the Order still surviving are Captain F. R. Barton, Admiral Sir E. F. B. Charlton, Admiral Sir H. G. King Hall, Major-General Sir E. Northey, and Mr. J. H. Sinclair.

The Nyasaland Government announces that the Secretary of State for India has approved the recommendation of the Governor that Mount Nyamukhwa, which overlooks the mission station at Livingstonia, should henceforth be known as Mount Law, after Dr. Robert Law, the founder of the station, as a testimony to his great work for Nyasaland.

Among passengers at present on the water for Mombasa are the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Askwith, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beales, Captain G. M. Boys, Hindreter, Captain J. G. Collis, Major and Lady Conduit, Mr. F. J. McIntyre, Mr. L. D. G. Morrison, Mr. J. R. Rennie, Mr. C. Sharp, Mr. L. J. Soper, the Hon. Cecilia Thellusson, and Mrs. W. Tyson.

We learn with regret of the sudden death in Dar es Salaam of Mr. Lockhart-Mure, wife of Mr. P. Lockhart-Mure, manager of Motor Mart and Exchange Ltd., the well-known East African motor agency. Mrs. Lockhart-Mure was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maxwell of Kisumu; was only twenty-three years of age, and had been married only a few months.

We learn with regret of the recent death in Nyasaland from blackwater fever of Mr. J. Madden of Cholo, who had spent many years in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. He volunteered for service immediately on the outbreak of war, took part in the action at Katonga, survived throughout the campaign. The late Mr. Madden was a Freemason and a keen sportsman.

His many East African friends will mourn with sorrow of the bereavement of Canon E. S. Daniell, so well-known in Uganda, whose wife has died in tragic circumstances. Mrs. Daniell was carrying water upstairs some weeks ago when she slipped and badly scalded her leg, which became infected, the infection spread to the chest and head, causing death from asphyxia following erysipelas. We extend to Canon Daniell sincere sympathy in his deep loss.

The marriage of Miss Alice, in Mombasa about a month ago of the Hon. Frederick Ward, of Rumuru, second son of the Earl of Dudley and the late Countess of Dudley, and Miss Edna Patricia Hartigan, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel M. M. Hartigan, C.M.G., O.B.E., and Mrs. Hartigan, of Lytton, West Byfleet, Surrey. Colonel Hartigan is London Secretary to the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association.

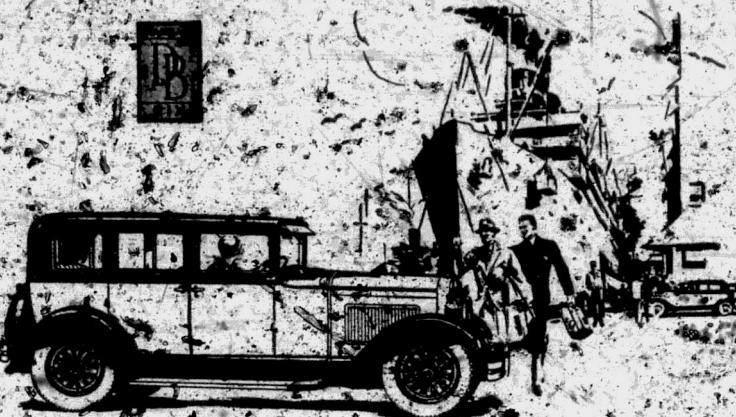
Sir Edward Dawson has accepted a unanimous invitation from the Governments of the Colonies to act as Chairman of the first West Indies Conference which is to meet in Barbados in January next. Sir Edward, who is a member of the Empire Marketing Board, has long been interested in East Africa affairs, and last year visited the territories. The conference of which he is to act as Chairman springs, we believe, from a recommendation made by him some time ago.

The Commissioner of Lands (as Chairman), the General Manager of the Kenya and Uganda Railways, the Medical Officer of Health for Nairobi, the District Commissioner of Nairobi, Lord Delamere, Mr. C. W. Mitchell, Captain H. L. Schwartz, the Mayor of Nairobi, Mr. T. A. Wood, Mr. W. G. Hunter, Mr. A. Ashworth, Dr. S. D. Fairlie, and Mr. Deacon have been appointed by Authority of Nairobi for the area comprised within a radius of ten miles from Nairobi House.

We learn with regret of the recent death from blackwater fever in Dar es Salaam of Mr. A. H. Home, barrister-at-law, who had spent the last seven years in East Africa, the first four in Mombasa and the rest in Uganda. Mr. Home, who went out to South Africa in his early days, served in the Matale rebellion, and was at one time a colleague of Sir Robert Coryndon, in the staff of Cecil Rhodes. Mr. Home, a son of the late Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Home, V.C., K.B.E., continued with his legal practice the management of his plantation near Jimma.

The Rhodes Trustee have placed in the Godolphin School, Hamerton, a memorial tablet to Dr. Jameson, who was educated there. The tablet reads: "To the memory of Leander Starr Jameson, the lifelong friend of Cecil John Rhodes, sometime Administrator of Murchisonland and of Matabeleland, and Prime Minister of the Colony of Good Hope. He was born in Edinburgh on the 9th February 1853, and received his early education in this city. He died in London on the 26th November 1917, and a life spent in the service of the Empire. This tablet was erected by the Rhodes Trustees in 1928."

East Africa is informed by Mr. Carl H. Lindhard, of Arusha, that a Hunter's Association has been formed in that town "with the object of preventing the wholesale slaughter of animals by parties coming to Tanganyika to kill as many animals as they can in the shortest possible time." On the other hand, the Association is prepared to conduct safaris, putting out to collect trophies to get the ones they want, and makes a speciality of issuing them to get photographs of wild animals in their natural state and surroundings. Scientists and natural representatives and collectors are to be specially catered for, and arrangements are to be made for ladies' guides and hunters to accompany them.



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EBONG OF THE TURKANA

SIR PERCIVAL PHILLIPS has written an article for *The Daily Mail* on Chief Ebong of the Turkana, one of the tribal leaders summoned to Nairobi in connection with the Royal visit.

At the back of his skull, he writes, "was an enormous fan-shaped 'bun,' larger than that of any mid-Victorian charwoman, and apparently the *chef d'œuvre* of a primitive carver in grey stone. There was never a coiffure like it west of Port Said."

"Of what?" replied the camp commandant. That is his grandfather's hair, and probably that of his father and great-grandfather as well."

Ebong grinned, bashfully under my scrutiny, but no droke could have shown such pride in his displaying his ancestral treasures. He patted his bun and replied gaily: "No, no! I am not asking questions. Yes, it was his father said grandfather said so. The people of his tribe thus remembered their forefathers. There were many 'ebongs' in the Turkana country. The descendants of some dated back a hundred years. The older, the larger 'ebongs' honoured by inheritance had by plastering it in a white mass and plastering it with volcanic dust, which gave it the appearance of bone, petrified. The memorial design or memento time evolved was decorated with a single sliver of pyrox borax. It was permanent. More than that, it looks waterproof and capable of surviving all the vicissitudes of inter-tribal warfare."

Ebong is a most erect. He walks broad with a long stride, equivalent of a royal sceptre, which is surrounded by a brass can and a crew. It was given him by Sir Henry Girouard, administrator of East Africa. This staff and his family hair are his two most cherished possessions. He would easily attract attention in Bond Street, even at Geneva. His most prominent feature, the colour of coffee grounds, is decorated with little tufts of beard or goatee on his chin above which dangles a ring of ivory inserted in his lower lip. When he talks the ring dangles like vivacious way. He wears plain discs of tin in his ears, and a line of breastplate of beads in five colours across his naked chest. His only garment is a strip of red and white calico tastefully draped around his middle and reaching to his knees. Leather sandals and armlets of linked beads complete this ceremonial garb.

Ebong's people are untouched by civilisation. Only two of his twenty followers ever saw a railway train before coming to Nairobi. A town with signs and telephones is to them another unnameable manifestation of the white man's mystery. To see them bargaining in the Regent Street of Nairobi was a sight worth remembering. For generations Ebong and his people have subsisted on a simple diet of meat and of blood mixed with new milk. Since coming to Nairobi they have abandoned this menu for one of beans and ginger beer. Ebong's chief preoccupation at present is how to arrange for a regular ginger beer supply in his own country.

NATIVE LAND IN UGANDA

In answer to the Master Guard Archdeacon of Toro, Mr. Wm. G. A. Mavando, Uganda, circularised the following information. It reads:

The Law of the People of Toro.

When a person about to begin to measure their plots where he will plant trees, or measure fields and plant cotton, rice, one shall give a portion of his land for measuring of a garden, unless not present, a person to take care of cultivation to the white, and outside his plot if he wishes to extend his garden, and those who already have gardens, excepting the ones which contain them.

3.—Then to others who did not receive land under the Agreement of Estates, such persons as receive a holding, a certificate will be after this sent.

3.—Each person whose name is written in the certificate or his heir will be liable to remain on his holding without action.

3.—This person or his heir is the owner of all which grows on the lands which he claims, and all produce which he cultivates on that land.

3.—The titles of things of that nature shall be ascertained by the holder of that land from any person.

3.—No person or his heir shall not be liable to sell exchange or part of any part of that land, but if he will leave his position and make a statement to the Council of the Toro Government of what he has been granted and then he may sell buildings and trees and go to another Native of Toro.

3.—This person or his heir has power because of his certificate to cultivate his land and to let it by lease, or if he does not leave it will it will be irrigated according to Native custom.

3.—This person or his heir shall give to the Government of Toro all the fees and other demands at the proper time, for he will not fail to be held responsible according to law or the ruling of His Excellency the Governor.

3.—This person or his heir may be evicted if a building that is neglected and goes out of cultivation, or is not needed for the good of the country, e.g. roads, railways, schools, maternity centres, or community centre shall be paid to the holder or his heir for all his losses.

3.—The certificate shall lapse if the holder is not certified or if not occupied by a son or daughter.

3.—Certificates will be issued in the form of title.

The Archdeacon complains that the regular is stated by the Government departments to avoid any indication that there is any legislative or other constitutional authority for its provisions, and that an inquiry addressed to the Secretariat of the Uganda Government a month ago was not even been acknowledged, much less answered.

The stipulation, he claims, really a blow of an example, severely against the whole structure of tribal and community life in Toro.

In the most drastic fashion it cuts the ground from beneath the old sanctions of tribal organisations and leaves hinds and people floundering in a introduced bath of a new and entirely untried experiment. There is nothing of the blessed policy of gradualness which is the hallmark of practical administrators the world over. It creates a cleavage also between the tenement system of the Europeans settled in Toro and the Natives which cannot fail to lead to the contention that the natives are restricted definitely. In making a settlement on lease or sells his land to another European he can buy African rentals, and he can buy under the regular Native system of the tribes and however much he may desire and be able to afford, cannot do so. If the words "to farm and to cultivate" mean what they say an employer cannot lend an employee a piece of land to farm on and to cultivate, for surely this regulation is bare to say nothing.

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This is his pen picture of his Kitosha headman. "We have travelled hundreds of miles, Bissaki and I, through rivers, swamps, forests, and plains, where wild life was yet unmolested, and one depended on one's rifle for food, and slept under the stars. Gorgeous sights when, snug and drowsy, one listened to the chattering of the Natives around the camp fire, the harsh chortus of the frogs, and, now and again, the shrill whistle of a startled buck scented some feline enemy. Mornings when the necessity for meat drove one hard upon the game, the quick thrill as one raised rifle to shoulder, and the moment when time seemed to stand still before the pulling of the trigger and the falling of the buck, followed by the looks of the boys in their joyful anticipation of fresh meat."

Being but a child in years compared to Bissaki, he watches over me with the doffing air of a fond father—withal respectfully and at a distance. At Londiani some Kikuyu women come to me, offering for sale at fifty cents each, bottles of milk. The price is absurd, and I send them packing. Bissaki, a troubled expression on his old countenance, creeps to my side. "Bikana, here is fifty cents. Buy yourself the milk. I hide my astonishment at his generosity, and give him some tobacco as a reward. By this took of satisfaction I am not sure that the rascal had not meant the little incision to end in just that way. There is a wealth of meaning hidden in that wrinkled gargoyle face."

AFRICA IGNORES AN "EXPLORER."

At our last issue we commented on certain statements made to the English Press by a Mrs. John Ingles Fletcher, of California, described as an African "explorer." Since those words were set in type we have received an issue of *The Nyasaland Times*, which declares:

Mrs. John Ingles Fletcher, of California, who created such a sensation by declaring in newspaper men that she intended to "dine in a jingle in evening dress and have hamak or hot tubbles," has already visited many parts of South and East Africa on her journey to Cairo. But not a single newspaper has given her so much as a line of publicity. She was in Nyasaland a couple of months ago and spent some time with Mr. Rodney Wood on the Lower Shire. The lady has no doubt found the real Africa very different from her preconceived ideas, and perhaps is glad to gain pleasure after making such a ridiculous statement which she preferred to call "idle talk." Anyhow, we can assure the reader that evening dress at Chikwawa

A MISSIONARY ON THE MANDATE.

The Rev. ALLEN JELLINE, Missionary Secretary of the Wesleyan Church, who arrived in Cape Town recently from a second tour of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika, told *The Cape Argus* that there was legitimate ground for deep anxiety as to the political future of Tanganyika Territory, which is at present being so well administered by some of the finest Imperial servants Great Britain has ever sent on Empire building. He will share the alarm with thousands that the mandate may be revoked. In my judgment such revocation would be disastrous, and that for two reasons. First, in the interests of our East African Empire. It is of the utmost importance that this territory lying between Kenya and Uganda on the north and north-east, and the Rhodesias and Nyasaland on the south and southwest, should remain British territory. Tanganyika is essential for the consolidation of these Colonies into a great federation of States. Secondly, in the interests of the Native population. We are not slow to criticise our own Native administration when necessity arises, but British Imperial consideration of a subject people stands second to none, and we have seen much of its beneficent application."

CLOTHES AND THE NATIVE.

MR. D. N. MACLEARMID, a New Zealander who has been doing pioneer work for the Sudan United Mission in the Nuba Mountains of the Sudan, where there are a quarter of a million really raw pagans, writes in *The Observer*:

"The people are entirely primitive and wear no clothes. It is sometimes asked why we teach the boys in the school we have started to wear clothes. It is not a question of morals particularly, but of convenience, for when it gets cold the Nubians rub themselves all over with oil, which, of course, catches all the dirt that is flying round. A dirty boy is hardly a scholar whom it is a pleasure to have in a form. Having taught them, therefore, to wash and keep clean, we have to introduce a certain amount of clothes to keep off the cold winds."

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SHOOTING BIG GAME FROM THE AIR.

A Queer Notion of Sportsmanship:

EAST AFRICAN sportsmen will object to the idea of shooting big game from the air. Last year an American millionaire was reported to have decided to amuse himself in this heroic fashion; now several Englishmen are alleged to have left this country by air with the object among others, of participating in such "sport." We hope the report is unfounded if, however, they do intend to engage in such practices, the authorities ought to take prompt action.

When a year ago an American was stated to have the desire to be the first to shoot an elephant from the air, *East Africa* wrote that: "Comments of East Africans on the mere notion of such a record would be brutally blunt. We can imagine the aerial record breaker being caustically recommended to try his luck with tanks, armoured cars, howitzers and poison gas—while for hippo and crocodiles a battery of torpedoes might be used." Similar thoughts were expressed by Mr. E. Torday, who writes to *The Times*:

Shades of Selous!

"There was a time—it seems yesterday—when we who went in search of big game in Africa sailed forth single-handed to stalk our quarry. Sometimes we got it, sometimes it got us. With elephants, buffalo, rhino, and lion chances were pretty well equal for the hunter. But to-day, if we are to believe the reports of novices, a more scientific method will be introduced by which the hunter will obtain perfect safety better bags than his arctic precursors ever did. The aeroplane is to be harnessed into the service of sport. It will be fully equipped for the taking of cinema photographs while in flight, and for shooting at game from the air. Such is progress. Captain Dagmore and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson can now go on the dole, and Major Powell-Cotton, Dr. Christy and Messrs. Outram and Cunningham had better make themselves scarce lest they find themselves included in the bags."

Though I am, or rather was, a hunter of the old school, may I make some practical suggestions for this new type of sport? For herds of elephants and buffaloes, even for their zebra, giraffe, and antelopes of good size thrown from an aeroplane would be most appropriate; on antelopes, and such-like small fry, a machine-gum, judiciously-handled, might do the greatest execution. Lions and leopards, difficult to spot, could best deal with by poison gas (phosgene is more deadly than chlorine), but this ought to be restricted to areas sparsely populated.

And when the sportsmen return after a pleasant trip, let them pray for the rest of the world. Of course Gordon Cumming and Selous!

The Bristol Evening Times gives a leaden note on the subject, declaring that such "sportsmen" begin "and it easier to take a machinegun to the

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ABYSSINIA'S DESIRE FOR ARMS.

Why Great Britain must be Vigilant.

The Daily Mail, announcing that a conference will shortly be held in Paris to discuss details of the proposed construction of a dam across the Blue Nile at Lake Tana, is of the opinion that the newly appointed Negus "says in effect: 'The peace of Abyssinia is constantly troubled by fierce desert tribesmen, whom my police are unable to subdue with bows and arrows. Allow me to arm the police with rifles and I will at once give the British Government all the facilities required for the construction of the dam.' He has expressed his willingness to state precisely the requirement of arms and to limit the importation to that." Against this, however, there are Italian objections which appear to have considerable weight with the British Foreign Office. A conference to discuss the matter was suggested. The Abyssinian Government at first refused, but within the last few days has been persuaded to agree to send a representative, with the proviso that it cannot recognise that other Governments represented at such a conference have the right to dictate to a sovereign State. Under these conditions it is expected that a conference attended by representatives of the British, French, Italian, and Abyssinian Governments will be held in Paris.

Kenya, Uganda, and the Sudan.

A concession is to be granted to Abyssinia to import arms. Kenya, Uganda, and the Sudan will demand assurances that they are not misused for raids upon their territory. They have suffered too frequently from Abyssinian raiders to be willing to take risks in this matter, and they will rightly insist upon adequate safeguards.

Everyone with the slightest knowledge of Ethiopian affairs is aware that the writ of the Negus does not run in his remote regions bordering the above-named British Dependencies, and that there is very real danger that troops leaving Addis Ababa with modern weapons may suddenly decide to transfer their loyalty from the Negus to someone who offers them the prospect of loot and licence. This situation is admittedly difficult, for the Emperor may argue that his power cannot be extended without more rifles. Be that as it may, tribes under British protection have suffered too heavily even during the last couple of years from Abyssinian raids for this country to agree complacently to uncontrolled importations of modern munitions.

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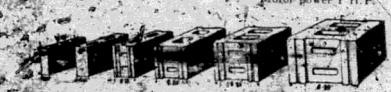
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Why some Natives oppose Disarmament.

Since the people got rifles, as they did during the Mahdi troubles, a generation ago," writes Mr. MacDiarmid, a missionary in the Nuba mountains of the Sudan, "they have practically exterminated the lions and elephants locally both for sport and for food. Our people are not afraid, and the Government would like to take away all rifles, but the women are the stumbling-block. They would laugh so much at any man who dared to give up his rifle that he would not be able to hold up his head. So that in the Nuba mountains, at any rate, the women do not make for peace."

How does a Buffalo Charge?

A correspondent writes the following:—
In a very interesting note, published in a Sunday paper, concerning the big black African buffalo bull at the London Zoo, I note that the writer, an official of the Gardens, says: "Surprise him in the bush and he will charge you, with his little eyes a-flame, head down, tail up, and only one idea left in his head—to blot you off the earth." The italics are mine; for I have always understood that the African buffalo, in contradistinction to the common or domestic bull, charges with his head up, and lowers it only at the last moment before reaching his foe—a habit which adds immensely to the danger of shooting him, for he keeps his eye on his enemy. One can dodge an ordinary bull, but not a buffalo! Am I right?

More Opinions on Water Divining.

The Farmers' Weekly of South Africa publishes a whole page of letters from various correspondents on the highly controversial subject of water-divining. It is surprising what a number of ingenious excuses can be brought forward to explain the failure of "experts" to locate springs by means of their forked twigs or other apparatus. The presence of minerals leading to confusion; rubber soles on boots which interfere with the essential "electricity"; the wrong kind of twig; all these and more are pleaded as grounds for failure. One correspondent, in the light of much experience with professional "finders," concludes that "in districts where water is plentiful, everyone can show a site with success, with or without a twig." In districts where water is scarce and runs in streams here and there, the place located by the twig will turn out a failure as dry as the forked stick." Which, some settlers will regard as a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

Stealings, Keepings.

A correspondent who served in East Africa during the war sends the following:

When I was stationed at Voi a case occurred which to my mind throws considerable light on the

Native's attitude towards British justice. The man was charged with stealing a watch from the hotel. He pleaded not guilty, and the evidence not being strong, he was acquitted. The following evening the C.O. was having his dinner when his orderly told him a Native wished to speak to him. On going to the door he was surprised to see the late prisoner.

"Well, what do you want now?" he asked.

"Briana," replied the boy, "can I keep that watch now?"

Sad to say, the boy lost the watch and got *shikoku* into the bargain. My sympathies were with the boy. For he had stood his trial and was acquitted; and it must have seemed to his logical mind that all the formalities had been properly gone through, and the watch was his. I have no doubt that he is now labouring under a strong sense of injustice, and feels that in some way he has been badly done.

The Flowering of African Plants.

Dr. Burtt Davy, writes a botanical correspondent, raises a most interesting point in his paper published by you on "The Forest Flora of N. Rhodesia." The wonderful display of flowers at the close of the dry season and before the rains come on must have struck every visitor to tropical Africa. The biological advantage to the plants is fairly clear: pollination must be effected in the dry, insects are more active in warm, dry conditions; and the drenching downpours of the rainy season swamp flowers and insects alike. Once pollinated, the flowers proceed to set fruit, for the full development of which they need leaves and water, both of which come with the rains. I certainly agree with Dr. Davy that how these plants manage to produce their flowers out of such a sun-baked air-dry soil at the end of the dry season, before any rain has fallen, is a problem worth investigation. May we hope that some of the Research Stations now established in tropical Africa will devote some spare time to this question? It would have far-reaching results, I am sure.

Hunting Big Game in Motor Cars.

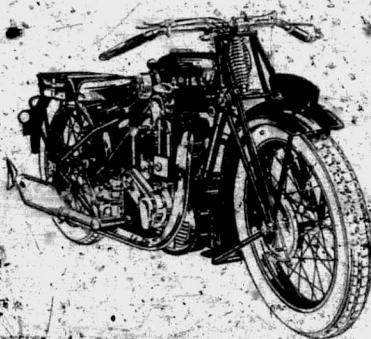
Your correspondent *Bwana Mzee*, writes an East African on leave, "in his letter on 'Poachers and Poaching,' voices the opinions of a good many of us who deplore the craze for destroying African game animals, and does well to draw attention to the museum collector and his methods." A Sunday paper, recently published an account of the experiences in Tanganyika of an Englishman who has been collecting specimens in that Territory for the Cudahy Massese Museum. Motor cars were used to stalk the game and many East African sportsmen will read with interest the hunter's glee-filled statement that "Motor cars have taken the thrill out of big-game hunting." We were able to go up close enough to a herd of zebras to pick out those best suited for specimens, and when we stopped six feet from some giraffes, they did not seem to notice us. We were in no danger at all. The only thing we were afraid of was the deadly tsetse-fly, which carries the germs of sleeping sickness. Shall I tell you? Is it not time that the local government put a stop to such methods?

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TANGANYIKA'S NEW COFFEE REGULATIONS.**Added to Main Producing Districts.**

Letters patent have been issued by the Governor of Tanganyika Territory under the Plant Pest and Disease Ordinance, the principal provisions are the following:

"Whenever any coffee plant is found of, or suspected of being infected with a disease or pest, or the condition of any coffee or other plant or land on which coffee plants are growing is such as may be conducive to any coffee disease or pest, an Inspector may—

"(a) If the land on which the coffee or other plant is growing is occupied, require in writing the occupier of the land, to adopt such remedial treatment or remedial measures with regard to the coffee or other plant or plants as the Inspector may consider advisable to prevent the attack or spread of any disease or pest, such treatment or measures shall be continued until the disease or pest shall be deemed by the Inspector to have been extermimated or the menace removed;

"(b) If the land on which the coffee or other plant is growing is unoccupied, or is reasonably believed by the Inspector to be unoccupied, destroy any or all coffee or other plants thereon, which he may think it advisable to destroy, subject to the following conditions:

"(i) If the Inspector has no grade below that of a Senior Agricultural Officer, he shall not obtain the authority to serve an Agricultural Officer;

"(ii) He shall cause notice to be given to the owner of the land, or the owner's agent known to him and resident either in the Territory or in Kenya Colony;

"Every owner or occupier of land having the charge and management of any coffee or other plants, the growing and/or providing a stock of such chemicals and appliances as are necessary in the opinion of the Director of Agriculture for the purpose of preventing or controlling attacks by or the spread of any pest or disease and of giving effect to any instructions which may lawfully be issued by an Inspector, provided that the provision of such chemicals and appliances to the satisfaction of the Director of Agriculture by an association of the owners or by a committee of persons having the charge and management of land, or in the case of cultivators, a person or association approved by the Director of Agriculture, shall be deemed sufficient of fulfilling the requirements of the regulations."

These regulations now apply to the Northern, Tanga and Iringa Provinces of the Territory.

The Committee of the Tanganyika Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions of the Government has chosen best available site in Dar es Salaam, one near the Government Central School. The Government is to be asked to give £2,000 as a donation to the Exhibition on condition that pound for pound is subscribed by the public.

PROGRESS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE CO.**Capital Changes Proposed.**

A annual report for 1927 of the Companhia de Mocambique is accompanied by a circular to shareholders, who are reminded that during recent year the company has had to face inflation, with its inevitable corollary of the cost of living, social difficulties causing strikes, and the disorganization of all its administrative services; then for two consecutive years floods of exceptional gravity, which for several months hindered all traffic by rail and destroyed the greatest part of the sugar, maize, and cotton harvests, thus causing considerable losses and the fall of the Bank of Beira notes, which compelled the Bank to have recourse to such an inflation that the value of the fiduciary money fell at one time to 75% below par. It has now returned to rate approximating to par.

At the directors' record that the position has now become normal. The African profits, which totalled £23,775 in 1926 have risen to £127,708 for 1927, and they have every reason to believe that in the present year they will be considerably better still.

To strengthen the financial position it is proposed to reduce the capital of £2,500,000 to £1,250,000 by reducing the nominal value of the £1 shares to 10s., and to raise further capital for a new programme of works and improvements by increasing the capital by 38,888 shares of 10s. for which 38,888 will be handed to the Portuguese Government, the issue being made when the board thinks it most opportune for the needs of the company, and the right of subscription being reserved to their existing shareholders.

The report of the sub-committee appointed by the Dar es Salaam Chamber of Commerce to consider in conjunction with the Council of the European Constitutional Association the formation of a Convention of Associations for Tanganyika Territory, reported "that neither the Chamber nor the E.C.A. are suitable bodies to bring a Convention about, and we suggest that some body, such as the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, is the most suitable to call a conference of all interested parties with a view to the formation of a body which up to now we have, in the absence of a better name, referred to as the Convention of Associations representative of the Territory.

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The Usa Rifle Club range was opened on October 21.

Messrs. Watt & Company have opened their new garage in Arusha.

Choma, Northern Rhodesia, is considering the formation of a Sports Club.

The Singo Trading Company Ltd., Uganda, is being wound up.

The text of the new Nyassaland Bankruptcy Ordinance has been published as a special supplement to "The Government Gazette."

The London offices of the Magadi Soda Company have now been removed to Imperial Chemical House, Millbank, S.W.1, the telegraphic address being "Magadi," London.

Of the 66 non-official immigrants, excluding visitors, who entered Tanganyika Territory during the month of July, 32 were British, 14 Germans, 6 French, 4 Greeks, 3 Swiss, and 3 Americans.

Exports from Kenya and Uganda during the week ended September 15 included: Cedar slats, 503 packages; coffee, 5,648 bags; hides and skins, 1,405 bales; maize, 1,683 bags; and sisal, 6,291 bales.

It has now been decided that the War Memorial to the Nyassaland Volunteer Reserve shall take the form of an X-ray apparatus for the Protectorate, on which decision Nyassaland is to be congratulated.

Imports into Tanganyika during July included: Cement, 1,654 tons; galvanised iron sheets, 185 tons; iron and steel manufactures, 730 tons; cotton piece goods, value £355,010; and tobacco, 160 cwt.

Two estates in the Toro District of Uganda are advertised for sale at a combined price of £10,000. Further particulars are obtainable from H.M. Eastern African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office, London.

Exports from Tanganyika Territory for the period January-June included: Sisal, 15,651 tons; hides, 26,731 cwt.; coffee, 76,627 cwt.; grain, 169,552 cwt. Total exports over this period were valued at £1,380,063, as compared with £1,70,934 over the corresponding period of 1927.

Cable advices from Nairobi are to the effect that the short rains have broken in the Colony, and that they are generally satisfactory.

A circular issued to the shareholders of the Rhodesia-Umbo-Border Concession announces that a cable has been received from the company's manager in Rhodesia giving the results of a diamond drill hole which has been put down in this company's concession on the extension of the "New Discovery" of the Nchanga Copper Mines.

H.M. Eastern African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office has been informed by cable from East Africa that the final ginnings of Uganda cotton for last season amounted to 130,600 bales, and that the acreage under cotton for the new crop is estimated at over 500 acres, as against 533,000 last year. Crushing has begun again at the Lugazi sugar factory. Trade conditions in the bazaar are seasonably dull, but textile stocks are being worked off, and the outlook is stated to be optimistic.

According to an statement issued by H.M. Eastern African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office, the following table shows the comparative values of imports and exports into and from the principal ports of Tanganyika Territory during the first six months of this year and during the corresponding period of 1927:

Station	Trade imports	Domestic exports	1928	1927	1928	1927
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Tanga	515,017	322,000	9,434	457,409		
Mwanza	78,138	111,888	34,980	170,206		
Bukoba	87,500	64,907	184,826	99,983		
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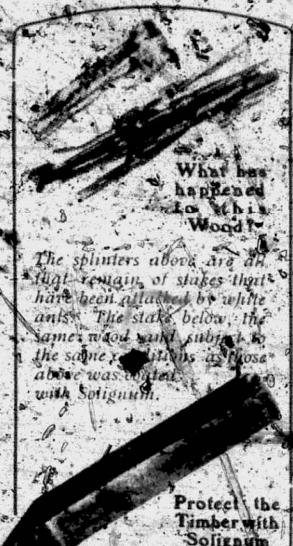
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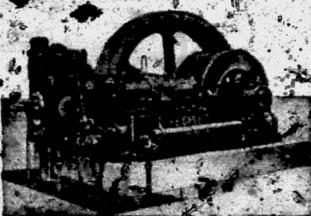
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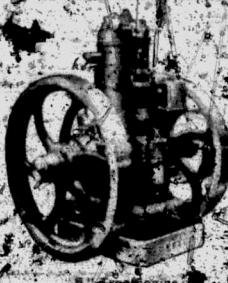
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LORD CRANWORTH SPEAKS OUT.

At last week's meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board Lord Cranworth and Major Walsh protested vigorously that nobody had persistently buried serious consideration of the urgency of increasing British settlement in Tanganyika Territory, and Lord Cranworth declared flatly that "the Tanganyika members have failed us in what they should have done" and that "some of these people who talk so much about what they do for Tanganyika really do nothing when it comes to the point." To the two Tanganyika members of the Council Lord Cranworth's assertion was a direct challenge, but neither disputed the accuracy of the statement, attempted to refute the charge of evident contentment with the present unsatisfactory position or showed a disposition to face what was practically tantamount to a motion of no-confidence. As *"East Africa"* has reported, similar complaints have been made month by month for a long time past, but Tanganyika's nominees are apparently content to sit on the volcano in the hope that it will not become active.

It is unquestionably true that protestation in Lon-

don interested in East African affairs have been strangely reluctant to make any serious move in the direction of encouraging British settlement in Tanganyika Territory—the vital necessity of which we have stressed again and again—but Lord Cranworth is one of the few who have demonstrated a sincere desire to see "something done." On his urgent representation the Executive Council of the Board has now elected five members to constitute another Committee to deal with this question, but the *personnel* of that Committee flagrantly contravenes the resolution of the Associated Producers of East Africa which the Executive Council adopted only a month ago. That resolution recorded a conviction

that, in order to warrant and inspire public confidence in the proposed Association for the encouragement of British settlement in Tanganyika Territory should exclude from its councils those who have been *opponents* for non-British settlement in the Territory, who have employed numerous aliens in preference to Britons in their enterprises, and who have in other ways refrained from contributing to the advancement of British ideals and British civilization in the Territory.

Seldom indeed is a resolution so outspoken and *East Africa* records in reporting its adoption at the October meeting, the Chairman of the Board described it as an opinion quite properly expressed, while Major Crowley emphasised that people of the type mentioned would be a handicap rather than an assistance to the encouragement of British settlement. The guiding line of that resolution would apply with equal force to any Committee appointed by the Board, and any deviation from that standard compels protest. What do we find? That one member of this new Committee is a man well known to have employed numerous aliens in preference to Britons. Any man, we repeat, whom in his private enterprises employs a large preponderance of non-Britons cannot sincerely claim in public that his greatest desire is to assist British settlement, for if that desire were genuine its inevitable result would be the employment of Britons, and if the desire is not sufficient strong to have caused the employment of at least a preponderating proportion of Britons, it is insufficient strong to entitle such a man to sit on a Committee which, if it is to command public confidence, should be composed solely of men whose moral actions correspond with their public protestations. Our reiterated warning that the needs of Tanganyika and the Empire must outweigh the personal ambitions of any whose public or private conduct is open to criticism are abundantly justified. To the cause of British settlement in the Mandated Territory the matter is crucial.

JOINT EAST AFRICAN BOARD.

November Meeting of Executive Council.

Special to "East Africa."

The November meeting of the Executive Council of the Joint East African Board was attended by Sir Sydney Henn (in the Chair), Sir John Sandeman Allen, M.P., Mr. D. F. Basted, Lord Cranworth, Major J. M. Crowdy, Colonel W. H. Franklin, Mr. C. W. Hattersley, Mr. Campbell Hauburg, Mr. Hely Hutchinson, Mr. G. C. Ishmael, Mr. C. Ponsonby, Mrs. W. A. M. Sim, Major W. Blake Taylor, Major C. Walsh, Mr. A. Wigglesworth, Sir Trevredyn Wynne, and Miss Harvey (Secretary).

A special leave of absence was granted to Sir John Davidson, and Mr. W. L. B. Bennett, of Dar es Salaam, was elected to membership. A letter from the Association of Chambers of Commerce of East Africa was read, expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the Eastern African Dependencies by the Joint East African Board and by its Chairman, Sir Sydney Henn.

Memoranda for Hilton Young Commission.

The Chairman announced that he had handed to the Secretary of the Hilton Young Commission the majority and minority memoranda embodying the views of the members of the Executive Council. Lord Cranworth, Sir Trevredyn Wynne, Major Crowdy, and Mr. Campbell Hauburg had signed the minority report, all other members of the Council having signed the majority memorandum.

These documents, said Sir Sydney, had been presented too late for them to be considered by the members of the Commission prior to the drafting of their report, which had already been provisionally signed, subject to such small rectification as may be found necessary while the document is being prepared for publication; but the Board could be certain that its views would be taken into consideration during the discussions certain to be provoked by the issue of the Commissioners' recommendations. It seemed that publication would take place simultaneously in London and in East Africa and it was hardly to be expected, therefore, that the reports would be in the hands of the public before January.

White Settlement in Tanganyika.

Lord Cranworth called attention to the fact that at the last meeting of the Council it had been agreed that the Tanganyika members (Sir Trevredyn Wynne and Mr. A. Wigglesworth) should prepare a further memorandum of land settlements which document might, after consideration by the Council, be taken to an interview with the Colonial Office. He (Lord Cranworth) was very disappointed to find that that memorandum had not been prepared. The question of settlement in Tanganyika Territory came up month after month and was buried month after month by the Board. Where, he asked, was the memorandum which they had been promised?

Mr. Wigglesworth: "It was prepared, month

Lord Cranworth: "Then, apparently, we are exactly where we were month ago."

Major Walsh: "Where we were a couple of years ago! Why is this matter not brought home to the Tanganyika members?"

Lord Cranworth: "I am most anxious to see something done, and I suggest that a committee should be appointed by the Board to interview the Colonial Office. There has been far too much delay in this matter. The Tanganyika members have failed to do what they should have done, and I am beginning to feel that some of these people who

so much about what they do for Tanganyika really do nothing for the Territory when it comes to the point."

Opposition to Auctioning of Land.

The Chairman here indicated that a request had been received from the Tanganyika Planters Association (Central Area) that the Board should endorse a resolution passed at a recent meeting of that Association. That resolution read:

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That where applications for important building sites are considered justified, instead of leased should be granted.

It was also felt that in most districts the area of demarcated plots was incompatible with the high rate of unemployment under leasehold.

Where settled temporarily occupying the land application is unsuccessful at the auction the premium for such improvements as he has effected if added to the original price should revert to him."

After discussion it was agreed that the Board should endorse those four points.

Major Walsh: "What does that mean that the Board is going to do nothing more than that for Tanganyika?"

Lord Cranworth: "I move again that a Committee be appointed to interview the Colonial Office."

It was decided that Lord Cranworth, Major Crowdy, Mr. W. A. M. Sim, Mr. Wigglesworth, and Mr. Ponsonby should constitute a Committee to prepare a case to be submitted to the Colonial Office, and that that Committee should be given plenipotentiary powers.

Mr. Ponsonby was of the opinion that point 4 of the Tanganyika Planters' Association's resolution could not be endorsed as it stood, and it was agreed to leave the point to the Committee.

Protective Duties.

Further attention was given to the letter from the Uganda Chamber of Commerce asking the Board to support a resolution in favour of the immediate removal of the protective Customs duties on foodstuffs, sugar, etc.

Mr. C. W. Hattersley quoted figures which showed that the protective duties and the protective railway rates on commodities such as sugar, flour, soap, and timber had greatly increased their cost. In some cases, the cost had risen more than doubled, and in others had been increased by between 50% and 75%. They had been imposed, brought no rights to the consumer, and had benefited only a few individuals and companies instead of benefiting the country as a whole. He was strongly of the opinion that such protective Customs duties and railway rates should be abolished.

Mr. G. C. Ishmael, President of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, who attended by invitation, considered it iniquitous that foodstuffs should be so heavily taxed and that there should be a duty of 20% on building materials. He supported every word which Mr. Hattersley had used and complained of protracted delays on the part of the governments concerned in re-examining the issue. When the duty had been imposed in 1922 it had been definitely agreed that they should obtain, for a trial period of five years only, and that the whole question should be re-examined in 1927. That, however, had not been done, but, on account of the pressure of public opinion, it had been agreed to hold a conference on the matter in August, and he had been invited to attend on behalf of Uganda. Then the Conference had been postponed until November.

Lord Cranworth, who hoped that the discussion could not degenerate into an argument as to the merits or demerits of free trade or protection, expressed the view that it was not the business of the Board to help the Government of Kenya and Uganda to decide their own business. The duties existed because the majority of the people concerned wanted them, just as he was refused protection on his wheat and barley in this country because the majority of the public did not want such duties. To meddle in such a matter of local concern would be, he felt, a very unwise proceeding.

Mr. Wiggesworth suggested that the duties had been imposed not because a majority wanted them but because a group of producers had brought pressure to bear on the Government. They had apparently failed after five years to benefit the industry concerned, while the figures quoted showed that the cost of living had been greatly increased. At least Africa was to develop a great agricultural industry, it could only be by keeping down the cost of living, and in his opinion the Board should therefore support the demand for the removal of such duties. What he had there been discussed in the timber, cotton, and sugar industries, and what profits had been made.

Mr. W. A. M. Sim, who sat on the committee appointed in 1922 to investigate the question of protective Customs duties, said that those duties had been imposed on the strength of representations of many interests and that the Committee strongly advised that the whole position should be reviewed five years later. He thought it would be fair to say that the commercial classes as a whole regarded these protective duties as very beneficial to the country, and two or three years ago the Chamber of Commerce had unanimously recommended that the duties should be based on a revenue-earning basis, not so much with regard to any question of protection. He admitted whether the majority of the people wanted these duties or not he believed it to be a domestic affair, but that the Board should not interfere.

Study of the Indian Delegates.

In the opinion of the chairman of the Board he certainly spoke with much knowledge and also with authority on the subject of East African in this matter. Sir Donald Cameron, Chairman of Commerce had addressed himself to the Board, which ought therefore to consider the question. After the imposed Mr. Ismaiel was the only one of the associations in East Africa named in the note.

Mr. O'Shea said that the Board was not the only body which had considered the question. The Board had concerned was not the only body which had known that they had deposited a memorandum on the same, and that in Kenya, at the time of the inquiry, during the recent rains, for the purpose of getting some information from the Board, and the author of the memorandum was Mr. G. H. Smith, who had written to him. He said that Mr. G. H. Smith was a most interesting and highly respectable man.

The Board also intended to consider the question again. The author of the memorandum was not the man to whom the Board had given its attention, and the Board could not interfere.

Not a Farce.

Mr. O'Shea explained that the Customs duties were passed into law, and that it was the duty of the Board to see that they were carried out. Simple as that.

holding that Kenya had imposed the duties for Kenya and Uganda entered a customs union, and the Uganda Government had been quite responsible as far as Kenya Government in the matter. It was also found to be thought that the desire for abolition came entirely from Uganda; for the Uganda Chamber of Commerce had already expressed views identical with those of the Uganda Chamber. The duties bore especially heavily on the European action coming, say £250, or £300 a year, for he could certainly not afford to pay a toll of £100 for butter, and is per cent. higher.

After discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Mr. Parsons to appoint a small committee consisting of Mr. C. W. Hatterley (as convener), Mr. Ismael, Mr. Basden, Mr. Wiggesworth, and Major Crozier to investigate and report.

Liaison with East Africa.

There appeared, said the Chairman, to be general agreement that it was desirable to communicate to the affiliated associations in East Africa regular information concerning the activities of the Board. A "Liaison" Committee consisting of Major Crozier, Mr. Hatterley, and Mr. Parsons was appointed to undertake the necessary work.

AN MEETING TANGANYIKA.

The Hon. S. J. O'Shea, elected member of the Kenya Legislative Council, when addressing a select meeting of his constituents at Nairobi, reported, I have said that he foresaw the possibility of Tanganyika Territory being eventually returned to Germany, in which eventuality Kenya should insist on the Kilimanjaro and Arusha districts being incorporated permanently in the Colony of Kenya, with a possible corridor through Tanganyika to connect up with British possessions further south. He admitted, however, that a future East Africa might come into existence within the next ten or fifteen years.

Can Mr. O'Shea have been correctly reported as having envisaged the possibility of Tanganyika being returned to Germany? There have been declarations enough by British Cabinet Ministers that the Territory is permanently incorporated within the Empire, and as East Africa has already reported, Sir Donald Cameron, the Governor of Tanganyika, reiterated this assurance to the last when opening the Tabara school for the sons of chiefs. His Excellency then said:

You have received the assurance of His Majesty's Ministers that Tanganyika is within the framework of the British Empire and all I can do is repeat that pledge in the Legislative Council in December, 1926. You, the sons of chiefs, who will be chiefs yourselves some day, never forget that such a pledge has been given to the Native inhabitants of Tanganyika.

East Africans must accept such categorical declarations at their face value, and we believe that the great majority of them do. Why should Mr. O'Shea doubt them?

The future of Tanganyika Territory will certainly be additionally safeguarded by closer union between Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, and that is why there is so strong a body of support for the idea of such close union in the immediate future, not a day is so hence. Kenya could in no conceivable circumstances afford to view with complacence theession of Tanganyika to its former German owners, and on that account we trust that Mr. O'Shea will be able to repudiate the statements attributed to him.

THE PRINCE'S FINE TRIBUTE TO KENYA.

Impressed by the Colony's Optimism.

The Prince of Wales attended the Armistice Day ceremony at Nairobi on Sunday morning last and led the first wreath at the Cenotaph and at the African War Memorial. Earlier in the day His Royal Highness had laid a wreath at the memorial at Muthaiga. The Armistice service was broadcast on the first time in East Africa.

From telegram from "J. J. H." correspondent of *The Times*, who most interesting particulars of the reception at the New Stanley Hotel at which the Prince was entertained by the settler community. Lord Milner presided, and Mr. J. F. H. Harper, chairman of the Convention of Associations, proposed the health of the Royal guest.

In his reply the Prince said that his stay in East Africa had exceeded all his expectations. Every body in all the different communities had been so kind and hospitable that he found it hard to tell the full satisfaction it gave him that grand country of his birthright he was so well received. "But," he proceeded, "the work which has been taken to save my country could not have been wasted, for it has given me a deep and permanent interest in Kenya, which I shall retain all my life."

He was glad it had taken him a long time to reach East Africa because he was quite sure he had been given a clearer view of Kenya and a deeper insight into her present problems and future responsibilities from the very fact that he could set his experience here alongside his experiences gleaned in other parts of the world. Canada was the country he knew best outside Great Britain, and he believed the problems of Canada were in some respects akin to those of Kenya—anyway, in regard to agriculture. He found a great similarity between some of the tranching districts of Canada and those of Kenya, and he felt that a personal knowledge of Canada and Kenya could not fail to help one to a better understanding of both.

The Prince referred to requests usually found at the end of his addresses presented to him that he should take back a message of loyalty to the King. "It is an old formula and a time-honoured one," he said, "but for me it has a deeper meaning than mere words suggest. For I do try to take back a message—not an assurance of loyalty, because I seek an assurance from any British Dominion or Colony—is not needed of the 'Old Country'—but try to take back a message of first-hand knowledge from one who has had unique chances of seeing the inside of practically all those parts of the world where our language is spoken and of talking intimately with those who speak it. It is to the people at home, and especially to the younger generation, whose interest we must awake, that I try to convey what I hope is a true and helpful message when I get back. And what I like to think is that in this way I can do something towards stimulating mutual interest between the Old Country and the new, and towards strengthening the deep-rooted ties which unite them now. Please God, always I do."

Speaking of Kenya as a colony in every sense of the word, he said the outstanding impression he would bear away was that of the remarkable optimism which underlies the life of the whole community. "It was not always apparent to the many visitors who were hard hit by the early rains, but were always inclined to canonise them,

optimism... But," the Prince declared, "that optimism is there, like your great mountain which gives its name to the Colony, hidden very often by temporary clouds, but still there, the dominating feature of the whole land, and one which the casual visitor who has seen it is never likely to forget." It was difficult for him to speak of those temporary clouds, as political controversies, however they interested him, did not come within his province. If he did not allude to them, it was not because he failed to study them, or that he would not watch eagerly for whatever solution Kenya ultimately reached.

"But," the Prince continued, "there has lately arisen in Kenya a vital problem which I am confident you will tackle without delay—a problem outside and above all politics, affecting every one of you, men, women, and children alike. Not only does it affect your own people here, but affects those who will come out in I hope, ever-increasing numbers to carry on the great work of building up the great country which has so successfully begun. What I find is that there for men and women to set their hands to. And this work among all new countries has consisted largely in fighting Nature. You have had to fight hard in your land, believe me. I have seen and understood how desperate the struggle has been. You have fought hard for your stock and horses. But I ask you the question. Are you fighting hard enough for your own health?"

Nature had put many obstacles in the way of the development of Kenya, though doctors, disease, the heat of the sun, but the menace of malaria was the deadliest of all, taking its toll year after year. Within the past few months it had robbed the colony of one of its most brilliant workers, Sir Christian Bellamy. Until it was removed, though it was bound to be a difficult and costly job, the reputation of the Colony must suffer. He knew something of fighting malaria, not only from what he had seen elsewhere, but from his association with Sir Ronald Ross's Institute in London, and he believed that an intensive and scientifically conducted campaign against it in Kenya, would accelerate the progress of Kenya a hundredfold. "If such a campaign could be initiated to mark my first visit to East Africa, I should feel more than I even do now that the time here had not been wasted."

Concluding the Prince of Wales said his journey to Rhodesia would be a fine affair, but with regret he was facing south and turning his back for a while on Kenya. "Kenya, like its own famous lions, has a wild and quality which makes living a very difficult matter. I have left quite a fair amount of clothing and even flesh in pawn in these days, but you may be sure I shall come and reclaim them at the first opportunity. The pledges which I shall leave with me will be the refection of the severest friendliness shown to me by Europeans, Indians, and Africans through the length and breadth of the Colony, and my own kindly-grounded faith in the greatness of Africa."

The Royal Highness's fine tribute to a fine Colony deserves widespread publicity, and will be noted with the greatest satisfaction by East Africa. Kenya, it is clear, has cast its spell upon its Sovereign, whose personal interest in its development must be an asset of profound importance.

The Nairobi correspondent of the *Daily Express* reports that the Justice Department

was the most impressive ever held in Kenya. The Prince of Wales, wearing the khaki uniform of the Welsh Guards, laid the first wreath on the Cenotaph and the Native War Memorial in the great central square of the town, facing the Memorial Hall which the latter served as a tribute to their dead who fell in the East African campaign. The great square was lined by Native police, and inside stood a guard of honour of the King's African Rifles; hundreds of ex-service men and women of all races, besides representatives of State and Church in ceremonial robes, and hundreds of wreath-bearers, whose flowers added further colour to the magnificently impressive scene. The Two Minutes' Silence was observed as rarely before in its completeness, the Natives fully realising its significance.

Sir Percival Phillips cabled to *The Daily Mail* from Dar es Salaam on Armistice Day:

"All the coming parades of the Armistice throughout the Empire have been a more impressive setting than the ceremony of remembrance at the harbour front of this capital of a German territory this morning, when the Governor, Sir D. C. Cameron, unveiled a new Cenotaph in the presence of the European community and many Natives. The autumn rains have begun and for days a deluge of singular intensity, almost beyond the belief of the inhabitants of a temperate clime, has been descending at frequent intervals, frightening rather than mitigating the oppressive heat. But for the brief period of this ceremony the skies cleared in an almost miraculon way and the sun shone brightly on the two minutes' silence."

The Cenotaph overlooks the enclosed harbour which presents a scene of extreme tropical beauty and grandeur; from end to visible the hulls of German ships sunk early in the War and now half-buried in mud.

The familiar ritual of the day was observed with great dignity and beauty, and not the least significant feature was the presence among the spectators of a number of German residents, who wore the red emblem of Poppy Day and watched with grave faces the rendering of the tribute to the British dead."

While in Ghazi the Prince of Wales dined with Captain Lumsden.

While in Kenya the Prince was the guest of Lord Francis Scott at Njoro for one week and

The Duke of Gloucester has left the Lake Nakuru district of Santhera, Langanyika, for Northern Rhodesia.

On his way the Duke visited the village of Waini, met local settlers and took tea with them at the Bell Inn.

His Royal Highness played squash-buckets at Mithaiwa Club several times during his stay in Nairobi.

On the last occasion the Prince stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. G. Davies, who gave a small dinner-party among those present being Mr. and Mrs. Powys Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. McCrae and Mr. and Mrs. Galloway.

The Arab carpet containing the address presented to the Prince of Wales by the Government and peoples of Kenya was the gift of Sir Claud Hollis, British Resident in Zanzibar.

One day last week the Prince visited the various workshops of the Kenya and Uganda Railway, the Government Native Industrial Training Depot, the Industrial and Native Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, and the new Lady Gage Nursing Institute.

For the journey through Langanyika and Northern Rhodesia the Prince and his party will use three motor cars and three lorries, the latter being the ordinary transport vehicles of the King's African Rifles. There will be only three Europeans in the Prince's party for that part of the tour.

A Kisumu correspondent writes that the visit of the Prince of Wales to that township was slightly informal, and that His Royal Highness went out of his way to shake hands with and speak to every European whom he met, instead of a selected list of people being presented, the great majority of the European residents of Kisumu, Kitui, Kaimosi, Miwani, Kibagoni and the neighbouring districts had the honour and pleasure of talking to the Royal visitor.

Major Robertson-Elliot, D.S.O., member of the Legislative Council for Kenya for the Coast constituency, who served in the East African Campaign, commanded the parade of ex-Service men who greeted the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester on their arrival in Mombasa. Lieutenant K. R. P. Bent, M.C., late of the R.A.F., who suffered from a wound received while flying over the War, was unable to parade but, bearing a hat, was seated in a motor-car, the Queen's Standard draped over him for a while.

The annual cricket match between settlers and officials was played in Nairobi during the visit of the Prince, who visited the ground. It was photographed with cameras. The Officials won the first match by an innings and 422 runs, but in the return game the Settlers set up to complete 208 runs in three hours, just managing their target with a few minutes to spare. For the Officials, T. A. Cairns made 100 and 50 not out, Mr. P. V. Allen, 8 and 67, and Mr. J. H. Low, 7 and 88, while for the Settlers Mr. K. C. Scholtenfield, 100 and 60, Mr. J. O. B. Wilson, 58, not out, 100, and Mr. W. Venner, 50 and 8.

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SOME PROBLEMS OF AFRICA

The Impact of Civilisation on Native Life

About six months ago we published an important statement issued by the International Missionary Council on industrial problems in Africa and the East. Now the full report of the Jerusalem Meeting of that Council has been published by the Oxford University Press in eight volumes, entitled "Volume I. Christian Methods in Relation to non-Christian Systems of Thought and Life; Volume II. Religion and Education; Volume III. The Relation between the younger and older Churches; Volume IV. The Christian Mission in the Light of Race; Volume V. Industrial Problems; Volume VI. The Christian Mission in Relation to Rural Problems; Volume II. International Missionary Co-operation; and Volume VII. Addresses and Other Records."

From the East African standpoint the most important part of Volume V., which deals with missions and industrialism, is the declaration of the Coucubac already published in our pages, but a paper signed by Mr. H. A. Grinshaw, of the International Labour Organisation, is also sufficiently important to warrant quotation of the following extract:

"There is one aspect of industrialism in certain parts of Africa which cannot be passed over in silence, since without doubt the gravest problem of industrialism and which calls most insistently for immediate attention, and action on Christian principles, is that which arises in Europe and Native Africa are brought into contact merely as masters and servants, as administrators and manufacturers but as agricultural or industrial competitors or as competitors for land or for industrial occupation. This is for the most part in British areas where this situation has become or is becoming most acute, and has reached the stage of crisis in South Africa. There a population of a million and a half whites lives with five and a half million non-Europeans, the vast majority native Africans. The important point to note is that the problems arising from this situation will develop unless action is otherwise guided than it has been in the past, i.e. where the competition is in white areas where the white settlement is in itself possible, i.e. rather for land than for industrial occupation, the competition for the latter being no means impossible. In future in Tanganyika, in Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, and in South-West Africa, the possibilities of evil exist. What is distinct? In two words, and without entering into a detailed definition of its social reperfusion, the development of a society in two strata, an upper white race passing its civilisation and its comfort largely at the labour of the lower black race, which is to a large class, the means of word and prayers, of wealth, the supreme comfort, education and insulation of the upper stratum.

For colonisation, direct and indirect, is undoubtedly the scourge which European greed for dominion has left to Africa. But there are countless other spheres of concern urgent, and where the onus of duty in any case is apparent. The protection of women and children, the limitation of wages for all workers, provision for sick and old age, education and safety in work, these are other important considerations. Wages again, their adequacy and the certainty of payment are a burning question. We find in East Africa according to European standards, but by far worse, an average of 25/- as justification of saying that the natives are not fit for self-government. It is a fact true that the needs of education, sanitation, and everything that he has to do in progress in civilisation are enormous, that the wealth which would provide these goes not but to owners.

Very frequently, when workers are removed from villages and their families unherded together for some constructive work, they are exposed to intensely bad surroundings. And from the time in which

they are accustomed to their native rapid degenerates. The absence of their wives tends to encourage immoral sexual habits, the cessation of tribal authority which they respect and which provides the sanctions of their code of conduct leaves them unguided amid strange circumstances; they lose their own standards without gaining new ones; their religion fails them.

They suffer severely from climatic change, possibly even more severely from changes of diet. Usually they are excessively liable to attack by diseases with which they come into contact for the first time, more especially tuberculosis and venereal disease. Also, once contact with each other, the onset of highly infectious disease dominates. In recent cases where statistics have been made available, appalling rates of mortality, up to and even over 50 per centum have been recorded. Public discussion last year in the European Parliament revealed a case where the mortality in one contingent of forced workers on an African railway reached 50%, an other contingent on the same work was stated to be 40 or 50%.

These are the effects which fall upon the workers themselves; there are other results which affect the community from which they come and of which account must be taken. These due to their absence include, at times a lack of workers for the needs of tribal or village cultivation, with resultant famine. The effects on family life of the absence of the adult males have been frequently noted. The return of the workers to their villages after the termination of their period of service may introduce there the ills from which they suffered. The dissemination of syphilis, hookworm, yaws, tuberculosis and other maladies is frequently attributed in medical reports to the going and coming of workers.

These volumes deserve the study of all serious students of African affairs.

SOME STATEMENTS WORTH NOTING

"Some measure of segregation is necessary for both the white and the black races, but anything in the nature of transfer of government from the white to the black races would be a great disaster." — Sir John Chancellor, formerly Governor of Southern Rhodesia.

The whole question of success of settlement depends upon the selection of the right type of man. It is environment that makes the difference. The man who is a jolly good fellow on a football field or in a club or at dinner may be a very different sort of fellow when he is left alone in the bush with a dog of fever every now and again, and the labour playing up, and disease among the crops, or drought, or too much rain. — *The Settler*.

The efforts of the Veterinary Department in combating animal disease, notably rinderpest, have been untiring and attended with great success. In 1926 the number of cattle in Uganda was estimated at approximately 655,000, whereas in 1927 the estimated number was more than 1,000,000. But rinderpest is an ever-present danger, and we are even now faced with a serious outbreak in Polwok and the districts of Buganda bordering on the Nile. Measures to stop the spread of this disease are undoubtedly only too often nullified by the fact that it is conveyed by game, and especially by the buffaloes which are numerous throughout Uganda and can only be regarded as an unmitigated pest. I am glad to learn that the Native cattle owners are showing a decided change of attitude towards inoculations, which are welcomed, whereas seven years ago they were shunned and avoided. This change of view is largely due to the fact, perseverance and efficiency with which the members of the Veterinary Department have always displayed. — *Uganda Agricultural Review*, Central Bureau.

KING GEORGE'S SHORT OF MEDICINE.

Strange Native Rumours in Nyassaland.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

I am interested in the letter you have quoted from the *Mosima* (18), reporting that Natives in Nyassaland are keeping up at night owing to a rumour that the Government are kidnapping men for experimental operations.

Such rumours far from being "fantastic to the verge of impossibility" are common enough. I have met with several such reports in districts well apart. One bad scare occurred in Nairobi during or just after the War. Not a ricksha was to be obtained after dark. Natives flocked back to the Reserves and the townsfolk were greatly inconvenienced. I think I am right in saying there were two such scares.

The Iringa district in Tanganyika had it badly after the War, and later when the Game Warden at Kilosa put his scouts into a special "game flagged" uniform of his own devising, it started a confirmed in the opinion of the Native, anger and alarm. These uniforms were supposed to be devised to permit the vectors of law and peace on wayfaring in the dark. They failed to be discarded!

I have met the same story in Belgian Territory and have never been able to get to the bottom of it because there is no bottom to it. An isolated number of men seem to be well versed in the facts. The evidence, if ever one gets as far as that, generally the people state they don't know the facts are correct and will go no further. I should like to know though how the rumour gets so widespread. I imagine it gets carried by the white man's retinue of personal boys.

Yours faithfully,

London, N.W. 1. GRANVILLE SQUIERS.

We are indebted to another London reader for the following extract from a George Trotter recently received from a Blantyre correspondent:— "My boys have just come to me to inform me there is a strong Native rumour that a mysterious white man has appeared in Fort Johnston, Zomba, and elsewhere who catches natives and holds them until they have given up their liver and brains to make medicine. This man, in all the time I talk, is all over the districts and the native villages. I have never heard of anyone giving me personal guarantee of the non-existence of these men, and we shall have to find out the perpetrator of the joke. Probably he shall have to 'go down' before post myself on account of the rumour." This is it. Will be seen a variant of the version which we quoted in our last issue.

TRAIN V. TORTOISE IN TANGANYIKA.

Letter Writ Barefoot.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

In August of last year I was much interested to find an ostrich's neck in a train.

A fortnight ago I was travelling to Moshi, and when driving to the station of Tengen I noticed a tortoise on our permanent way in front of the train. On the arrival of the train, however, the tortoise started off at best speed for the next station. At the sight of the increased speed the engine gave a short start and started overhauling the tortoise. A brief and full race ensued, the tortoise trying up an incline the engine gave up a short but still undeterred, and possibly being driven by a shot from Bombay who knew the tale about tortoise and the spider, it tried again and again. Then, as recalled for assistance, it arrived at the company of Jenkins' station goods train, and this faithfully

ESTABLISHING COTTON MILLS IN AFRICA.

A Proposal from Lancashire.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

The Lancashire cotton industry, which has now arrived at the point at which many mills and looms may have to close down, therefore suggest that we should build mills in Africa on selected sites in the cotton-growing districts, taking to such localistic machinery, engines, boilers, and equipment from these Lancashire mills building and equipping mills in Africa, and engaging a number of experienced Lancashire operatives to supervise the spinning and weaving of the locally grown cotton. Excellent sites could be secured in Africa, and if a sound financial scheme be evolved, valuable investment would be utilised within the Empire instead of being allowed to go to foreign countries, which will use it to compete against us—and the African mills should yield splendid dividends. Thus the shareholders and shareholders of the existing companies would see their money back.

It is suggested that cotton, having great advantages for the cotton could be purchased on the spot, transport charges would be saved, and the raw cotton would be turned into calico without loss of time, thus saving interest on the money invested.

I am told that some persons claim that atmospheric conditions might prove a stumbling block. That, it seems to me, should not be a major difficulty, for modern cotton spinning plant could certainly solve the problem in Africa as it has in America.

My proposal, which has been submitted to the Lancashire Masters' Association of Spinners, seems to me the only wise way of tackling a very serious problem, and I should welcome an expression of the views of East Africans.

Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HARDMAN.

TRADE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AFRICA.

The Case of Tobacco.

To the Editor of "East Africa."

About £50,000 worth of raw leaf tobacco was imported by British West Africa during 1927, of this total coming from the United States of America. In that same year a vast quantity of tobacco was exported by rail from the Rhodesias, a large proportion of whose crop I believe still unsold in London. Is this West African market to be supplied direct by East Africa?

Yours faithfully,

DREW SMALL.

Christmas Mail of East Africa

LETTERS intended for Christmas dinner at Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and Zanzibar should be posted at the P.O. London before 6 p.m. on December 24, a day or two earlier in the year.

Letters for Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia should be posted not later than the morning of December 25.

PRINCE ATTENDS KENYA LEGISLATURE.

Governor's Speech on Kenya's Problems.

In his opening speech, the Governor of Wales attended the opening session of the Legislative Council of Kenya. The Governor, Sir Edward Grigg, said that the Prince had made his ordinary tour owing to the irregularity of his visit and been able to see all sides of the Colony's life. The Prince had a natural instinctive understanding of the feelings and struggles of a young Colony and all the communities in Kenya had told him much of the Prince's interests and sympathy.

His Excellency expressed the hope of being able to see the Native Lands Trust Bill made law on his return from a conference in London, and also the Land-Bank proposals. The Native areas, he said, needed reconditioning and required capital expenditure. Although the question of loan security in relation to Native lands presented difficulty, he hoped to find a suitable form of State credit for submission to the Council next year.

Referring to a recent controversy, the Governor said: "I must make absolutely clear that there is not the remotest possibility that the present Government of the Colony will be persuaded to depart from the British practice of providing any form whatsoever for the regulation or recognition of prostitution by the State."

The Governor dealt with the great drain on the resources of the Colony imposed by the cost of military protection for the Northern Frontier Province, which he believed could be reduced. He could, he said, make proposals for reorganisation while in London, and he expressed great confidence in the co-operation of the Abyssinian Government which had shown a real determination to disarm the people on their side of the frontier.

Sir Edward Grigg quoted figures to show that the condition of the country, despite two years of drought and an invasion of locusts, was not so grave as was believed. Exports of wheat, coffee, wool, hides, and soda had increased and for the nine months of the current year exports had increased nearly 15% compared with the same period of 1927. While the prospects for next year indicated decrease, there was no question of a setback, nevertheless the Government intended to economise in non-productive expenditure.

The Governor also indicated the probability of remissions in indirect customs taxation from the Colony's surpluses. There was continued need for expenditure on research and also on the medical and educational services, and it was the Government's intention to stamp out malaria, which had taken a heavy toll of Europeans last year. Finally, His Excellency suggested that terms of service of officials must be lengthened to avoid the drain of the present leave system. *Times* telegram.

UGANDA'S DEBT TO GREAT BRITAIN.

The Kabaka's Words to the Prince.

The address of welcome presented to the Prince of Wales by the Kabaka of Buganda contained these words:

"Your Royal Highness's coming to this country amounts in effect to a visit of His Majesty the King himself, and I most respectfully beg to assure Your Royal Highness of the staunch loyalty entertained by myself, the chiefs, and the people towards the British Crown. We are most grateful for the protection and liberty extended to us by His Gracious Majesty King George V, under whose rule so many peoples enjoy freedom and prosperity. Your Royal

Highness will see on all hands evidences of the progress which has been achieved by my country under the able guidance and sympathetic advice of officers of His Majesty's Government—in well-kept roads, in large areas under cotton cultivation, in schools, hospitals, and in the general prosperity of the people. We may assure every hour that as we grow in wisdom and civilisation the progress will steadily increase."

"I take this opportunity of bringing to Your Royal Highness's notice the most valuable assistance which has been rendered my people by the various Christian missionary societies, particularly in matters of education and medical services. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Church Missionary Society, the White Fathers, and the Mill-Hill Missions."

"Your Royal Highness, I feel greatly honoured in presenting to Your Royal Highness these gifts which have been entirely made by Baganda and which represent the various crafts of my people. In conclusion I beg once again to tender to Your Royal Highness on my own behalf and in the name of my chiefs and people our profound gratitude for the interest shown by His Most Gracious Majesty the King in thus allowing your Royal Highness to pay a visit to our country, and I should most respectfully beg Your Royal Highness on your return to England to convey our expression of gratitude and loyalty to His Majesty the King."

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S FILM.

Last Week's Private Show.

A REPRESENTATIVE of East Africa had the pleasure of attending last week's private show of "Round Africa with Cobham," the film record of Sir Alan Cobham's great 20,000-mile flight. The cinematography is excellent, the interest skilfully maintained, and the editing and titling are generally good—though East Africans will be somewhat staggered to be told that the war canoes of the Sese Islands of Victoria Nyanza are made of mahogany covered with yak skin!

They will also be a little surprised that the opportunity was not seized to work in more propaganda for the idea of a regular air route to East Africa and to illustrate its benefits. That the picture is a straightforward record of the flight, entirely free from propaganda of any kind, may or may not be an advantage from the standpoint of the ordinary cinema-goer, who, one imagines, would have been interested in such an incident as Captain Oldstone's flight along the Nile from Butaba with a doctor anxious to reach in the shortest possible time a fellow medico stricken with blackwater fever. The inclusion of such an episode would have thrown some light on one aspect of pioneering, would have indicated one great service which regular air transport could confer on the outlying portions of our African Empire, and would have prepared the public mind for the inauguration of that service.

The film is to be presented to-day (Thursday) at the Imperial Institute as part of a programme of African films arranged by the British Empire Film Institute, and all of our readers who then or at any other time have an opportunity of seeing it are recommended to do so.

The Nairobi Corporation invites tenders for the supply of incinerators plants to deal with the town refuse. Particulars of the requirements are obtainable from Messrs. Carter's (Merchants), Ltd., 6, Princes' Street, London, E.C. 2, to whom application should be made before December 3.

WHICH IS EAST AFRICA'S MOST CHARMING MISSION STATION?

The current issue of *East Africa in the Press* contains an interesting note by Canon F. J. Spanton on the latter's station at Fuvia, in N.W.A., in Northern Rhodesia.

I wish, he says, "to say something about the most charming and delightful mission station that I have seen. It is built on the lower slopes of a mountain, looking across a wide valley towards a beautiful range of hills. There is a fine waterfall close by in the mountain behind the station, and a stream which flows through the garden provides an unceasing supply of water, and makes cultivation easy even in the dry season of the year. The consequence is that, given an enthusiastic gardener—Mr. Stewart is certainly that—almost every kind of fruit and vegetable can be made to flourish, and there is a positive riot of flowers in every direction most of the year. The mission house, known locally by 'European settlers' as 'the pretty house,' is built round three sides of a square on the lines of 'the Ideal Home,' and every kind of detail for convenience and for beauty has given delight to the amateur builders. The chilliness of the air when the sun goes down makes the provision of fireplaces rather a necessity than a luxury, and this has given further scope for the ingenuity of those who designed the rooms. No one who has experienced the delights of a stay at Fuvia can wonder at its popularity as a week-end resort for Europeans within motoring distance, who are in search of quiet surroundings, and who find here a peaceful retreat from the cares and pleasures of their everyday lives."

"There are but very few Christians in the Fuvia district as yet, and contributions and candidates for the catechumenate are slow to come along; for almost as soon as the station was founded the Word-Tower Movement descended upon the land, and, indeed, some of the villages close to Fuvia itself were accounted among its spiritual strongholds. The result was not only a disinclination to have anything to do with Christian teaching, but an almost entire cessation of intercourse with the European missionaries; people who had hitherto been entirely friendly decided to speak or sing, and nothing from the villages concerned would undertake any kind of work upon the mission station. There was an almost entire break-off of relations, and even when the movement was on evil days those who had numbered themselves among its adherents were suspicious and ashamed; so that a good deal of tact and a little steady perseverance were necessary in order to get on anything like a friendly footing once more. The Fuvia staff went through a very difficult and trying time, but that state of affairs is now at an end and I have a very vivid recollection of a visit which I paid with Mr. Hewitt to a large village of no three hundred people, a few miles away, which a year or two ago had been almost entirely given up to Witch-Town. We were received with the most entire friendliness, and indeed with something of enthusiasm."

"It would be interesting to bear in mind that mission stations are widely scattered in East and Central Africa, qualifying for the title of being 'most desolately situated.' Would any of our readers care to express their views on this point?"

Another important annexing the regulations of the Northern Rhodesia Naturalisation Order of 1914 is published in *The London Gazette*. Wide powers are given to the Governor to refuse letters of naturalisation.

LAND ALIENATION BY AUCTION.

This defective New Crown Lands Ordinance of Nyasaland has already been mentioned in these pages, in which the perpetuation of this system of auctioning leases has been criticised. Referring to the obnoxious system in a recent issue, *The Nyasaland Times* said:

"Leases of Crown lands should not be sold by public auction. Government should refer to the report of the Lands Commission, which states the reasons against this system. A Land Board should be constituted, which should fix the upset rental of the land, and any person who applies for land in any particular district should be told the rental they can then take it or leave it. The present system is not an auction system because in practice the fact that persons wishing to bid must obtain the consent of the Governor practically means that there is no bidding, so that the Government gets no benefit from a mock auction, and the only result is to waste time and money. It would be much better for the Board to fix the rental and let each applicant considered by Government to bid, and let another person take up the land as and when required. This is the usual business procedure followed by land companies, and if they find that in this way there is no reason why the Government should not do the same. In leasing land the highest rent is not the first consideration, because it does not pay anyone to lease land at an uneconomic rent, as it simply means that the land comes back into their hands at a lessened value."

A GUN-BEARER'S DEVICE.

In the course of an article written for *The Sunday News* Mr. F. Ratcliffe Holmes says:

"One morning I shot two wildbeests out on the mud-flats which surround Lake Ndovu. They were nearly a mile apart; and whereas one had been left to dissect the carcase of the first and another had been sent back to camp for porters, there was no one to guard the second against innumerable vultures. I was obliged to continue on my way taking the gun-bearer with me, and there was nothing with which we could cover the beast, so it seemed nothing could prevent the various birds gorging themselves once our back was turned.

"At this point Abdullah suggested quietly that he would make *dawa* or medicine, which would protect the meat, and though I had great faith in his skill as a hunter, I was very dubious of the efficacy of anything short of a rifle to keep the vultures away. Whilst I smiled inwardly, Abdullah knelt down and just tied a few knots in the mane and tail of the beast, saying it was now quite safe for us to depart, which we did. It was nearly two hours later when we got back, and the vultures had been fetched from camp to carry on the feast, were only then emerging from the forest quite a long way off. There were hundreds of vultures flying overhead, but not one had even alighted near that carcase. Over by one's second, where all the while was busy, the birds were sitting around only a few yards off, feeding on the scraps and offal which he threw to them."

PERSONALIA.

Mr. E. L. Maydon has left for Kenya.

Mr. G. L. Lewis is now District Medical Officer in Nairobi.

Mr. Robert Williams and Sir Reginald Wimpey are in London business.

Mr. F. C. Macferson is outward-bound for Mombasa by the "Balmoral Castle."

The Sultan of Zanzibar is said to be contemplating a visit to England next year.

Dr. J. D. S. Thomas recently arrived in Kenya on his appointment as Medical Officer.

Mr. E. Anderson, Assistant District Officer Tanganyika, has been transferred to Tabora.

Mr. A. G. Jenkins has been appointed District Commissioner of the Budamia district of Uganda.

Mr. A. H. Savile has arrived in Tanganyika on his first appointment as a District Medical Officer.

Mr. A. E. Kiteling, who was District Officer at Arusha during his last tour of duty, is now on leave.

Mr. Granville Somers recently addressed the Berlin Lecture Society on his experiences in East Africa.

The Duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of the King of Italy, is to head a new expedition to Central Abyssinia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson F. Gibb are outward-bound by the "Llansteffan Castle" for East and South Africa.

Sir Charles Bowring, the Governor of Nyasaland, won a motor car which was recently raffled in the Protectorate.

Mr. J. A. Ashe Orme has been co-opted to the Committee of the Tanganyika Planters' Association Central Area.

Mr. G. H. Warren has been appointed a member of the Coffee Board of Uganda in the place of Mr. E. A. Cameron.

Mr. T. Alexander Barnes's new work, entitled "Anglo-Saxon Sketches," has been published by Messrs. Methuen.

We regret to report the recent death in Kaimosi hospital of Mr. Francis Wingfield-Douglas, of Ambukutia Kenya.

Mr. Richard Hocken of the Uganda Alliance was buried a few days ago at Talyllyn on his way to Australia.

Mr. J. H. Smith has been posted to Kondoa on arrival in Tanganyika on his appointment as a District Reconstruction Officer.

Bishop Chappell, the new Australian Bishop of Central Tanganyika, has arrived in the Territory with ten Australian missionaries.

Viscount Cobham, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, and Chairman of East African Estates, Ltd., underwent an operation in London last week.

Councillor F. A. Wood, Mayor of Nairobi, recently laid the foundation stone of the Salvation Army's new territorial headquarters in that town.

Mr. E. J. Luck, Chief Storekeeper of the Public Works Department of Tanganyika, expects to arrive in England during the latter part of November.

Sir Philip Richardson, who visited the East African Dependencies a couple of years ago, has just returned to London from a visit to South Africa.

The engagement is announced between Mr. John H. Thompson, late King's African Rifles, and Miss E. and Lady Mallon, widow of Sir Edward Mallon.

Lord Howard de Walden has presented to the National Stud an adult bull, a gelding, and has agreed to present a cow and a heifer of the same species.

Mr. F. C. Linfield, P.P., the Liberal Member of the Grimsby Corporation, addressed the West Lewisham Liberal Association last week on "My African Experiences."

A committee has been appointed in Southern Rhodesia to raise funds for the erection of a statue to the late Sir Charles Gough, first Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia.

The Rev. Monsignor Arthur Hinsley, Bishop of Sebastopolis, Rector of the English College in Rome, and Visitor Apostolic in Africa, was in Zanzibar when the last mail left.

Mr. J. E. Ransome and Mr. W. B. Robertson, Assistant District Officers, Tanganyika Territory, have been posted to Handeni and Mbuhu since their return from leave.

During the absence, on leave, of Mr. G. C. Ishmael, President of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. A. D. Jones, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Chamber, is acting in his stead.

Lady Neville Pearson, M.R.C.S., has conducted a Christmas sale last week in the Empire's Rooms, Kensington, in aid of the City of London Hospital for Disease of the Heart and Lungs.

Major A. G. Koss, D.S.O., of Kitale, was recently married in Nakuru to Miss Laffy Blake, née Bedford. An unusual feature of the wedding was that the bride cut the cake with a hunting knife.

Mr. Alison Russell, K.C., Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, recently left Dar es Salaam on leave pending retirement. Mr. I. T. O. Cowen, Senior Prisine Judge, is meanwhile Acting Chief Justice.

The annual dance given by Dar es Salaam Bachelors is always an enjoyable function, and the 1928 gathering certainly seems to have been as successful as those of the past. Some 300 people were

Mr. E. Powys Cobb, one of the best-known settlers in Kenya, who was recently married in Nakuru to Miss E. Margaret Dicksee, has been a pioneer of the cattle and wheat-growing industries of the Colony.

Mr. R. Spranger, manager of the Jinja branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa, has succeeded Mr. J. Wallace, of the National Bank of India, as President of the East African Chamber of Commerce of Uganda.

Mr. F. W. Williams, of Dar es Salaam, has won the British Cup this year with a score of 96 out of a possible 105 points. The Cup is competed for annually under the auspices of the Tanganyika Territory Rifle Association.

Commander E. Ward, R.N. (retired), a settler at present on leave from Kenya, addressed the Women's Conservative and Unionist Association of Leek, his Native town, a few days ago on the problems of East Africa.

Those of our readers who were brought into touch with him will learn with regret of the death after a very brief illness of Mr. R. W. Matthew, M.C., Director of the Trade, Empire, and Economic Division of the Department of Overseas Trade.

Mr. R. S. Campbell, this year's President of the Association of East African Chambers of Commerce, was married in Mombasa Cathedral on November 5 to Miss M. L. Garland. His many friends will join us in wishing them many years of happiness.

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We mourn with regret that, acting under medical advice, Sir James P. Reynolds, senior partner of Messrs. Reynolds and Gibson, of Liverpool, has retired from the firm, which has been joined by Mr. E. B. Orme, past President of the Liverpool Cotton Association and a member of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Hamerton, formerly of the R.A.M.C., who has assumed his duties as pathologist to the Zoological Society of London, was a member of the Sleeping Sickness Commission appointed by the Royal Society under Sir David Bruce, with whom he worked in Uganda and Nyasaland between 1908 and 1910.

Mr. T. D. Maitland, M.B.E., formerly Botanist to the Department of Agriculture of Uganda, and now Superintendent of the Botanic Gardens, Victoria, British Cameroons, leaves England on November 28 to return to West Africa. His many friends will be glad to hear that he has completely recovered in health as a result of his leave.

Colonel P. G. B. Spicer, M.C., Commissioner of Police of Kenya, was struck by a fast ball when battoning recently for the Kenya Police in a cricket match against the Railway Guards, the blow inflicting a wound which required several stitches. In the first innings of the match Colonel Spicer had made 6 runs, exactly half the total of his side.

An emergency meeting of the Grand Master Lodge of Mark Master Masons held last week at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, the Duke of York was advanced to the Mark Degree by the Deputy Master, Mr. B. Marr Johnson, Past Grand Warden, assisted by the Grand Secretary, Major T. G. L. Lumley-Smith, Past Grand Overseer, the Secretary of the Lodge.

Sir Alison Rose leaves London on Friday morning to join the "Stephan Castle" at Marseilles en route for his estate at Arusha. Sir Alison expects to spend six or eight weeks in Tanganyika Territory, during which time he will visit the Salt Works at Uvaya. On previous occasions his visits have been compensated by grants for hospital purposes, and it may well be that Arusha will this year have reason to be thankful for his interest.

Mr. R. A. Bartholomew, who was for some years Editor of *The East African Standard*, has just returned to London from a visit to New York paid in the interests of publicity on behalf of Egypt, which he now controls. In the U.S.A. Mr. Bartholomew was in close touch with newspaper circles, and was fortunate in meeting several old newspaper colleagues now resident in that part of the world. Mr. Bartholomew returns to Cairo at the end of the month.

It is reported from India that Kunwar Mahan Singh, C.I.E., who recently visited East Africa in connection with the preparation of the Indian case for submission to the Hilton Young Commission, will probably succeed Mr. Sastri as Agent-General of India to the Union of South Africa. Kunwar Mahan Singh is the second son of Sir Hamm Singh, Rajah of Kasaulia, was educated at Harrow and Oxford, entered the Middle Temple as a barrister, and joined the Permanent Civil Service of the United Provinces before becoming Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in 1920 and Commissioner at Allahabad in 1927.

THIBUTES TO MR. AINSWORTH DICKSON

Good Work for Mombasa.

The departure from Kenya of Mr. M. Ainsworth Dickson, M.C., Resident Commissioner of Mombasa, to take up his duties as Religious Commissioner in Swaziland, occurred, curiously enough, exactly nineteen years from the day on which he reached the port to join the Customs staff. Mr. Dickson has been unusually successful in the discharge of his functions, a fact proved by the warm terms in which the Mombasa District Committee, and Town Planning Authority, have put on record their appreciation of his work. Their resolution reads—

"That the Committee place on record, on the occasion of the departure of their Chairman, Mr. Ainsworth Dickson, their appreciation of the dignity and efficiency with which Mr. Ainsworth Dickson has fulfilled his duties as Chairman of the District Committee and the Town Planning Authority. He has placed at the disposal of the Committee a wide experience of administration and well-founded judgment and statesmanship. His courtesy, tact and firmness have ensured the most harmonious relations on the Committee, and the most contentious matters have been approached merely as difficulties to be solved. Mr. Ainsworth Dickson's accurate knowledge of local conditions and his sympathy with the legitimate aspirations of every community have inspired implicit confidence in him both on the part of the public and of the Town Planning Authority. The Town Planning Authority are particularly indebted to Mr. Ainsworth Dickson for the very large number of claims for composition which he has satisfactorily disposed of with remarkable despatch. Mr. Ainsworth Dickson's departure is a severe loss to the community, and leaves a gap which will be very difficult to fill."

On Active Service.

The Mombasa Times, which is equally appreciative, recalls that on the outbreak of War Mr. Dickson was appointed to the Intelligence Department as O.C. for the Coast and Zanzibar. The newspaper adds: "He was with Major Wavell, of the Arab Rifles, and it was when they were scouting round together with a party of seventy men near the border, that they were ambushed by the enemy with machine guns in a clearing, and lost two-thirds of their number. Wavell was shot, and it was impossible to recover his body. Major Fox broke out in the dry grass and swept over everything. Major Wavell has been described as a man with a marvellous personality. He usually had great luck, but on this occasion his luck was out. The enemy, to give them their due, played the game. They buried the officers in one, creviced by themselves, the other in another by themselves, and the porters in a third, marking the spots." As a commentary on the situation at that time, the enemy had offered a reward of one thousand rupees for the British Intelligence Officer, Mr. Dickson. Major Wavell retaliated by offering a reward of five rupees for the enemy District Commissioner.

Colonial antagonism is to be fostered by Boer exiles, agents, or African communist agents. In South Africa, and presumably in other parts of the African continent, have in these months been by the Political Secretaries to the Government International Communist Parties, and to "pique the Native masses" until they demand a national African revolution for separation.

Mr. Marcus Garvey, who in London campaigned so strenuously that he shipped himself away to Canada the other day, was taken into custody by the immigration authorities on his arrival in England, and is to be deported.

A LOSS TO NYASALAND EDUCATION

Death of Mr. R. F. Gaunt.

It is with great regret that we record the death at the early age of 43 of Mr. R. F. Gaunt, former Vice-Principal, Director of Education, Nyasaland, which occurred at the London Hospital on the 2nd instant.

Mr. Gaunt had undertaken his first post overseas in Africa in 1905 as a teacher in Queen's College, Oxford. He took the "A" class 1000 with a second class in Modern History. He was appointed an Assistant District Commissioner in Nigeria in 1911, where as a Special Commissioner he investigated the Archibugi mutiny cases in 1913. He was transferred to the Education Department of the then East African Protectorate just before the outbreak of the Great War, at the close of which he acted as Inspector of enemy prisoners. In 1919 he became Inspector of Coast Education in Kenya, and the next year Senior Inspector of schools. After acting as Director of Education in Kenya in 1925 he was promoted to be the first Director of Education in Nyasaland in 1927.

Mr. Gaunt's first report on his newly formed Department was of considerable promise. He appeared to have made a good beginning in a task requiring tact and breadth of view, for the various and old-established missionary authorities had to be reconciled with the new order. Though some criticism was inevitable, his ideas of the type of education required in Nyasaland were generally approved and regarded as fundamentally sound. His untimely death has come as a great shock to his many friends and especially to those who knew and worked with him in Africa.

PRESIDENT OF THE ESCAPERS' CLUB

Death of an old Sudan Official.

We regret to report the death at the age of fifty-four of Major Charles Vincent Fox, D.S.O., late of the Scots Guards, who was Political Inspector for the Mongalla Province of the Sudan during his service with the Egyptian Army from 1908 to 1914. He took part in the Amak and Bahr patrol expeditions, and in 1913 captured an American elephant poacher well known throughout Central Africa. Fox and his capture being then captured by the Belgians. In the Great War he was in the first battle of Ypres, was twice mentioned in dispatches, and was awarded the D.S.O. After being three times wounded he was taken prisoner by the Germans at the end of October, 1914. He escaped three times from German prison camps, finally succeeding in getting back to England after thirty-two months' captivity when he was received by the King. Major Fox founded the Escapers' Club, of which he was elected President.

THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

The report of the governing body of the School of Oriental Studies for the year ended July 31, 1928, shows a considerable increase in the number of students of African languages; the Colonial Office and the Indian Government are making more frequent use of the facilities offered by the School, of which business houses dealing with Africa and the Far East are beginning to show more appreciation of the language section. Instruction was given in Swahili to 50 students in Class I, 10 to 7, in Class II, 10 to 5 in Class III, 10 in grammar to one, and in Portuguese 10, while the course in phonetics taken by no less than 155 men and 73 women.

STRANGE STATEMENTS ABOUT TANGANYIKA TERRITORY

A Challenge to the Writer.

MR. SIR VANCE CAMPBELL contributes to the new issue of the *National Review* a strongly ambiguous article on the future of Tanganyika Territory.

The author says, "that has led to the hitherto unexpected and rapidly increasing entry of Germans into the country. A certain journal, however, devoted to East African interests, has stressed this somewhat with vigour, hinting at a renewal of the policy of 'segregation' policy, which was the main feature of German pre-War tactics, as far as commerce generally was concerned." The figures quoted at the June session of the Legislative Council on reply to a question as to the comparative number of immigrants since March, 1927, of different nationalities, showing British 428 and Germans 556, will in all probability lead to a recrudescence of the Press agitation, when the proceedings of that particular Question Day are more widely known.

Now whether it can be said that His Excellency the Governor's speech at the opening of the 1928 session of Parliament was making a direct reference to agitators out in Tanganyika who are making or attempting to make capital by sowing seeds of discord, doubt and suspicion, it would be impossible to say, and on such a subject it is more than unfair to hazard wild and vague suppositions. That there are such agitators cannot be doubted, yet I very much doubt whether the English paper which has taken up this wholly patriotic attitude has to use the vernacular, goad of the right end of the stick, or, in other words, put the salt on the wound of the right nationality. There is another European, though alien, nation, besides the Germans, strongly represented in Tanganyika—Spain, and one, too, possessing big mercantile interests.

The policy of His Excellency in refusing to put up for sale certain areas in allotment for settlers without wide publicity in Europe has roused the theorist of such "gentry" and to the discredit of the British nation it is to be feared that certain *particulars d'industrie* of our race may be inferred in this category, and I would be inclined to attribute much of this "mischievous" campaign to self-styled vultures of the type who have made South African farming and citrus propositions stink in the nostrils of reputable Home papers.

East Africa stands beyond question the journal to which this writer refers, regards that he has not made explicit the grounds on which he bases the suggestion that we have failed to get hold of the right kind of stock, but carries much more the statements of the end of the above quotation.

What exactly may he intended to convey, and what exact man in the secret may take his words to the East Africans, is not, what knowledge I am sure, to be known, which I believe him to be on this subject, will not be easily misled. If they know that we have never attempted to make capital by sowing seeds of discord, and that we have never indulged in generalisations to this subject, but that, on the contrary, our statements have invariably been supported by definite facts, not a single one of which has been disproved. Mr. Campbell's statements are so ambiguous that it is difficult to say exactly what he means to convey, but it has been suggested to us what apparently wishes to insinuate that *East Africa* has indulged in such tactics. We challenge him or anyone else for that matter to point to any inaccurate official statement

on this matter of vital importance to us.

We have concentrated attention upon it simply and solely on account of our desire to serve the Territory to the best of our ability, for we believe that the establishment and the maintenance of the predominance of British civilisation and British ideals are essential if Tanganyika is to progress on the best lines, and the stamping of its African, Indian, and European inhabitants, "old-line" vultures as we do, should not be true to our public duty; we did and continually stress the urgency of securing an adequate flow into the Mandated Territory of the right type of British settlers.

Mr. Campbell suggests that "The policy of excellency in refusing to put up for sale certain areas in allotment for settlers without wide publicity in Europe has raised the ire of this gentry and I would be inclined to attribute much of this 'mischievous' campaign to self-styled vultures of the type who have made South African farming and citrus proposals stink in the nostrils of reputable Home papers." His insinuation, we confess, is beyond our understanding. In Tanganyika we are thankful to say has been singularly free from undesirable enterprises of the sort. "Who are these 'real estate vultures'?" Where are their headquarters? What "mischievous" propaganda have they engineered? An explanation would be interesting and enlightening.

EAST AFRICAN SERVICE APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments to the East African Public Services were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month of September.

KENYA COLONY.—Veterinary Officers. Messrs. F. W. Wilson and D. F. Macpherson, *Medical Officer*, M.R.C.V.S.; W. J. de Bronhead and R. J. C. Ross, *Cadets*, *Administration*. Messrs. F. J. de Bronhead and R. J. C. Ross.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.—Cadets. *Administration*. Messrs. S. R. Denny, C. T. Middleton and G. St. Ridell.

SWAZILAND.—Cadets. *Administration*. Mr. H. V. McMillan.

TANGANYIKA.—Medical Officers. Messrs. F. V. Adams, K. Edmundson, and D. B. Wilson, *Inspector of Mines*; Mr. J. A. Fawdry, *Veterinary Officer*; Mr. H. M. Saltisbury, *Cadets*, *Administration*. Messrs. H. M. Alleyne, C. F. Besuerker, P. W. S. Conran Davies, G. S. Darling, O. T. Hamlyn, D. M. Heops, G. W. Y. Hucks, A. G. de Coquery Ireland, R. H. Parker, H. G. Richards, L. D. Smith.

UGANDA.—Senior Agricultural Officer. Mr. S. F. Clay; *Medical Officers*. Messrs. J. S. Browne and R. S. F. Hennessey.

ZANZIBAR.—Cadets. *Administration*. Mr. R. H. W. Pakgaham.

Recent transfers and promotions made by the Secretary of State are the following:

Mr. G. L. Bancroft, *Deputy Registrar* of the High Court, Tanganyika, to be Crown Counsel, Northern Rhodesia.

Mr. T. Ainsworth Jackson, M.C., *District Officer*, Kenya, to be *Administrator*, Commissioner, Swaziland.

Mr. G. A. Gordon, *Assistant Administrator*, General, Zanzibar, to be *Official Administrator* and *Public Trustee*, Nigeria.

Mr. R. A. Kelly, *Deputy Treasurer*, Northern Rhodesia, to be *Treasurer*, Gold Coast.

Mr. C. E. Ross, *Assistant Postmaster*, Tanganyika, to be *Assistant Surveyor*, Post and Telegraph Department, Nigerian.