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IMVO ZABANTSUNDU (NATIVE OPINION). 3

UKUSA OSIHLWA.

[REV. J. M. DWANE.] Kutsha nje ndisebenzene kakulu no

LUTSHA NEMITSHATO.

Kumnandi kakulu kum lenkatazo ipete-  
ke ngendlela entle kunene. Ulutsha  
luzile kum Iwati olunve Iwatumela  
abakokeli. ukwazisa ukuba bazivile  
kakuhle into endizitetayo ukuba zilu-  
needo, ke ngoko bapezile ukuya ko  
“ nomtatsi.” Amadoda abuzile

INTLOBO ZEMIDLALO ezingavunyalwayo. Ndite ke mna *mabazipepe* indlalo (1) ezingcolileyo, (2) ezidulu, (3) nezixubene nabantu abangcolileyo. *Bazinikele* kwezondlalo abanokuti kuzo bangabi nantloni ukubiza iliso lomdala pezu kwazo. Ndati maviku- tazwe imidlalo ejenge ukusiza umzimba ingqondo isimilo nompefumlo. Uze uti wonke ohlobo oyakungxwelera enye yezizingangenziwa.

ITITSHALA NABAZALI.

*September 27—*Omnye u Titshala wesi- kolwana sangapandle kumjikelo wakwa Cofimvaba ungenise isikalazo sokungahlaulwa kwake ngabazali. Ndibuze ukuba akakazuzi nentona walandula. Nditeke makagoduke ndiyakuyi kangela lonto kuba kwababantu kuko nabakokeli nabashumayeli.

OWAGISELWA LI SLAMSI, *October 2. —* Ndite ngokuva ukubikwa komzalwana u Philip Soga, ndanduluka kusasa namhlanje ndayakubona. Okunene ndifike kukulu egulela emzini weqaba, ekute kwindlu agulela kuyo yasweleka kanye indawo yokuba kuchope umntu ngengxinano nembola. Samvela kakulu umzalwana ngalentlalo simfumanise ekuyo. Ngokwesifo sona simfumanise kungabonakali tuba lampumelelo. Wagityiselwa ngembokotwe embandeni li Silamsi mzuzu, kanti ke limgqibile. Into ete yafun’ ukuti yona igqitisele ngobubi kukuti abahedeni basuke batabate ilungelo lokupelelwa kwalo mzalwana ngamandla okuzikusela kumacikiciki obuhedeni aye enziwe kosukuba esifa. Usetyenzwe kunene ngokukutswa izidlanga ngembumba zo- bulongo. Kube kubi kum kuba lomntu kwenziwa ezizinto kuye ligosa le ramente yetu. Ndenze konke ekusemandleni am ukuba asiwe kumzi onamakolwa,

KUNJANINA INCUKUTU? KUNI

Ukusuka kulomzi ndibeke, ndagale leka ngokuhla ndihamba no Mr. P. Ngqabe, sifikile kwa mzalwana otile". Site sakukova ukuqeda izityo nemibhedesho saboniswa indawo zokulala, ndizile ndati “kunjanina incukutu”’ kwatiwa hayi noko” ndavuya kakulu ndaziposa emandlalweni. Kanti kumhlana endingasokubuti qhwe nobentongo. Ite into endingayilumkelanga ndakawuleza ngokusicima isibane. Nditeta ke yinto leyo ekube yimbuqu embi, wada wakhuza no Mr. Ngqabe “ yintonina Mfundisi”? “ Ndiyapela mzalwana sewudumbe wonke umzimba” Kute nokulumeka kwam isibane akwasiza nto zasuka zandibhushulisa kakubi, ndada ndamvusa umninindlu mavelana no twalufu. Ubuze ukuba yintonina? Ndite mna “ andikupile amadoda ngapakati ana ndiyabopa. Kwanziwe ocumbelele bokuba kude kuse. Kwasa ndino-eyivo-nto. Kute kwi nkonzo yakusasa ndaseseyala ngencukutu.

ingqobhoko yotitshala

*October* 3 — Ndisinge ku Cofimvaba nda- galeleka kona emini. Ndabikelwu ngu mfundisi ukuba kuko ititshala egqobhokileyo, isono ekale ngaso ekugqobhokeni kwayo sesokuba ixokise mna yati ayibhatalwa ngabazali, kanti noko bayayiposa inkozwana bakuzizuza. Ndi- katazwe kakulu yindawo yokungayikoleli lengqobhoko ukuba iyinene ndada ndafumana ndayeka.

UKUCHUMA KOMSEBENZI.

*October* 4.—Namhlanje kungene Unvanga-Ntatu. Kwabonakala ulwando lwamalungu nemali. Ekubonakele ukuba ngekusele into esandleni ukuba bekungahlaulwa namatyala. Itete mhlope impi yalomjikelo yati ayaziwa into enje apa. Ndiyakolwa ukuba lempumelelo ivakumvuyisa umfundisi walendawo. Ngemini elandelayo sitate

UMJIKELO NO MR. MZAMO, ngenyawo. Ute uwetu Mzamo wanobu kefukefu. Kute nge-Cawa waye engasapateli. Ndite ndakuyifeza imisebenzi eqelakileyo, ndajika ngo-Mvulo (Oct. 7,) ndasinga

KU LUBISI, kwano Ngqabe. Kute sisesentla ko Cofimvaba safunyanwa ngumoyakazi omkulu wasicinezelela ukuba side singene ehlatini. Site sesicamngca ngokubuyela e Sikobeni wegogololo, sahamba. Sifike ku??? ekuyeni kutshona kwelanga Ku??? ne tyalike yetu kuko

UBUOOXOLO

obubonakalisa ukungati kwawa isakiwo. ndibuze kuwetu ukuba kukutinina oku? Wati kwakusakiwa ityalike ezimbini zase Wesile, lonto ke ibangwa kukungavisiswana, kwasekusuka kufunzelwa ekwakeni, yaba ke ngoko ngu ‘owogqiba kuqala’’ zati nezipatamandla zabonela ngamehlo. Ide yagqitywa enye ityalike, enye yawa ingafezwanga, yaba ke ngoko iyema leya ipumeleleyo. Ke- kaloku kuko amadoda amabini enye yayingumkokeli kuleya yawayo, enye kule imiyo, inkatazo ke nantsi usu'ke lomzalwana wale tyalike imiyo amana ejokise ukushumayela kulamazwi “Nina mona wanina nina zintaba ezinde zase Bhashane, u Yehova utanda ukuhlala kulentaba. Noko ke le tekisi imxalisile kuko omnye umzalwana, ngati itekisi ezinga- mncedayo zezinye.

Ibala Labadlali

Ethiopian C. C. vs. British K. C. C.— Nge 23rd November kwaqubisana ezi Club zingentla emhlabeni we Tiyopiya. Mhla saqonda ukuba izimanga azisoze zipele, kananjalo i Tiyopiya ayisemva ekwenzeni izimanga; kuba\_yenze into engazange yenziwa etafeni lebhola e Bhayi. Imatshi yaqala ngexesha lesitatu, kwaqala kwangena i Tiyopiya. U Capt. Christian uyivule i innings yake ngo

S. Mpindwa no Dalaza, abate nakuba i

bowling ye British inzima babhexesha  
ngenkululeko, kupela besonga ejonge  
enyanisweni. Wapuma u Mpindwa xa  
isi.tora siyi 70 yena enze 34, walandela  
umlingane wake xa isikora siyi 76 wenza  
42. Kute ngexesha lesihlanu isikora  
sase siyi 102 kusapume amadoda amahla-  
nu, kwabonakala ukuba i British iya

kubila isoma lide litshone ingangenanga  
vaseii piwa i chance ngomteto omtsha.  
Yavakalisa i Tiyopiya ukuba ingeno layo  
lipelile kusapume 5. Yangena i British  
yapela ngo 6 yenze 22. Yapinda yenza  
25 kusapume 6. Yapela imatshi ngo  
half past 6. I British ayiyilibali lento iti  
iyakuke i practize pambi koku mema i  
Tiyopiya, isulwe umlomo.

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Ethiopian C.C..—J Mpindwa c and b  
Mazantsaua 34, V Dalaza c Katyana b do  
42, S Maqanda b Xaimpi 0, W Tywayi b  
Mazantsana 0, R Yekele c Katyana b do  
4, S Ewana not out 7, R Christian not out  
3. Extras 12. Total 102.

British K. C.C.,—Xaimpi b Tywayi 4,  
D Mazantsana b do 1, E Dassa b Christian  
0, M Manase run out 0, J Nyoka run out  
1, K Booi b Christian 1. Katyana b do 4,  
Mazantsana hit wicket 0, E Ndwanya b  
Christian 10, R Mbaru not out 0, J Platyi  
b Christian 0. Extras 1. Total 21.

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Ngomhla we 23rd November, 1889,  
kwaqubisana e Komani i Pioneer C.C.  
yase Komani ne S. Marks Native C.C.  
yase Sidutyini. Yadliwa i S. Marks N.  
C.C. nge run ezimbini ne wicketezintatu.  
Nguwo lo ke umsebenzi:

S. Marks Native C.C., 1st and 2nd in-  
nings : Nyikila (Capt) b Msengana 0, b  
do 9; Gogela b Xiniske 9, b do 0; Jonkers  
b Msengana 1, b do 8 ; Dunga c Hlati b  
Msengana 4, c Mtuyedwa b Xinishe 0;  
Hlahle b Msengana 7, lbw b Mtuyedwa  
9; Bele b Msengana 3, c Mtuyedwa b  
do 0; Dyusha b Msengana 1, c Mtuyedwa  
b Msengana 2 ; Ngubo b Xinishe 0, not  
out 10; Toyi b Msengana 4, b do 2 ; Mali-  
wa not out 2, b Magoda 10; Mavata b  
Msengana Somana, b Mtuyedwa 4. Ex-  
tras 5, 2. Totals 34, 60. Grand Total 94.

Pioneer C.C., 1st and 2nd innings :  
Nukuna (Capt.) b Bele 5, b Dunga 7;  
Mtuyedwa b do 1, b do 2; Magoda c  
Dunga b do 3, c Nyikila b Dunga 11;  
Hlati c Nyikila b Bele 12, c Dunga b  
Nyikila 6; Mqumbisa b Dunga 0, c Go-  
gela b Dunga 2; Msengana c Dunga b  
do 3, b Nyikila 1 ; Sixisbi not out 9, c  
Jonkers b Dunga 1; Stephen b Bele 1,  
c Bele b Nyikila 0; Xinishe run out 0,  
not out 6;' Lutu b Bele 0, didn’t bat;  
Kuse b Bele 6, not out 11. Extras 3, 8.  
Totals 41, 55. Grand Total 96.

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Ethiopian C. C. vs. W est End C. C.—  
Nge 9 November kwaqubisana ezi  
Club zingentla emhlabeni we E. C.C.  
Amacala omabini ayeqinile yaza ngoko  
imatshi yabanzima ete yapelela ekutyi-  
weni kwe West End C.C. nge 5 runs.

Ethiopian C.C.: D Hlati b Haupt 5,  
J Mzamo b do 4, F Makwena b Hen-  
dricks 3, K Tshona run out 2, G Sout do

1. Rev Gawler c and b De Klerk 19, Geo  
   A Ross b Hendricks 0, R Christian b  
   Coutrius 2, H Pezisa b do 2, A Matakane  
   c and b do 0, J Ciliwe not out 0. Extras
2. Total 45.

West End C.C.: J Cedras c and b  
Christian 2, W Roelfze b do 0, J Andrews  
lbw Ross 0, J Haupt c Hlati b Christian

1. H Coutrius run out 1, T Hammond b  
   Ross 3, S Hendricks not out 3, W Arends  
   c Mzamo b Makwena 6, R Gallant lbw  
   Ross 7, P Kasper b Makwena 3, J de  
   Klerk b do 8. Extras 4. Total 40.

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Nge 7 ku December i “ Frontier ” C.C.  
yanduluka kwango 425 kusasa ukuya  
kudlala ne “ East London and District ”  
C.C. e Monti. Yafika kona ngo 730 a.m.,  
umnqopiso ungowokuba kudlalwe kusasa

kanti akuyi kuqalwa pambi ko 3 pm.,  
into eyabanga ilahleko enkulu yexesha.

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Sipaule ukuba umhlaba ekudlalelwa  
kuwo usayigqita yonke esaka sayibona  
ngobubi. Sarana kwalapo ukuba abantu  
abanokudlalela i cricket emhlabeni onje  
base neziposo ezininzi ngomdlalo we  
cricket, nohlobo Iwayo.

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Sifike kuko indidi ezimbini kulutsha  
Iwakona. Lilodwa ikaba elizilibazisa  
nge cricket (elike besiye kulo). Liko eli  
linentlanganiso ekutiwa “ Yinqubelo  
Pambili,” abazili bazisa ngayo. Senze-  
Iwe ububele kakulu “ yinqubelo pambi-  
li,” sakuba silahliwe singakatalelwe nga-  
bantu ebesiye kubo. Siyawabulela la-  
manene namanenekazi.

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Kwaqala i Frontier ukungena ngo 3  
p.m., yana imvula kungekabi yi hour  
sidlala. yasinqumamisa i hour yonke.  
Kwapindwa kwadlalwa emva kwayo.  
Yapela i innings ye Frontier ngo 615  
yenze 104. Ubuninzi besi sikora benziwe  
ngu Bovana, Bopi no Xiniwe. Sinenkolo  
ukuba lomhlaba wawungenancha inde  
engena kubaleka ibhola) esi sikora ngesi  
ngapezulu.

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Yangena i E. E. and D. C.C. selise duze  
ilixa lokuyeka, lapela bebane abefileyo:  
4 for 21. Yaba yi draw ke lo match. Si-  
bulela uncedo esilufumene ku Rev. E.  
Magaba ngokusikangelela (umpire), no  
Rev. W. B. Rubusana ngokusibhalela  
(scoring) pantsi kwezimeko ezinzima  
zemvula.

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Frontier C.C.: Bovana b Magaba 27,  
Jer Menze b Mjokozeli 4, Mtoba run out  
3, Soga c Matross b Magaba 4, Xiniwe c  
and b do 18, Bopi c Mjokozeli b Matross  
26, Thomas c April b Landule 3, Ntshona  
b Matross 4, Rune c and b do 1, Joe Me-  
nze not out 2, Tyali run out 1. Extras 11.  
Total 104.

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E. L. and D. C.C.: Bele b Menze 8,  
Mata b do 7, April c and b Thomas 0,  
Matross run out 1, Tshaba not out 5,  
Kunene not out 0. Extras 0. Total 21  
for 4 wickets. Rev J Magaba, Landule,  
Mjokozeli, Ngqaka, Siyeka,—to bat.

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I fixtures ze Frontier ukuya ekupeleni  
konyaka zezi: Nge 14, Champion C.C.;  
21, “Amaqakamba” C.C. (Amasimnari   
ase Rini); 26, East London and District  
C.C. return.

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Siva ukuba i Champions ziya kudlala e  
Komani nge Kresmesi ne Pioneers, ne  
yase S. Marks, neyase Aliwal North,—  
zidibane zonke e Komani.

Sivuya no Mr. Robert Plaatjes ose  
msebenzini wakwa Rulumeni e Pearston,  
ngokunyuselwa kwake kutnsebenzi woku-  
tolika kumatyala ase Graaff-Reinet. U  
Mr. Plaatjes uyifanele kanye indawo leyo.  
Imfundo anayo wayigqiba pantsi ko Mr.  
J. Tengo-Jabavu kwisikolo sase Somerset.

Ventersburg (0. F. S.).—Sabona kufika  
umfo erolwa ngabafana engasaboni noku.  
bona. Ubetwe yintombazana yake ngenxa  
kanina kuba umfo lowo wayebeta unina.  
Watsho pezu kweliso ngembokotwe. Igwe-  
tywe ngo November 8, yagwetyelwa ishumi  
elinesihlanu lentsuku entolongweni.—Imvula  
iyana kakulu ngoku.

Ingxoxo Ka Mr. Mhalla. —Umnu zetu  
usitumela incwadi ezibukali ezisomayo  
erora ngokuvalwa kwengxoxo enge “ Nke-  
wana ” ne “ Mfengwana " esiti isiroro eso  
masifakwe ngokusoma. Sinente eninzi  
yencwadi ebezisibongoza ukuba ingxoxo le  
ivalwe nangapandle kokuba elocebo nati be-  
sesilibonile. Kwangengxoxo le uti owase  
Ngcobo :—“ Siyakwazisa ukuba ezinteto zika  
Mr. Mhalla zizakuquba ngoluhlcbo azinaku-  
nqunyanyiswa, baninzi kulemimandla abaza.  
kuliyeka ipepa. Azincedi, Into naye azim-  
ncedi, zingayikunceda bani, naye enga-  
soze ancede bani engazange amncede nje,  
uyakude ayekufa enjengoko anjalo—J. Z. T.”  
Ngati yeyona nto ilungileyo ngendlela  
zonke ukuyivala lengxoxo.

I Dinner ku Mr. Thomas Ngudle.—  
Uhlanga luya luqonda noko ngati lute  
cwaka nje. Lisiko lase mlungwini elizu-  
kileyo ukuti kwakufika umntu okunjule-  
Iweyo umzi mhlaumbi umhlobo amenzele  
isidlo. U Mr. T. Ngudle wase Mtata ube  
hambele e Maxesibeni, kute ngo 23 Nov.,  
u Mr. Marcus Kinass wamenzela isidlo  
esikulu kunene, silungiselelwe ngo Misses  
Jacob Cumming intokazi zakwa Kasibe.  
Uyanconywa umsebenzi wazo. Kwabebeko  
kubalulwa u Mr. S. Malimba obeyi Chair-  
man, no Messrs. William Nota, Langala-  
sembo, Jacob Cumming, Gubesa, Kinass.  
Kuqediwe ukutyiwa kubeko inteto zibulisa  
u Mr. Ngudle, eye Chairman isalata ukuba  
namhla kubuyelwa kwisiko lamanyange  
ebekubukwa ngamajiki nenyama indwendwe  
ezibalulekileyo. Pakati kwenteto kumana  
ukutsholoza intokazi ezingo Miss Kinass  
nabanye abavumi.

ABALIMI NA BARWEBI.

*Uboya—*Eqonce, 13 December, obunga- vaswanga budle i 6£d. ngeponti.

E QONCE (Dec. 14.)

Irasi—1/9 to 2/ ngekulu

Ihabile—1/8 to 9/6 ngekulu

Itapile—1/8 to 12/ ngekulu

Umbona—6/3 to 7/7 ngekulu

Umgubo—14/ to 17/3 ngekulu

Isemile—3/9 to 4/3 ngenxhowa

Inkuni—7/ to 31/ ngeflara

Inkuku—4d to l0d inye

E RINI (Dec. 13 & 14.)

Inkuni—15/ to 37/ ngeflara Inkuku—1/5 to 2,'9 inye

Ihabile—2/9.to 4/3 ngekulu Irasi—3/3 ngekulu

Umbona—16/ to 17/9 ngenxhowa

Inqholowa—25/ ngenxhowa Amazimba—13/ ngenxhowa Irasi—8/9 to 9/ ngenxhowa Umgubo—35/ ngenxhowa Isemile—4/6 to 5/ ngenxhowa Itapile—4/6 to 10/ ngekulu. Amatanga—1/6 to 4/ ngedazini

Native opinion,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19,1889.

THE reception which  
has been extended Excellency Sir  
Henry Loch on his  
arrival in this country has exceeded  
anything we can recall to mind in  
unanimity, warmth and heartiness.  
If it had been possible for all the  
people of the Colony to appear in  
person in Cape Town to testify by  
their presence to the sincerity of  
of their feelings, His Excellency  
could safely be assured that the  
demonstrations would not have been  
one whit less enthusiastic- The  
metropolis has, however, vicariously  
discharged a most necessary duty  
on behalf of the inhabitants of the  
Colony in providing a magnificent  
reception to Sir Henry and Lady  
Loch and their family. Although  
the very large and important wing  
of the inhabitants of the Colony,  
whose feelings we always strive to  
mirror, may not have been repre-  
sented by a distinctive address, His  
Excellency may depend upon it that  
the Aborigines of this country yield  
to no section in the cordiality  
of their welcome, and in wish-  
ing that his term of office may  
be a blessing to South Africa. No  
doubt these manifestations of feel-  
ing will serve to strengthen and  
encourage the Governor in the path  
of duty It would be the very  
acme of impudence if we were to  
attempt to sketch that line for the  
Governor. We are, nevertheless,  
perfectly aware that others, repre-  
sentatives of sections, will not be  
so punctilious. But if His Excel-  
lency keeps before him the main

conditions of the three-cornered  
problem so happily described by  
the author of “ Blacks, Boers,  
and British,” and like his wise  
predecessor eschew playing off any  
two of the B.’s against one at a  
time, he will fulfil the best expectations of all well-wishers.

Sir Henry Loch seems, how-  
ever, to be a peculiar Gov-  
ernor : and we see no reason  
to think that this peculiarity  
will fail to mark his administration  
in this country. From what we  
have read of the new Governor we  
observe that there is a certain magic  
about him which seems to remove  
difficulties in his presence. A  
writer mentions an incident of thril-  
ling interest in connection with Sir  
Henry Loch. “ He had been a  
“ prisoner in the Chinese War,  
“ sentenced to be executed, and taken  
“ out every morning for a fortnight  
in the belief that he was to be kil-  
“ led then and there—a unique ex-  
“ perience, enough in itself to have  
(< killed most men without the  
“ executioner’s assistance. The com-  
“ posure with which he had borne  
“ the trial marked him as an excep-  
“ tional man.” Then his fifteen  
years’ rule of the Isle of Man was a  
singular success. It was, moreover,  
when his Excellency was in office  
in Victoria that the German in-  
vasion of New Guinea caused  
great excitement in Melbourne,  
and Sir Henry Loch had to  
deal with an awkward situa-  
tion in which were involved the  
very troublesome factors—-Bis-  
marck, the Colonial Office, highly  
apathetic then, and, among the Aus-  
tralian Colonies, Victoria, in par-  
ticular Yet that knotty nasty  
problem vanished before Sir  
Henry’s magic wand. The impres-  
sive demonstrations in Cape Town  
illustrate the same fact. So strong  
was the desire in this country that  
Sir Hercules Robinson should re-  
sume office that there was a fear  
that his successor would be cold-  
shouldered by the Colonists. We  
are not sure that the arrival of a  
Governor other than Sir Henry  
Loch would' have caused such a  
metamorphosis as to throw a com-  
munity, lamenting the resignation  
of a Governor of Sir Hercules  
Robinson’s parts, into paroxysms  
of delight such as those of which  
Sir Henry Loch was a witness on  
Friday last. In writing thus we  
have much pleasure in joining in  
welcoming our new Governor.

LAST week we anim-  
adverted stronglyon the lightning speed  
with which the Drink  
Commission was proceeding about  
its work on the Frontier. We  
were then not aware that the Com-  
mission placed the greatest possible  
difficulties in the way of the recep-  
tion of the evidence of the Natives.  
In Native quarters the cry is loud  
and long because, first, timely  
notice has not been given of the  
advent of the Commissioners;  
second, they showed a marked dis-  
inclination to take evidence from  
the Natives in the only way Natives  
could give it satisfactorily; third,  
they made no provision whatever for  
the full and proper interpretation of  
Native evidence. The important  
Native centre of Victoria East,  
with the renowned Lovedale Institu-  
tion within its borders, was passed  
by although we understand the  
Commissioners were begged and  
prayed, on behalf of our peo-  
ple, to hold a sitting within  
that Division. Nor, in the opinion  
of the public, were the sittings as  
long on the Frontier as they were  
in and about Cape Town to admit of  
the hearing of all who desired to be  
heard on this life-and-death ques-  
tion. We protested last week be-  
cause no good opportunity was  
being given people to tender  
evidence on account of the hurry of  
the Commissioners. To-day we  
protest again since, in the view of  
those principally interested, evi-  
dence has not been taken in the  
form and with the fulness that could  
leave nothing to be desired. And  
yet it was the glamour of, and on  
behalf of, the Natives, that led to  
the granting of the Commission!

Notes of Current Events.

Our local contemporary the *Kaffrarian Watchman* remarks :—“ The *Imvo* is not con. sistent. In its leader in the last issue it calls for special treatment for Natives in re­gard to the Liquor Question, and in an Editorial Note following thereupon it de­clares itself in full accord with ourselves in deprecating the resuscitating of a Native Policy.” What we did in our last was to state the view of the Natives, in which happily many a European shares, that it would be better if the liquor traffic were put a stop to in these parts altogether; and we confess we fail to see the connection the holding of this view has with a Native Policy. Thousands of people in England hold precisely the same view as is held by the Natives on this subject, and the *Watch, man* dare not hint that these people favour the inauguration of a Native Policy in Great Britain. Wherein, then, lies our incon­sistency ?

In these days when there is observable a tendency on the part of Christians and their Governments to be ashamed of their religion, it is refreshing to find that the Governments of the two South African Re­publics do not hesitate to put their religious principles to a practical test when needful, as is seen in the reports of which the following is a specimen :—“ By proclamation of His Honour the President, Sunday next is to be observed throughout the Free State as a Day of Thanksgiving for the late bount­eous rain.” Is there any wonder that the prosperity of these States is the envy of their neigobours ?

The *Queen’s Town Free Press* comments adversely on the decision of the Magistrate of that town in connection with a case of *lobola.* Dingana sued his wife’s father — Masa—for the recovery of certain stock paid to defendant for his wife, according to Native custom. The Magistrate, we read, relying upon the evidence of a headman who stated that these marriages were no- thing more nor less than a sale of a woman as an ordinary chattel, and without choice, decided that the plaintiff could not main­tain the action as the contract was one of an immoral nature. Our contemporary views the desision with alarm and proceeds to make suggestions as to what should be done. We are not with those who think good can be done by giving a rude shock to the customs of the Natives. If anything is to be attempted in the direction of dealing with these customs Government can get no better guidance than the Native Laws and Customs Report.

The question of the extension of the Division of Victoria East by having a slice of the King Williams Town district annexed to it is engaging the attention of a Commission of three representing the two divisions interested and the Government. The members of the Commission are Mr. Fleischer, C.C. & R.M., East London, for Government ; Mr. G. A. Nettelton, for King Williams Town ; and Mr. W. Dewey for Vic­toria East. As was remarked in these columns some time ago, the Natives are strongly opposed to the projected step ; for the portion of the division which the people of the division which the people of Victoria East are anxious, for what reasons we know not, to annex, is wholly peopled by Natives. The strongest argument put for­ward on behalf of our countrymen is that they prefer remaining as a part of the King Williams Town district because they will always remain under Magistrates of the first grade, gentlemen of known honour, judicial capacity, tact,and experience in the management of Native affairs; whereas, under Victoria East they would be subject to an entirely different class of men— Magistrates of the third or fourth rate order in the Government service, of indifferent legal attainments, or otherwise of no experience. The same argument holds good in respect of the Divisional administration. On these grounds it is sincerely to be hoped that, Government in fairness to the large Native comunity interested, will reject the proposal, which seems based on purely sentimental reasons to enlarge Victoria East by tacking on it a contented section of the King Williams Town Natives.

Gathering up the thoughts suggested by  
the sittings of the Drink Commission in  
view of the strongly expressed feeling of the  
Natives in favour of prohibition, Rev. W.  
C. Holden, the veteran missionary now re-  
siding in Graham’s Town, observes: “ The  
question then arises, how will the Commis-  
sion frame their Report and the Parliament  
look upon and deal with this subject ? The  
importance and expense of the Commis-  
sion will be very great, what about the re-  
sult Many fear that some attempt will be  
made to make certain changes in the traffic  
—which may or may not be suitable or use.  
ful, but which will not touch the cause of  
the evil, or produce any effectual relief.  
Nothing will meet the case effectually but  
what the Natives themselves plead namely,  
*entire prohibition from selling brandy to  
Natives.* One of the main objections made,  
has been and probably will be again, is,  
that, to prohibit brandy to black people and  
not to white, will be *‘ class legislation,\**that there cannot be one law for the black  
people and another for the white, but that  
all must share alike. This objection, I can-  
not deal with in this letter, which is already  
sufficiently long, but if you will allow me  
space in another communication, I will deal  
with it, and doubt not but that I shall be  
able to show that this objection is without  
any real foundation.” We shall look for.  
ward with pleasure to Mr. Holden’s can.  
tribution on the “ class legislation ” argu-  
ment. We, for one, have never ack-  
nowledged its cogency.

Customer : Isn’t it a trifle large, Levi?” Levi: “ Larch mine frent! Gracious ! Uf you geeps that sphring goat on, nut your vive ,ees it, your bossom vill schwell mit pride so dot she’ll het to seb dem buttons forvarts.’