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To portray and commemorate the visit we are publishing an illustrated Souvenir Supplement; and we hope our readers will think this supplement fittingly placed or permanent record this great occasion.

Notes and Comments.

At Ansonia Park, on the line of the Kuching—“Miri” road, is shortly to be constructed at Kuching near the Race Course and on the townward side of the Jubilee Recreation Hall. We await the opening with some trepidation.

The manner in which the many private bus services operate in Kuching may be described as unorganized and chaotic. It is very likely, however, that this sorry state of affairs may be remedied shortly by the formation of a well-organized and adequately financed transport company. We assume also that the Municipality will give every possible help to this venture.

We understand that various committees have been deliberating on some simple formulae (and at least one gets accepted) for computing Government servants' motor-car allowances. Perhaps their time might be better spent on research into ways and means of improving the performance of motor-cars to such a degree that allowances will be unnecessary. If we can believe “Men only”, in America drivers taking part in economy trials travel as much as 100 miles per gallon with a 21 h.p. car. One tip head motorists might like to try is this—“Again, these Americans frequently drive without shoes or socks so that they can ‘feel’ that they are maintaining a steady pressure on the acceleration pedal, while some have been known to sandpaper the soles of their feet as an additional aid.”

An extremely modest advertisement appeared in a local paper the other day, notifying those of Scottish ancestry that a National St. Andrews' Society actually existed. But, owing to a typographical error, it appeared that only decent Scots—and not just those of Scottish descent—were being urged to get in touch with the secretary.

Joking aside, it is our opinion that, present, the St. Andrews' Night celebration was the most popular and enjoyable annual function held in Kuching for Europeans. We wish the Society every success and may it go from strength to strength.

The Royal Visit.

The visit of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent and her son His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent has caused tremendous interest and brought great joy throughout the Colony. By the charm of her manner and her both royal and simple demeanour, Her Royal Highness has won the hearts of us all. Although the visit lasted only a few days, their first Royal Ambassadors to journey to our shores here, we can say with all truthfulness, immeasurably strengthened the bond which exists between the Mother Country and the peoples of Sarawak.

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ANNA DUNN.—At Kuching No. 4, Sultan Road, on the 15th October, 1902, to Dennis Maxton, son of Dennis Dunn, District Officer, Kuching, a daughter.

Obituary.

The passing of Francis Parrington Read on October 18th after a long period of illness, will have been received with profound sorrow by those officers of the Sarawak Civil Service who had the privilege of serving under him and with him, and our deepest sympathy goes out to Nellie Read, especially from Limbang, where she and Frank have still very many old friends.

Frank Read joined the Service half a century ago, in the days when Presidents wrote personal manuscript monthly reports to the late Rajah, and he served in Keningau under the third Rajah, when His Highness was Resident, Second Division, and when Sarawak was still in the process of subduing head hunting and pirates.

He was stationed in every Division throughout the length and breadth of Sarawak, and ended his career with distinction, as Chief Secretary before he retired in the year 1901.

Uncle Frank, as we in the Fifth Division used to call him 27 years ago, will, however, be best remembered by the people of Limbang where he served as Resident, Fifth Division, for very many years.

A most likable man; kind and respected from the highest officials down to the backwoods labourer though strict and fearless, a typical representative of the 'old school', his preferred, dry and unbroken sense of humour is legendary. Many of his original writings are still quoted, with a shudder, among the few remaining officers who know him. His cheerful personality will live on.

Thus we pay a lasting tribute to one of the most distinguished officers of the 'ancien regime' who helped to make Sarawak the progressive and comparatively happy and peaceful country that it is to-day.

J. O. ANTHONY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death on Friday, 26th October, 1932, of Sir Ivor Bruce, Chief Justice of the Beroco Judiciary. Sir Ivor was taken ill in Jesselton about a month ago. He died in hospital in Singapore after an operation.

Sir Llewellyn Bruce was born in 1880, a son of the Rt. Hon. William Bruce and Mrs. Bruce. He was educated at Wycliffe School and Cardiff University. From 1910 to 1929 he served as a Lieutenant in His Majesty's Army, and in 1921 he was called to the Bar. His first appointment in the Colonial Legal Service was that of Magistrate in the Gold Coast, in 1929. In 1931 he became an assistant judge in Siparia, in 1932 a police judge, Stann Creek, and in 1936 he was appointed Chief Justice of North Borneo. At the creation, in December 1931, of the combined Beroco Judiciary, including Sarawak, Brunei and North Borneo, Mr. Justice Bruce became the first Chief Justice. A knight-hood was conferred upon him by H. M. King George VI in the New Year Honours, 1932.

Lady Bruce was with Sir Ivor Bruce in Singapore when he died. Their only son is at school in England.

The funeral of the late Chief Justice took place in Singapore on Saturday, 27th October. His Excellency the Governor of Sarawak, who flew from Brunei to Singapore on 26th October, represented the Government of Sarawak at the funeral.

Comings and Goings.

This month the comings have greatly exceeded the goings and so we had better deal with them first.

A very considerable number of Government Officers have returned from furlough, amongst them being Mr. Justice Louvelles and family, Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. McLeod, Mr. J. S. Hanworth, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Melville, Dr. A. Mrs. L. J. Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. W. S. B. Bush, Mr. D. H. Troubridge, and Mr. & Mrs. F. C. B. Parker. Apart from Mr. Louvelles, who will be stationed in Kuching instead of in Silat, all the other Officers mentioned returned to the appointments which they occupied immediately before proceeding on furlough.

In addition to those already mentioned, we welcome back to Sarawak Mrs. H. J. Palmer and Miss W. M. Morrison and two children. Mr. W. L. Whyte, the Manager of Sarawak Electricity Supply Co., has returned from leave in Great Britain, bringing back with him his stepdaughter Angela. Miss Mary Stanhope has returned to her work at St. Margaret's School. In addition, there are a number of returnees to Sarawak whom we are pleased to welcome and they include Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Strickland who came to us from Hong Kong where Mr. Strickland was Solicitor-General. Mr. Strickland is Sarawak's new Attorney-General, taking the place formerly occupied by Mr. A. J. Gutteridge-Bell. Two additional appointments in the Secretariat are Mrs. H. Brown and Miss J. Daly who have joined the Confidential Branch.

As regards the goings, many people will be sorry to hear that we are to lose Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Mackay who left Kuching during October. Mr. Mackay is retiring from the service of the Chartered Bank and is, first of all, going to South Africa and later to Uganda where his son is engaged in tea planting. Mr. Mackay's place as Manager of the Chartered Bank in Kuching is taken for the time being by Mr. J. Robertson.

Mr. N. C. Raymond, until recently Medical Officer, Beroco, has proceeded on leave prior to resigning from the Colonial Medical Service. Another doctor who has gone on leave is Dr. P. P. Gupta, F.R.C.S., who, it will be remembered, was Medical Officer at Keningau for several years and who has left for his home near Trinidad in Trincomalee, India. Others who have gone off on furlough are Captain & Mrs. D. F. Matheson who have departed for Australia; Mr. & Mrs. W. L. P. Nathan also to Australia; Mr. & Mrs. M. McPherson of the Agricultural Department who have gone to New Zealand; Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Baron, Mr. W. P. N. L. Dennis, and Mrs. Nelson Smith A child, who have all left for Great Britain. I am sure all our readers will be delighted to hear that Mr. W. L. P. Nathan has been offered a transfer on promotion as Commissioner of Prisons, Singapore.

Sibu Letter.

The temptation in writing this month's letter is to devote all space to an account of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent's visit since that is the event which far and away transcends all other events in Sibu's recent history and that is the event which everyone is still talking about. But it is

more appropriate that the proper account should be kept for the special edition of the Gazette which is being published in honour of it. Follow it to say that seldom has Sibu known a more glorious or golden day than the 13th of October, 1952, and seldom has a visitor so speedily or so permanently endeared himself to the hearts of all communities in Sibu, than did Her Royal Highness on that radiant day.

Most of the early part of the month was devoted to preparations for the Royal visit but in September there was an event which will have to be chronicled. This was the great Kuching Contest between Kuching and Sibu which resulted in a fairly easy victory for Sibu. The Kuching team never really got the feel of the Sibu allies and even that wily woodman Gordon Mylne found that there had been changes since he was a regular Sibu exponent of the art. Sibu won the match on the first day, being successful in both runs.

Hu Excellency the Governor arrived in Sibu on the second day en route for a tour of the Upper Rajang with the Resident which included a visit to Belaga. The weather was good and with the river both above and below the Rajang at a reasonable level the tour went smoothly and to time.

But while river travel was proceeding happily air travel was not. As a result of the incident to the aircraft carrying the National Resources Board the Sibu Air Strip was closed for examination and test. This was awkward for travellers who had set out for the north by air before the last call-ups and were counting on returning in the factory. However it is wonderful how things work out. In the following week, with the Airport still closed, with no shipping scheduled to call in at Sibu from the north and the overhead route severely a painful preoccupation, the one form of conveyance capable of mastering all these difficulties appeared in Rajang in the shape of an R.A.F. Standard flying boat. This aircraft was trying out the route on which it was going to fly the Royal party and by the kindness of Air Vice Marshal Ackerman, C.B.E., joint special correspondent was able to tear himself away from the lines of Labour and return to the charms of Sibu without undue effort. On arrival Air Vice Marshal Ackerman, C.B.E., and Mrs. Ackerman, Wing Commander McKenzie, M.C.V.O., and Mrs. McKenzie, Squadron Leader Orleton (the Captain of the aircraft) and other officers were entertained in luncheon by the District Officer, in the absence of the Resident, in the Residency.

Kapit staged its 1952 Regatta the very next weekend after the Royal visit to Sibu, and it is believed that there were more Europeans in Kapit than there have ever been before. Indeed one observer estimated that if all the Europeans in Kapit on that Sunday morning had been placed end to end they would have looked extremely foolish!

It is always pleasing to record a European success at these contests of strength and skill and we must congratulate David Henderson on his victory in the "piggy pig" competition. There is always some confusion on these occasions but it is difficult to understand how certain sections of the audience should have received the impression that it was the pig that had got Henderson rather than Henderson that got the pig—and there is no truth in the rumour that the pig received Henderson's prize, or, for that matter, that Henderson received the pig's!

At the end of a very successful meeting Mrs. Beffer kindly presented the cups and trophies and the visitors departed very much refreshed by their sojourn in "the city of the sun".

There were two special public celebrations to mark "the double tenth". The Chinese schools were all closed for the autumn holiday and while the Ban-tang Wharf Labourers' Union declared the 10th as a holiday the Sibu Wharf Labourers' Union did not having in fact already taken theirs on the first of the month.

On the 28th the Smaller Dancing Show Troop of 17 artists and musicians arrived from Miri for a fortnight's sojourn at the Fortune Theatre. Led by violinist Ong Chin Thong they have proved a great attraction.

A noteworthy event of the last weekend of the month was the temporary return to the tides field of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lascelles and "the boys". This distinguished contingent, enhanced by their sojourn using the techniques of Europe, tested by their lengthy round-trip (and of course stimulated by their brief contact with Kuching) proved to be a remarkable firm and exhibited powers of endurance and stamina which were the admiration of all beholders.

The order by far, far,
To wave to the Kaka,
Then we're off—“rasho”.
With leave received Lascelles.”

(Amaz)

You, we saw them off with real regret on the Kaka
at 1.00 p.m. last Monday. Bon voyage et revenez
bientôt!

J.R.B.

The Problem of Rubber.

[Opposite the leading article "The Rubber Industry" in our September issue, we reproduce here with the kind permission of the Editor of the "Economist" the article entitled "The Problem of Rubber", which appeared in the May 19th issue of that publication. We have not reproduced the three charts referred to as they are not essential to the general understanding of the subject.—Editor.]

(They rubber sector is more than a domestic problem for Malaya; it can have serious consequences for the sterling area's dollar accounts. Rubber is the sterling area's largest single dollar earner, and any sharp fall in its price, which is almost invariably caused by a reduction in American purchases, is accompanied by a corresponding fall in the dollar income of the sterling area. In the six years since the war rubber has earned \$1,250 million, or just over a quarter of the sterling area's total dollar earnings from commodities. The annual totals have fluctuated quite significantly—from \$141 million in 1946 to \$253 million in 1947 and down again to \$143 million in 1948, only to recover sharply in 1949 to \$278 million and still more sharply in 1951 to \$464 million. Last year's dollar income from rubber was inflated by the exceptionally high prices that ruled in the first quarter of the year; the quantity of rubber sold to the United States and Canada over the whole year was in fact smaller than in 1950. The trend in dollar earnings from rubber since the war is shown in Chart I; it will be seen that Malaya contributes by far the largest share, with a smaller amount coming from Ceylon. The dollar earnings of other sterling area rubber producers are negligible.)

No other commodity earn so many dollars so steadily. The next largest dollar earners after rubber are wool and jute; before the war tin was coupled with jute in second place, but it now ranks fourth or even fifth. Dollar earnings from wool exceeded those from rubber in 1946, but in that year rubber production was only just beginning to recover from the war, while part of the large stocks of wool accumulated during the war years was being sold to the United States. Last year wool earned \$400 million or only \$15 million less than rubber. In 1949, jute and jute manufactures became the largest dollar earner among commodities, bringing in \$1 million more than rubber, but that again was exceptional. In the six years since the war, wool has earned \$1,245 million or \$500 million less than rubber, while jute and jute manufactures have earned \$650 million or nearly \$700 million less than rubber. Tin, which used to be an important source of dollars, earned only \$300 million between 1946 and 1951, and its annual earnings exceeded \$100 million only in 1950.

What contribution to the sterling area's dollar pool can be expected from rubber this year? The price has already fallen from 3s. 1d., a lb. at the beginning of this year to 2s. 1d. a lb., compared with an average for the whole of last year of 3s. 1d. Moreover, total purchases by the United States (including purchases for stockpiling) are expected to be at least £ per ton sterling. The effect of these two factors together will probably cost the sterling area some \$200 million, in which case rubber's dollar earnings will be no more than \$225 million at its lowest total in any postwar year except 1946 and 1949.

Dollar-earning capacity is only one aspect of the rubber problem. The other is its possible economic and political repercussions in Malaya. Rubber accounts for 60 per cent of the value of Malaya's total exports, and its export tax, on a sliding scale based on tons or less current price, provides 40 per cent of the Malayan Government's revenue. A sharp fall in the price of rubber over, therefore, has very disturbing effects in Malaya, just as the sharp rise in price had eighteen months ago. The present price of around 3s. a lb. is not abnormally low. It is true that many of the Malayan producers are being squeezed and smallholders are finding that their income is less than that of rubber tappers. But efficient producers still have a margin, though this is a narrow one that could quite easily disappear if the price falls further, unless labour costs can be reduced. In 1949, rubber was selling at under 3s. a lb. and in comparison the present price seems dear. But producers have been receiving more than 3s. a lb. for almost two years, and during this period wages have become geared to this higher level. Under existing agreements wages for rubber workers are related to the price of rubber—and they account for between two-thirds and three-quarters of the costs of production. The real test will come at the end of next month when the new wage negotiations, based on a lower price of rubber, start. But will the present price of rubber be maintained?

At its recent meeting in Ottawa, the Rubber Study Group forecast world production of natural rubber this year at 1,680,000 tons, or 100,000 tons less than in 1951. Its post-war consumption at 1,450,000 tons, representing a decline of 40,000 tons on last year. Whereas the United States alone took some 300,000 tons for stockpiling in 1951, it has announced that its initial programme has been

completed and that, although it will continue to stockpile, the rate of buying will be considerably reduced. On balance, then, there is likely to be a surplus of 240,000 tons of natural rubber, part of which may be absorbed into government stockpiles. The production of synthetic rubber is put by the group at approximately the same as last year—900,000 tons—while consumption is expected to increase from 810,000 tons to 870,000 tons. Although natural and synthetic rubber will be allowed to compete with one another in the American market after June, the American Government itself has estimated that the consumption of natural rubber will increase by only 10,000 tons to 485,000 tons, whereas the use of synthetic rubber is expected to increase by 80,000 tons to 780,000 tons. It evidently realises that the present low price of general-purpose synthetic rubber (1s. 6d. a lb.) coupled with its injunction that at least 450,000 tons of synthetic rubber must be used, will be adequate protection for an synthetic industry. Natural rubber will be able to compete only if producers are willing to sell at a loss.

This year the surplus in the rubber market may not be too burdensome. But unless the United States alters its policy of protecting synthetic rubber or the rubber-producing countries of South East Asia put well to bed with a serious problem in 1958. The present American policy is, clearly, shortsighted. Politically, it is likely to create distrust and unrest in a highly vulnerable and a strategically important area. Economically, it may well contribute to a serious shortage of rubber in a few year's time. In Chart III world consumption of natural and synthetic rubber has been plotted for each year since 1939. A logarithmic scale has been used to show the rate of increase. So far the consumption of rubber has more than doubled itself every decade, and many authorities maintain that this long-term trend will continue. A simple projection suggests that world demand for rubber in 1960 might be around 4,200,000 tons. Some American authorities have put a figure of more than 1,000,000 tons, if certain new uses of rubber are developed. Provided that major transport continues to expand with the increase in industrial activity and provided that tyres continue to be made of rubber this argument has some weight. If this forecast is correct, then in 2000 days there is every likelihood of a shortage of rubber.

The highest output of natural rubber ever achieved was in 1951, when the world total amounted to 1,770,000 tons. The maximum capacity in America for producing synthetic rubber is put at 1,000,000 tons a year, though output has never yet exceeded the 820,000 tons a year reached in 1945. No new plants except certain plants for producing special-purpose rubber have been built or are contemplated. Canadian capacity is put at 80,000 tons and West German capacity at 20,000 tons. The maximum output of synthetic rubber is, therefore, 1,180,000 tons—which gives a theoretical total production of all rubber of 2,950,000 tons, or some 200,000 tons lower than the consumption that might be reached.

This estimate of production, moreover, assumes that the output of natural rubber in 1958 will be at the level reached last year. But production both in Malaya and in Indonesia has already begun to decline for a variety of reasons, one of which is the present low price. It is true that in the past two years of high prices little replanting has been done, because rubber was too valuable; it did not pay to

cut down trees even if they yielded only a small amount of rubber. When rubber is being produced at a loss, on the other hand, the problem becomes one of financing the seven-year delay before the new trees come to maturity. Most of the Malayan trees are twenty to thirty years old. At the end of

World Production and Consumption of Rubber (1930 Total Figures)

	Natural Rubber		Synthetic Rubber		Total Consumed*	
	1930	1931	1931 Per cent	1930	1931	
Rubber Indonesia	—	604	606	190 U.S.A.	—	810
Malaya	—	603	603	673	—	603
Ceylon	—	104	104	190 Canada	—	104
Total Main and Other Souls	—	711	711	351 Germany P.R.	—	1
Others	—	386	386	200	—	386
Total	1,097	1,099	1,099	541	541	1,639

Consumption

	1930		1931 Forecast		Total Consumed	
	Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	Total	Natural Rubber	Synthetic Rubber	
U.S.A.	416	216	1,632	320	750	2,382
U.K. Kingdom	104	4	108	104	4	112
Portug.	111	9	120	104	9	127
Germany P.R.	97	4	101	96	4	100
Canada	44	20	64	35	20	59
Japan	45	1	46	32	1	37
Others	386	386	772	400	16	800
Total	1,097	516	1,613	1,099	92	1,639

* Excluding British produced synthetic rubber.
Source: Summary of the Rubber Study Group.

1930, 3,079,000 acres were under rubber in Malaya; estates accounted for 1,977,000 acres, and smallholders for 1,402,000 acres. Only 200,000 acres were planted with high-yielding stock, and all of them were in the estates. The problem is to replant the smallholdings, particularly those of 5 to 10 acres each. Any solution will require some form of government financing and perhaps the setting up of co-operative units. The same problem exists in Indonesia, though it is not quite such a acute form. If replanting could be vigorously pursued over the higher-yielding trees would be causing the industry around 1940. But governments are not likely to embark on such draconian schemes unless they have confidence in the future of rubber; and the short-term trend of prices may assist them more than calculations about 1940.

On these grounds a joint five year can be made out at least for studying the problem of rubber on an international level. If a shortage is likely to develop in the next seven or eight years, now is the time to start thinking, and the setting up of a special committee by the Rubber Study Group to examine whether a control scheme is necessary was perhaps opportune. But it is clear that from the standpoint both of the rubber producing countries and of the trading area, the problem must be viewed as one of expanding output, not restricting it. It must enhance a programme for replanting, and it must be such as to attract the whole-hearted cooperation of the United States, which through its large stockpile of natural rubber and its large acreage rubber industry controls the destiny of rubber producers.

His Highness the Rajah's Birthday.

The following telegrams were exchanged between the Honorable the Chief Secretary and His Highness the Rajah of Sarawak on the occasion of the Rajah's Birthday on September 26th:—"All officers of the Sarawak Service join me in sending you warmest congratulations on occasion of your birthday. Address, Chief Secretary."

"Many thanks for your kind message Vyner Brooke".

Communiqué.

The Sarawak Government Senior Service Whitley Council held its first meeting on September 26th. The Employees' Side was represented by the Honorable the Financial Secretary, the Deputy Chief Secretary, the Accountant-General and Mr. Kho Sien Hock. Messrs. F. W. Bee, C. E. Sandbach and J. R. Nankivell represented the Staff Side.

At the initial meeting the membership and authority of both sides were established. On this subject it was noted that His Excellency the Governor added that any joint recommendation of the Whitley Council will receive his support, and that he will use his influence, where the concurrence of the Supreme Council, the United Negro or the Secretary of State is required, to secure their agreement. It was also noted that the Staff Side representatives had been authorized to come to final agreement on any matter under negotiation in the Whitley Council, and that the Association would consider itself bound by any agreements made by its representatives in the Whitley Council.

The other proceedings at this first meeting were confined to settling matters of procedure.

Some Memories of Rajah Charles Brooke

by
A. D. Ward.

[Note.—The first part of this article appeared in our September issue, 1930.]

From Sarawak I was transferred to Lintang under Gerald Ricketts. A transition from the old to the new became Lintang as a Sarawak district was only eleven years old.

It was an interesting period due to the proximity of Brunei, the last of the ancient Malay Sultanates to retain absolute freedom in its internal affairs. Since Charles Brooke succeeded his uncle the desire to release thousands of natives from oppression by incorporating them into Sarawak never left his mind. Under this impulse the districts of Brunei, Temas, Lubok Antu, and Lawas were absorbed, by mutual consent with the approval of the British Government. Brunei alone remained. After the transfer of Lawas the Rajah was led to believe that the British Government would accept any undertaking between himself and the Sultan for a transfer of the latter's territory. Plans were made for the future. At Baung Tower, a site already acquired by the Rajah, on the river some way below Brunei town, a bungalow with some characteristics of a Sarawak fort was built in sections to facilitate

arrived. Immediately a transfer was concluded this was to be managed by an officer and a guard of Barracks. Baung Town had historical associations, being at or near the site of the original Brunei, and it was reckoned it might again prove the nucleus of a new city. Negotiations dragged on until in 1908 a British Resident was appointed to Brunei to take over the affairs of the State.

When Hickotts was on furlough and I was in charge, I occupied the Residency and there I entertained the Rajah, or rather, I became a guest in my own bungalow, because his cook took command of the kitchen and his servants took charge of the household. He did not appreciate my glassware either. He complained of breakages caused, he said, by certain numbers that increased his invariable drink of half claret, half water. After that he used the glass provided for teeth cleaning and was happy.

A characteristic of the Rajah was his disdain of luxury, one might almost say, of comfort. When on a launch he preferred sitting on an upturned box to the cane chairs usually provided, and meals were taken with plates and dishes periodically distributed between the deck and a slanting cabin skylight. He obviously wanted to impress on his officers that he could 'rough it' with the best of them.

In the bungalows at Brunei there were many chairs with extended arms forming loggias. Hearing weird sounds early one morning I used not to find the Tuber of the country body engaged in one of the prostrations. With some difficulty he was prevailed on to let the garrison finish off the job. "Thank goodness that's done!" he kept exclaiming. "I have always hated those chairs."

During my spell of duty at Limbang the war in South Africa came to an end and our brothers Boers and Japan broke out. I knew the Rajah's sympathies were with the Japanese. They certainly were with the Boers and he made no secret of it. He was always inclined to distrust the good faith of the Great Powers and attributed war on a weaker nation to pugnacity. "The iron fist in the velvet glove", was James Bruce's saying and Charles Bruce's creed.

After seven years at Limbang I took over charge of Brunei, probably the most isolated station in the country. For months, the only English I heard spoken was from the lips of a Chinese slave. But I loved the people, the country, and the sea, and never had a chill moment. Transport to the neighbouring Tabin River was by sea, sailing in the cumbersome Government 'barung' with a crew of peasants. This craft had the unwieldy square sail and the running before the wind. After consulting with local experts we altered the rig to fore and aft, and were mighty pleased with the result. The Rajah going North in "Tabon" anchored off Brunei Mouth and I sailed out in a rusty boat to meet him. He was interested in the new rig, but shortly afterwards I had a long letter from him. He wrote it was folly to interfere with native customs, for if generations of natives had found the square sail adequate for their purpose, it was not for an inexperienced European to think he could do better. I am afraid I let things remain as they were.

To illustrate the isolation of Brunei in those days, I was greeted Resident of Keningau a month before I heard anything about my promotion. When the mail arrived there was the official appoint-

ment dated a month earlier, also two letters from the Rajah, one about Red Division affairs, the other scolding me for not taking up my new post. He had forgotten I was apart from the world.

There was very little change in Keningau since I had left the station eight years before. The troubles with the Ulu Ai gradually died down. These being no warfare to engage the attention of the Red Division, Dayaks fell back on the next best amusement, and interested themselves in endless litigation especially concerning farming land. As always, the Rajah retained special control over the affairs of the Division. The Dayaks knew it also and not a few rushed down to Kuching to solicit his favour. Once a well-known Dayak Migrant handed me a letter from the Rajah to the effect that he had personally known the man's father and grandfather and to his knowledge the disputed land had been farmed by the family. Two days later the young party arrived from Kuching with an indemnification. Secretly delighted, I referred the two migrants back to the Rajah who replied testily, "For what you like with them."

In 1909 I was able to attend my first Council Meeting. We met in the large dining room at the Rajah's. The table extending the whole length of the room was surrounded by colonised natives; Malays, Dayaks, Minots and Kayans, all the indigenous races of Sarawak were represented there. An armchair at the head awaited the Rajah. European officers were grouped in a semi-circle behind. In former days officers wore a dark-green and gold-lined uniform complete with peaked hat and sword, but as that cost about £50, we sat and perippled in blue serge suits with white shirts and collars. A low base of conversation filled the room until a fire-step was laid along the verandah, then the little white-haired Rajah strde unaccompanied into the room. He alone was the gorgeous Sarawak monarch and from the moment he crossed the threshold his personality dominated the scene. To these childlike natives he was everything; their Father, their King, almost their God.

The induction of new members proceeded immediately. Juries took the oath of allegiance first, soon on the Khoran, Kayans on the tooth of a tiger, and then Karayans on the Bible.

The Rajah's speech followed. In fluent Malay he outlined the progress of the country and emphasised the need of furthering the staple products, sago, pepper, and above all rubber. He had little confidence in the new rigs for rubber.

At the end he invited all present to dine with him that evening, and forthwith marched out of the room.

The banquet was an event that lived in the memory. The great table resplendent with glass and silver, seated round a types representing all the races and creeds that made up the Raj; the band playing alternately Malay and European tunes; pastis, curries, champagne, and gingerbread. At the head, the Rajah, never so distinguished looking as when in evening dress on his breast his glowing Orders, the only occasion on which he made a point of wearing them.

I think that the years 1911-1932 might be designated the Planting Era. Natives caught the rubber infection badly. Malays planted up all the land they could. Dayaks followed suit, and rubber banished all thoughts of tribal warfare and head-hunting. I was able to report that for the first

time in the history of the 2nd Division a year had passed without a known death from foul play or from intestine warfare.

The only person who deprecated speculative rubber planting as against sago and pepper, products that never failed Sarawak, was the Rajah. In 1900 he had prophesied the price of rubber would eventually fall to \$30 a picul or roughly £1. a £1. Then he could not visualize a stamp to 2d. a £1.

It was on one of the Rajah's visits to Simanggang in 1918 that I accompanied him on an evening walk to the top of the height known as the Upper Governor's Hill, now I believe the site of the Residency.

The eighty-four years old Rajah sat down and looked out at the country he loved so well, as far as eye can see in Sarawak. Directly below, the "Dydy's Pond" sparkled; graceful "salak" palms cast long shadows over the meadow-like cattle ground extending to a dark wall of jungle; in the near distance the lower heights of Paya, further back still, the grey-blue range of Klinjang with Marap Mountain and Tang Laju. From the hills of the Kinabatangan to the mountains of the Ulu Kapit, a percentage of the land that in pain and strife had given birth to a State.

The Rajah must have thought of his early days when the savary and the war-drum throbbed throughout this region, Sarawak's battlefield; of Banting and Sadike of Kepai; the "Datu" and the fierce pirates of Undup. Perhaps he thought too of his old followers, faithful to death, waiting to greet him "over there" when his time came.

The Rajah sat with bowed head and seemed, swinging his cane to and fro as was his wont, then he turned to me.

"When I die, Ward, I should like my body to rest just here, among the people I loved best. Remember that."

The wish could never be fulfilled.

When the First Great War shattered the peace of the world, it was some while before Sarawak reacted to the catastrophe that was to disrupt civilization. Life went on much as usual. War was a long way off, and tragedy scarcely touched the country. The Rajah's attitude was that war had been inevitable for years past to break Germany's iron despotism smothering smaller States. He looked upon it as a strife between what he called the rough side, militarism, pomp and parades; and the smooth side, the efforts of the Allied Nations to subdue by social and scientific methods to attain a higher standard of intellect and the arts.

Few of us realised that the Rajah was getting very old. It was almost incredible that with his virile personality, his strength of purpose, and close intellect he had reached his eightieth year. But at the last Convall Negril in 1918 we had feared his Chiefs, the impulsion burned in my mind that he instinctively felt it was his farewell to them. His gaze rested on them lingeringly and his voice faltered when he spoke of the sixty years he had spent in the country. His theme was THE LAND. "It is your inheritance on which your flesh and blood exists, if once lost, no amount of money could ever recover it". And thus to the finale, "I am old and cannot live many more years, if any, I have had a long life, but my end must have nearly reached its end. I now bid you goodbye."

In the hush that followed the Rajah sat in his straight-backed chair, looking upwards. His lips were moving. Then he pulled himself together,

A Brooke should never show weakness. He rose and left the room erect as a Guardsman.

A month later after my return to Simanggang an express boat arrived with a letter from the Rajah asking me to take over the duties of Resident for Division Four Kuching-Caledon who was retiring. I had never even considered this appointment, seeing that there were other officers senior to me in the Service and it left me somewhat dazed.

During the following six months I saw a good deal of the Rajah. He used to come to the Residency in the evenings, driving up in his little pony cart whenever the whites took him.

He was an heart a lonely old man, living within himself except in matters where the country was concerned. The human side of his character rarely showed, it was only on these informal occasions he ever talked naturally about his family. I was appreciated more and more how wrapped up he was in the welfare of the State. He had his finger on the pulse of the nation. Nothing was too trifling to merit his attention. In a sleeping hour he would discuss new colonies to be issued, public works to be instituted, effects to be transferred or promoted, the aiding of Government departments, entertainments, and thoughtful little acts of courtesy for the Indians or children of Kuching, and never a written note to aid his memory. In his role of censor he disliked direct criticism. "Sarawak is a changing ponyo", he used to say, "he agrees with everything I say." Nevertheless hesitation in approving his scheme or a tactful presentation of his views from another angle, would make him think again.

In native affairs however he was pre-eminent, and it would be a brave man who tried to pit his policy knowledge against the Rajah's sixty years of experience. He was not infallible, though. Once or twice with the united co-operation of the Datus we were able to avert an obvious injustice, but even then, the Rajah was not always convinced in his own mind that we were right.

He never forgot his dignity as Rajah and expected all respect to be paid him as such. No one ever saw him refusing his position; he never patronised the Chik; he never accepted hospitality from anyone except on the very rare occasions he might perhaps during the Biting or the Resident.

In April 1942 after more than five years tropical service, the Rajah insisted I should take my delayed furlough. Late that year he fell ill, and as I was sailing back East to assist in his way home.

A long letter awaited me in Kuching written on the eve of his departure. His last words were, "I think I shall soon recover strength as I am now doing, and my one desire is to be in Kuching again for a few months before a final farewell."

The red case at 10 o'clock came on 12th May 1942.

The Keystone of Sarawak was gone. Would the fabric hold together?

For ten years the embalmed body reposed in a vault waiting the end of the war, and then it was decided it would be inadvisable for a burial to take place in Sarawak. So sharpen, a sleepy village on the fringe of Dartmoor, became Charles Brooke's last resting place. He lies in the little churchyard by the side of James Brooke under a sheltering beech tree. His tomb a massive rough-hewn grey stone of the moor, firm, strong and imperishable as the memory of the great Englishman it covers.

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The Arrival of Sarawak's First Catholic Bishop.

It was indeed a colorful crowd that head Rich Road from St. Michael's Club to St. Joseph's Church on the evening of October the 2nd. Dark lowering clouds, which had been hanging over Miriang an hour before, now began to work their way towards the town rather like some thievish child who wants to spoil the party and threatens to spill the tea on the new table cloth. But the rain did not come and the children as well as the men and women quickly changed their mood of apprehension to one of gaiety mixed with solemnity as the new Bishop stepped out of his car to walk in solemn procession to the altar erected outside St. Joseph's School. The last out-race of a watery sun caught the little yellow and white papal flags which the children held aloft. Slowly the procession moved forward until finally all had gathered around the richly decorated altar and the new Bishop had taken his place at the throne beside the altar. His Lordship was warmly welcomed by his Vicar, the Very Reverend Father Heimbach who echoed the hearts and feelings of the people present in expressing his gladness at the return of this, Sarawak's first Catholic Bishop, and of offering His Lordship a childlike loyalty and a profuse of prayers. His Lordship replied in clear and quiet tones thinking all for their welfare and stating of his delight at being once more among them for whom he had worked for the past twenty-five years. Solemn Pontifical benediction was then given the large crowd sending their voices far over the roof tops as the hymns were intoned. And the rain did not come.

The following morning the church was filled to capacity and many remained on the church steps waiting to get a glimpse of the new Bishop as he walked in his splendid robes of purple by the aisle for the celebration of Pontifical High Mass for the first time in his new Vicariate. It was a solemn moment as the Bishop fully vested for the Divine service, crosier in hand, the symbol of dedication to his flock, moved in grandeur to the other steps to begin the "Introit". The choir under the direction of Mr. Louis Tan sang a new Mass "In honour of the Guardian Angels" by the modern composer John Piggott. After Mass His Lordship attended a reception held in St. Joseph's School. The universality of the Church was nicely clearly expressed as addresses of welcome and loyalty were delivered in Chinese, Dari, Land Duyak, Melanau and English. Men and women who had travelled many days from remote corners of Sarawak and beyond to show their appreciation of the signal favour the Holy Father had bestowed on this territory by the appointment of a Vice Apostolic. In the evening of the same day a large gathering met in St. Michael's Club and representatives of the Government and members of the club toasted the new Bishop. One felt that "Father John", as His Lordship has been so familiarly called these many years, was really back at home and that all Existing was glad.

The school children were not left out of the festivity and on Monday the Christian Brothers arranged a full Sports Day at which His Lordship was guest of honour. There was no mistaking the zest and gaiety with which the youngsters vied with one another on the field. Prizes were distributed at the end of the morning by His Lord-

ship. In the afternoon it was the turn of the little ones, a tea-party in St. Michael's and a complete to round off. Later in the evening a film show wound up these grand days.

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A Confusing Case.

COURT OF APPEAL.

Foxon Barratt-Camp v. Rama.

Colonial law—presumption and disqualification—what is or who is a Coolie Guide.

The appeal was considered in the High Court, Borneo, by J. holding that since in his opinion the coolie指南 enhanced the function, then according to the interpretation and general theory of law, the appellant was properly entitled of its office, the facts showed appear to the judgment.

Mr. Justice, Ag. J., was for over almost eight hours holding C.J., adding that in his opinion, however, it was unnecessary for the Courts to interfere in such cases.

Mr. Justice of Appeal (Hon. Justice, C.J., and Justice, A.J.) The appellant is present. Inspector General for the Queen. 25th October, 1922. The facts appear from the judgment.

Miss Dohlin, Col.: It is with some reluctance that I feel myself giving judgment in this case, for the appellant is a man of some considerable standing in the community, and in justice to him, and in order to save him the ordeal of listening to all the dreary reasons which have shaped the judgment of this Court, I am constrained to tell him here and now that his appeal is dismissed and his conviction before our learned brother dismissed upheld.

Enlighten us he is in so many spheres, it appears that the appellant, the Burmese (as he then was) Mr. Fosdick Bartley-Camp, found that at a date fourteen days prior to that scheduled for the visit of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent neither he nor his wife had received any invitation, either written or verbal, to attend any of the festivities consequential upon that occasion. Reference was made in the papers to a gentleman apparently styling himself the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor; but since this gentleman appears at that date to have assumed a Jekyll-and-Hyde form of existence, they appearing as a robust and brawny person, and now as a young, Byronic individual, Mr. Bartley-Camp found that he was unable to obtain any clear indication from that enclosing source of whether he and his sister would or would not be invited to any formal or informal function to be held in honour of Her Royal Highness. What intention he did convey was, however, of a vaguer nature.

Such a omission was, unfortunately as events transpired, accepted as an insult by Mr. Bartley-Camp; and indeed, his sister pointed out to him that I accept his evidence rather than hers upon this particular issue that as a faithful member of the Council Nagri, and one who voted the "straight ticket" to term, which means, apparently, that he correctly followed the party line properly observed for those official members of that homogeneous Council who can, and are able to, implement that ridiculous thing known as official policy, he should undoubtedly have been presented, with Miss Bartley-Camp, to Their Royal Highnesses, or at least Her Royal Highness, certainly upon her arrival.

Also for the honor of the appellant and his ageing master! The invitations issued freely, but came none to Major Teat, the official residence of the appellant; and he, regardless of the legal consequences attendant therupon, decided that he would be presented to Her Royal Highness on at least three occasions—which, as he understood, was one more occasion than any other person could boast of.

Such and might, of course, be described as patriotic fervour; and so it began. With magnanimity which, if magnificient, can only properly be characterised as extravagant, the appellant made a handsome donation to the fund for some new educational edifice or other, the erection of which was contemplated, and thereupon found himself appointed a member of an illustration committee, each member of which would, on presenting a small wooden plaque created for that purpose, be presented to Her Royal Highness. So far, of course, the appellant had shown neither that guilty intention which, even in those advanced days, is properly regarded as an essential part of a crime, nor had he contrived any criminal strategies that put him without doing it violently within any section of the Penal Code. Indeed, had the appellant stopped short at his subscription, none he would not be standing at the bar of the honourable Court today.

Unhappily success is an intoxicating beverage, and the appellant dove suddenly on toward the hubbub of his ambition. For some weeks past he had, despite the protestations of his master, been officiating as a somewhat peculiar growth which he himself has called a beard hat which, in the considered view of myself and my learned brother, would be more proper to a goat in, let us say, the Welsh mountains than to a male person of some standing in the community. The appellant assures me, however, that he had been inspired towards this extravagance by the head of the Cantor of the local Mangays; and it is indeed significant that the next move of the appellant was to cast himself in a deep shadow stain and, well provided with feathers from hornbills, plumes from dandied leopards, and other impedimenta of a nature too disgusting to be described with any degree of particularity, so apparelled appeared before, and was presented to Her Royal Highness, upon a second occasion.

It might have been imagined that at this stage a reasonable man, for example, our friend upon the Chapman Daniels, might have called a halt to his progress.

Dapple, J.: Does the man in the Chapman Daniels wear hornbill feathers?

Rao Bodkin, C.J.: Quiet. Our learned brother Mowat dash at some length upon these two offences, pointing out that the first case perforce near some senior educational officer, the name of which escapes me for the moment.

Dapple, J.: Magnificence.

Rao Bodkin, C.J.: Am I delivering this judgment, or not? Where was IP. Ah yes, and the second of which came about within the purview of false personation and might, had the appellant been, for example, exercising his voting powers, have been a simple criminal, or perhaps I should say electoral offence.

Be that as it may, the appellant continued unsatisfied with his success. A lesser man might have

weakened at this point, but, as we all know, the official members of the Council Negri are dogtightly, forthright men, and the appellant is characteristic of them. Hearing that some sort of parade of voluntary organisations was to take place at a remote outpost styled here hither I take judicial notice of its existence, the Ratu Lintang Teachers' Training Centre, the appellant (in his own words) "gave himself faithfully to think". It was at this point that he remembered that his sister was a member of the Girl Guides Association.

It is painful to me to pursue this sad history but, since at some point or another in this judgment it is probable that a legal point must be decided, I shall myself be content to narrate the narrative of events leading to the appellant's final, disastrous act. By dint of arduous search and a few major alterations the appellant found and adapted to his figure the uniform of his sister, who is an officer in the Girl Guides Association. Whether he was properly so dressed, whether his exclusive should have been affixed to the latitude right side of his bonnet band, is my generalized opinion and despite the paten credulity of the appellant (who are therein a possibility of reading from the consequences of his act) nothing to glorify the case: he was, to all intents and purposes, a Girl Guide, and one learned brother to the Court below properly found him so.

Arriving at the parade ground at the last minute, the appellant fell into line beside several other Girl Guides.

Dapple, J.: Hurlstone girls.

Barn Bodkin, C.J.: and was presented for the third and, as it happily transpired, last occasion to Her Royal Highness. Even then the appellant might have escaped detection, for so exalted was the nature of the accolade he was fully aware that no Guide present could look upon its wearer but with awe and fearful respect; as one of the officers of the Association afterwards observed, "To have challenged such a highranking officer would have been tantamount to".

Dapple, J.: Entertainment to what?

Rao Bodkin, C.J.: What's the matter with you today, Dapple? Be your usual self and go to sleep. The record is dubious on the point. To resume, the appellant might have escaped undetected had it not been for the propensity of a little girl styled (for some obscure reason) Sudieanna. Regardless of the consequences, she drew herself up to her full height of thirtyseven and a half inches and, pointing a small finger towards the appellant, cried "Who is that funny man with the pillow in his troumy?"

The consequences can be imagined. Veteran police officers turned pale, several high-ranking officers collapsed and were carried away by members of the Red Cross Society; the gown of the Principal of the Training Centre was observed to acquire temporarily a dove-grey hue; the Chief Secretary's red canary broke down; and even His Excellency's side-steppings for a moment faltered in his step. It was only after half-an-hour had elapsed that reasonable order was restored: the appellant was stripped of his accolade by the Chief Guide Commissioner, and marched away under an escort of Little Sunbeams; and, as he was marched away, the Acting Assistant Deputy Chief Secretary was heard, to everyone, calling his hand, "Positak, Positak, also, to what low depths": a sentiment to which I emphatically subscribe.



Photograph by Debbie Bettison.

The first plane to land at Piasu Aerfield, on Wednesday, 2nd May, 1932.



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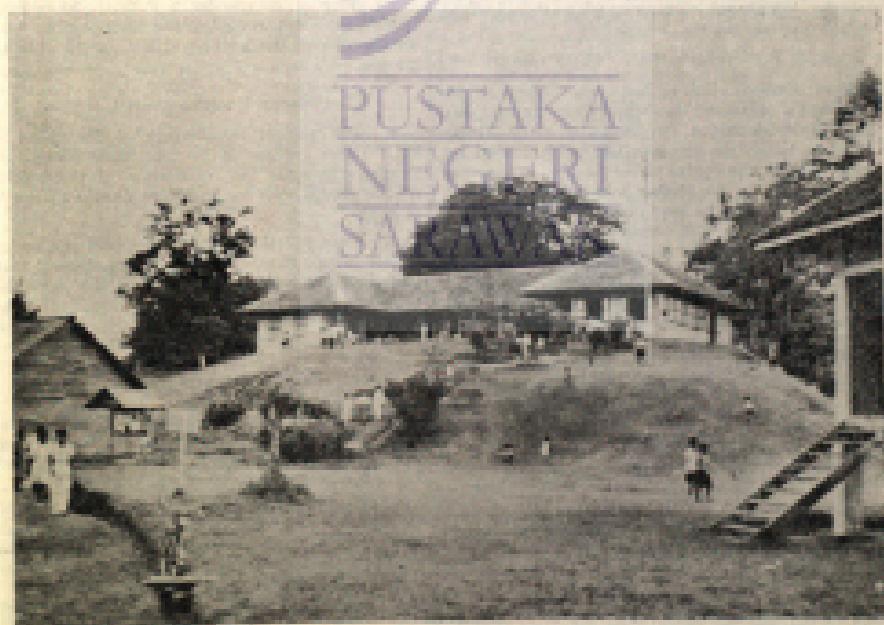
CRASHED "VALETTA", OYA BEACH, JULY 2nd 1932.

No one was injured. The pilot borrowed a bicycle from passer-by, cycled to the Oya Post Office and, within five minutes of the crash, was speaking on the telephone to the District Officer, Malak.



Photograph by Mokel, Penai.

Opening of the new Government Offices, Lawas, by the Resident Fifth Division, Mr. J. G. Anderson.



Photograph by Mokel, Penai.

General view of the new Government Offices, Lawas.

In view of the gravity of the offence and the distinguished personality of the defendant, the case was heard before our learned brother Blommer, in the High Court. Our sage colleague, with that conscientious wisdom so characteristic of him, surprisingly found the appellant guilty of an offence under section 8 of the Boy Scouts Association Ordinance, 1930, holding that the appellant had publicly worn a Girl Guide uniform so as to convey an impression that he was entitled to wear it. Anyway, added our brother Blommer, if the appellant had not been guilty of this offence, then he must have been guilty of an offence under the Public Order Ordinance, 1930; or, if he were not guilty of that offence, then he must have been guilty of an offence under the Emergency Regulations, 1932, or some other law.

At first I found this argument difficult to understand, since I could not understand why a Girl Guide should be prosecuted under the Boy Scouts Ordinance. My attention has been drawn, however, to section 8 of the Boy Scouts Association Ordinance, 1930, which provides that the provisions of the Ordinance shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Girl Guides Association. What that section means I don't quite know, and the appellant argued with some violence that as he was not really a Girl Guide, but nevertheless wore it real and not as imitation uniform, he was not guilty of any offence whatsoever. Well, I don't know about that, but Blommer is usually correct in his legal view of the appellant has not committed some offence then we are all wasting our time. Further, the appellant states that he was once a Boy Scout, and as it appears from his evidence that he was not because a Boy Scout you receive a Boy Scout badge, he was by virtue of section 8 of the Ordinance entitled to appear in Girl Guide uniform, by simple mutation. We are not quite so simple as the appellant would suppose, are we, Boggie?

Boggie, J.: What's that? Oh, I meant—

Barr. Hodkin, C.J.: Not yet, indeed. The appellant's argument is logical but unusual. We therefore held that a Boy Scout is a Girl Guide when he (as she, as the case may be) is dressed for and acting in the course of his or her, as the case may be duties. We further held that the appellant was not (whatever he may say) a Boy Scout whilst he was dressed in Girl Guide uniform; and therefore, being satisfied that the appellant has committed some offence, the exact nature of which need remain obscure, we dismiss his appeal.

Boggie, J.: Somewhat muddled argument, Hodkin.

Barr. Hodkin, C.J.: Huh.

Appeal dismissed; conviction upheld.

—disposed.

Trade Unions Legislation in Sarawak.

(This first legislation to be enacted in Sarawak dealing with trade unions, was the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1947, which came into operation on 1st May, 1948. As trade unions in a new stage in Sarawak, it is thought that the report which follows may be of interest to our readers. Small portions of the report have been omitted. Report.)

Report (dated 18th June, 1932) on Kuching Wharf Labourer's Union

by

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I. INTRODUCTION.

1. As far back as 1929 a number of Kuching dock workers organised themselves into small groups or gangs to undertake the job of handling goods at the wharves or godowns for shops or firms for a certain remuneration on contract or piece rate basis. These groups or gangs of workers were and still are commonly known among the Chinese as members of "bul-long".

2. That idea of grouping together of men doing the same kind of work into a working gang (thus a trade union) gradually spread from Kuching to other ports in the Colony. Today most of the wharf labourers are organised. Those are now within the Colony four unions under that category.

II. EARLY HISTORY OF THE UNION.

3. About a month or so before the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1947, came into operation, these groups or gangs of dock workers organised themselves as a trade union and later applied for registration as such. Their application for registration was dated 18th May, 1948, which was a fortnight after the date of commencement of the said Ordinance.

4. The union was registered on 30th May, 1948. At the time of registration of the union there were 11 groups or gangs of wharf labourers and one small group of men under a P.W.D. store contractor, who also worked at the wharf. The total membership of the union was 302 spread over 18 groups.

III. MEMBER FORMATION OF THE UNION.

5. The present membership of the union is 307. There appears to be very little change in membership since the registration of the union. All the groups with one exception remain the same as before.

6. I am told that after the death of the leader of one group, members of the group decided that their terms and conditions of service should be the same as members of other groups. Eventually the group was dissolved, and the seven members of the group became unattached.

IV. NAME OF GROUPS.

7. There are now eleven groups, each having a leader and a workers' representative, and consisting of from 15 to 30 workers. These groups, together with an unattached group of 13, total 307.

8. Of the unattached, besides the seven already mentioned above, are included four Malays who were former members of the 11th group. The remaining two have always been unattached ever since the formation of the union.

9. Apart from the two last mentioned, there is no record to show what some of these unattached workers are doing or have been doing since they left their groups. It is all probability they are doing odd jobs unconnected with any of the groups within the Union.

10. I enquired why these unselected workers are still members of the union. The answer I got from the union was that they have not resigned and that they are still paying their subscriptions regularly.

V. How Rank Guests are Treated Workers.

11. Each group or gang is a unit by itself and always looks after the business affairs of its members. Each of them maintains a "kong" (premises) and in most cases on the groundfloor of a shoplot or house. These premises are generally used as offices, sleeping or resting places and so forth. Most groups employ a cook to prepare a mid-day meal for their members.

12. The working of the group is rather interesting. My information is the leader collects work for the group, he supervises the work and assists the group generally in all its undertakings. All the members of the group work under the direction of the leader. Accounts of the group are taken over a month or at such other intervals. After provision has been made for payments of the rent of the premises, light and water charges, the cost of the midway meals, the cook's wages and all other incidental expenses, five per cent on what remains is set aside as remuneration for the leader. The remainder is divided equally among all members of the group. I understand that this has been the practice among the Kuching wharf labourers ever since they invented the idea of regarding themselves into groups or gangs.

13. I understand that one group is the only exception to such arrangements mentioned above. Members of this group are chiefly stevedores and are under the direct employment of the Sarawak Steamship Company Limited. It is therefore not to be surprised that their terms and conditions of service are distinct from all other groups.

14. For discipline, I am told, some groups apply on some rather vague and unwritten rules, one of which provides a penalty for a worker who fails to report for work. The penalty invariably, in the form of a fine, the amount of which varies from \$6 to \$10 for a day's absence, depending on the nature and importance of the work the group is engaged to perform on that particular day. The fine when levied is posted and divided equally among all the members of the group including the worker so fined. To them this is just and equitable.

15. Below is a table showing the average monthly dividend received by each member of each group working on the basis discussed in paragraph 10 for the first quarter of this year.

Group No. Amount.

1.	(At the request of the Chairman Kuching Wharf Labourers' Union these amounts have been omitted; but the average group monthly dividend for the first quarter, 1932, was \$215.00.)
2.	The average group monthly dividend for the first quarter, 1932, was \$200.00.
3.	\$180.00.
4.	\$170.00.
5.	\$160.00.
6.	\$150.00.
7.	\$140.00.
8.	\$130.00.
9.	\$120.00.
10.	\$110.00.

16. I was informed that four groups elected their own group leaders among themselves. I am given to understand that the election of a group leader takes place only when there is a dispute within the group as to who should lead the group.

17. I understood also that all the group leaders are automatically the executive committee members

of the union. The workers of each group elect their own representatives annually. These elected workers' representations are also executive committee members of the union.

VI. Stories and Particular Guests.

18. At the time of the formation of the union there were 28 members in one of the groups. One of them has since died and his place was filled by his son. One of them was expelled. Some left on their own accord. There are now 18 workers and 2 leaders in the group. The majority of the members are Chinese by race. The two group leaders and the two workers' representatives are in the executive committee of the union.

19. This group is working mainly for two companies and a Government department. Lately the union has allotted this group with four more firms and one bank to cater for.

20. The general working of this group, I am given to understand, is very much the same as the other groups which are not under the direct employment of the Sarawak Steamship Company Limited, except that the two group leaders here share the free port dock remuneration instead of getting free port anchorage.

21. Recently I interviewed the two group leaders of my office. They complained generally against their own workers for insubordination. They attributed this to the mere existence of the union of which they themselves are members as well as executive committee members since its formation.

22. From enquiry made at the union subsequent to this complaint I learned that on or about the 21st day of March, 1932, a formal complaint was lodged at the union by these two group leaders against some of their men for failing to report for duty on the 10th of the same month. The Chairman of the union upon hearing the complaint immediately issued a notice to all the members of this group to attend a meeting on 23rd March, 1932. The majority of the members of this group attended the meeting. Although they denied any insubordination they were strongly advised by the Chairman of the union to co-operate with their leaders.

III. THE OWN ORGANIZATION.

23. After studying the general structure of all the groups within the union and the history of this particular group (B.I.G. Group) and its relationship with the union I have come to the conclusion that the insubordination complained of in this case has nothing to do with the union and that no blame can be attached to it. I am rather inclined to think that it is a case of some of the workers in this group having rightly or wrongly lost confidence in their own group leaders.

VIII. Owners' Movements.

24. My attention has been drawn to the fact the present P.W.D. Store contractor, and his men who are not members of the Kuching Wharf Labourers' Union, also handle goods at the Sarawak Steamship Wharf. I am told all these contractor's men are Malays. 18 of them are his regular employees and the rest are his casual workers. Besides handling goods belonging to the Government, they work for several companies. Apart from those men, the employees of three Chinese firms collect their own goods from the Sarawak Steamship Company's Godowns.

IX. Conclusion.

(2). In conclusion I must say that apart from the Chairman and Secretary, the majority of the members of this union know very little about trade unions. This union is still not quite well organised. But to re-organise it properly now is no easy task for anyone, particularly in view of the fact that it has a most peculiar and complicated set-up founded on what appears to me to be traditional backgrounds.

(3). However, I still think that this union is one of the most active unions within the Colony. It has the highest union fund notwithstanding the fact that its membership is only one-fifth of that of the largest union—the Sarawak Government Asian Officers' Union.

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(iii) Some of the group leaders of the Kuching Wharf Labourers' Union, for supplying me with more detailed particulars of their own individual groups.

His Excellency the Governor's visit to Kapit and Beaufort

On the afternoon of Friday the 20th September, His Highness the Rajah's Secretary, His Excellency, accompanied by the Deputy Secretary, left Pending in "Mermaid" for Palau Laih. That evening the launch anchored off the island and the next day was spent in relaxation, swimming and fishing. In the afternoon "Mermaid" took departure for the Beaufort River, passing Sarikei at 8 o'clock and arriving at the Kebbi wharf at 10am, midday on the 21st. The Honourable the Resident, Third Division, Mr. D. G. White, accompanied the District Officer, Mr. G. Lloyd Thomas, the O.S.S., Sila, Mr. J. G. Kirby-Turner and the Assistant O.S.S., Mr. T. F. Stone, together with Cadet, Sila, Mr. H. A. Young, and His Excellency on the wheel, and afterwards went on board for a short time. At 1 o'clock "Mermaid" proceeded up river, Mr. D. G. White accompanying the party. That evening "Mermaid" anchored off Sung, and the travelling cinema of the Information Bureau gave a show where to shopkeepers and visitors in Sung. The Native Officer, Sung, Mr. Edward Longi, went ashore for a short time to talk with His Excellency and the Resident. At dawn next day the party proceeded up river and arrived at Kapit at 8AM. There the necessary luggage and members of the party transferred to outboards standing by at the pierheads and the District Officer, Kapit, Mr. A. J. N. Richards, joined the party. Shortly afterwards a survey of how outboards left for the first stage of the journey to Beaufort. Arriving at the foot of the Pelagus rapids His Excellency and the rest of the party went ashore and the Dayaks from Rambai Laju, experts in the rapids, took over the operation of taking the boats through this difficult stretch. His

Excellency watched from the path alongside the Pelagus the boats being hauled up on rollers and the harpoons being carried from one stage to the next on the opposite side of the river. Also visible in the river were the rocks where Lt. Hollaway, R.M., and a party of sepoys from Malaya had been endeavouring, with the aid of explosives, to render the passage of the rapids less dangerous. The party of Royal Engineers had been operating in Pelagus shortly before and were due to return again to continue their job in March when water conditions would be more favourable to the blasting which could not be carried out during the rainy season.

Below Parit Sri the party embarked once more and, after passing Wong Tejan and dropping the Dayaks at Sungai Laju, arrived at Rambai Sandau at just after six. There, after a bath and a meal, His Excellency took part in a church ceremony and gave gifts to the people of the house, including Tan Sri Rambai and representatives from other houses in Penghala Sandau's area. Later the travelling cinema gave a show in the court which was greatly appreciated by the people there, many of whom have never seen a talking picture before.

On the 22nd at 8 o'clock in the morning the party, consisting of two Beaufort Timber Company logs boat for the occasion, the H. & D.O. outboard, Kapit, "Beaufort Mayong", and the travelling dispensary boat for the next stage. On the way some of the party took the opportunity for shots at crocodile and pig on the banks. Later the party were met just below Belaga by a racing punia belonging to Penghala Pau. His Excellency transferred to the racing punia and was paddled in state by the 30-men boat to Belaga where he arrived at 4 o'clock. There to meet him were the Native Officer, Mr. Jaffri Melada, members of the Government staff, Penghala Pau and Hang Nyipa, and many Kayans, Penans, Sugangs and Kejjians. That evening His Excellency had requests made to the Belaga Fort with the Belaga people seated on the grass around him. Later a display of Kayan dancing was given in front of the Fort, Penghala Pau, Hang Nyipa and others, including Kayan girls, taking part. The display was followed by a film show given by the travelling cinema. This also was the first time a travelling cinema had been seen in Belaga. On 1st October His Excellency toured the station, inspecting the school, the quarters, dispensary and the bazaar, and after lunch went up-river by outboard to Gua Mepang. On the way back the boat stopped at Rambai Laju, a Kejjian house, where His Excellency and the Resident were entertained with cups of local and songs. The boat returned to Belaga, and almost immediately His Excellency, with the District Officer, went up the Belaga river by boat for about twenty minutes to see the Gua Pungang which figured in a request by the people of Ulu Belaga in which they asked the Government to build a path round the Gua which is impossible to boat under all conditions. That evening the Chinese in the bazaar and the Government staff entertained the visitors to a Chinese meal which His Excellency appeared to enjoy thoroughly, and he expressed his thanks to the people of Belaga for their cordial reception and friendliness shown by all members of the community. Afterwards, in the bazaar, His Excellency received presentations of mats, baskets and Kayan hats from the Penghala, the Tokays and the Government staff, as a memento of his visit to Belaga.

On the 2nd October the party speedily took departure and shortly after 8 o'clock left for down river where they stopped at the R.T.C. base at Sungai Bah. There they were met by the Forest Manager, Mr. David Simpson, and his assistant Mr. Barnes, and were entertained to a very good lunch. Shortly before the meal His Excellency was able to see, across the river, an elephant from one of the herds employed by the Beijing Timber Company for their logging operations. The boats then left Sungai Bah and arrived at Kampong Biling-Sungai Dap, for the night. Here an instance of the hazards of navigation in the Ulu Hejung was brought to His Excellency's attention by the sight of a swamped commercial launch at the gangplanks and the Chinese crew in the rear of the launch doing their best to salvage several thousand dollars worth of goods which were partially ruined by submersion in the river. The boat had struck a log which had torn a large hole in the hull and the boat, thereupon sank, the contents being only saved by the prompt action of the people of Biling's house.

That evening His Excellency, the Resident, the District Officer and the Private Secretary took part in more formal receptions and were well entertained by the Penghulu and his rank staff. The travelling cinema again gave a show on the stage to a greatly appreciative audience.

On the 3rd October the party arrived at Kapit where they were kindly asked to lunch by the District Officer and Mr. Richards. At 12 M. p.m. "Mermaid" was ready to depart, and when His Excellency, the Resident and the Private Secretary had got aboard, the launch left for Kuching, arriving shortly before 8 p.m., and being met by the District Officer and the Native Officer. His Excellency was shown round the latter and after entertainment on board the District Officer and Mr. Morrison, the Principal of the Rural Improvement School and Mrs. Morrison, Miss H. Ross of the Rural Improvement School staff, and the Roman Catholic Sisters from the Mission. The next day "Mermaid" left for Sibu where His Excellency was met by a Guard of Honour at the Penghulu and shook hands with members of the Government staff and Penghulu. His Excellency later examined the arrangements for the visit of H.H.H. the Duke of Kent, and in the evening attended a cocktail party given in the Residency. Duke of Kuching compelled the stay in Sibu to be a short one, and at 8 o'clock the next day "Mermaid" left for Kuching bringing, as an additional passenger, Mr. Justice Biggs. The launch came alongside Pending wharf at 7.30 p.m. and then continued up river, anchoring off the Astana steps shortly after 8.30 p.m.

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The Museum.

The People enter into H.R.H.

As everyone now knows, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent visited Sarawak Island on 16th/17th October, 1932. Turtles are erratic animals but in this case put up a royal performance. The Duke was able to watch at close range a lady turtle laid 120 eggs. One, by rare chance, had not finished its business by daylight, so that excellent photographs were possible.

And to be finally adding one of the nests of young turtles in the hatching (a recent innovation there) came good and over 50 baby turtles exploded through the sand to greet the distinguished visitor.

One of the most fascinating things about baby turtles is the way they find—sometimes do not find—the sea. We have been carrying out experiments on the factors which decide their movements. They are not at all simple. For instance, on the triangular beach on Telang Telang baby turtles placed within a foot of the water will cross the whole sand bar and go into the sea on the other side. Many become exhausted or fall into other nest holes and then perish in their misguided attempt. But even if you put them in the sun they will, under certain circumstances, repeatedly come out again determined on the potential outside.

These experiments are still incomplete, but they have a very definite bearing on the hatching capacity of turtles, which is one of our big headaches. To what extent do turtles, such as Hawksbill, come back here to lay or go to other places like the Natuna in Sumatra? We often beggar them to our neighbours North Borneo, especially Samarang, give back some of her last turtles, straight to the Philippines after the war. To elucidate this we have recently had the valuable assistance of Dr. J. R. Headrickson from the department of Zoology in the University of Malaya, who has devised an ingenious method of marking turtles with numbered tags. The method is painless and appears to be effective—for already a number of turtles marked in August have been recovered, some of them several times.

This early result is very important to the Sarawak layer of turtle eggs—and much soon to complete the whole population! In this way we can eventually take a census of turtles. And it seems very likely that marking will show that we must number our laying turtles in hundreds, not in thousands as previously thought; because the same turtle may be laying thousands of eggs a year instead of about a hundred, as originally thought.

The importance of conservation methods then becomes very obvious. The turtle is believed to be at least a decade to mature and its laying life is unknown.

Progress is also being made with rearing young turtles past the age when crocs, fish and birds can easily consume them. But further help from people ready to try and rear young turtles will still be very welcome.

Hatching activity in Brunei.

As we were running out to sea on October 18th, we were pleased and interested to see ten of these strange swimming snakes, Ptilostomis, coming low over the sea from the direction of the North China Sea and heading purposefully for land, obviously en migration. These Ptilostomis like many snakes and can often be seen on the edges of the Kuching estuary. On October 22nd we also saw two in the central padding in town). To see them by day coming in from their summer breeding grounds far away north, perhaps from Mongolia where they nest, is a moving reminder of the superiority of many birds (and even butterflies) over humans beings (and perhaps turtles), with regard to finding their way across the face of the world.

There have recently been two very interesting articles about experiments trying to find out how myth immune migrations are possible, published in the main British bird paper, *The Ave*, and discussed in *Nature*. Mr. G. V. T. Matthews describes a series of homing experiments carried out with 240 lesser black-backed gulls (migratory) and 31 herring gulls (a local annual) in England. On release the lesser black-backed gulls showed a real homeward orientation which was absent when the sun was obscured by clouds; some evidence indicated that a large proportion of the gulls were homing by an inefficient method, probably random exploration for known visual landmarks. A minority were homing by a method not dependent on distance or point of release, suggesting some form of sun navigation. The herring gulls showed a much lesser ability to "home", and this could be explained by there being a much smaller proportion of able navigators among them. Mr. Matthews, the author, also carried out experiments in which the earth's magnetic field was masked by airborne magnetite; this in no way affected homing ability.

In a second article Gruber-Krueger describes experiments carried out with starlings and homing pigeons. The starling's ability to keep constant compass directions was demonstrated in two ways; first, by using migratory activity only, the birds tending to take up a constant direction around, by training the birds to choose one of several top to twelve feeders symmetrically distributed around the cage. If the incidence of light was changed by use of a mirror arrangement the direction chosen by the bird changed correspondingly. The sun was shown to be a governing factor, orientation vanishing if the sun were hidden. The correct direction was reproduced regardless of the time of day.

Experiments with homing pigeons showed that these birds were able to home over an unknown stretch of two hundred miles. Some sort of astronomical navigation is suggested by the fact that the pigeons seemed to be orientated from before starting. Apart from this orientation method, direction learning could be produced, by taking the pigeons along one homing route; by displacing the bird sideways they are mixed, this being taken as the test of direction learning.

Of course, artificial experiments in homing do not give the bird such good chances as in migration, where the condition of movement is decided by influences operating entirely on the bird from without and within; naturally and not artificially.

One of the strangest cases of flying ability is here among us in Borneo. That is the way the Colobus monkeys, which make the edible birds nests and fly nearer to the sun than almost any other bird, can yet come whirling down and into the great dark eyes of Binh or Ben, flying through ink black, sometimes hundreds of yards through holes and tunnels in the limestone, so that some particular nest in a cluster which may number 5000. Stranger still, the very first flight of the nestling colobus, without any previous trial, has to take off along the same route. The slightest mistake, and it bounces into a stalactite or stalagmite. Once fallen a swift cannot rise again, specially from the lush green surface of the cave floor.

The Reference Library.

The Museum Reference Library is not intended for a large scale lending use in the British Council way. It essentially contains books for special study, technical subjects, and in particular the history and everyday life of Borneo. A gratifying number of people use the Reference Library in this way, although in the present building it is inevitably crowded up during the day time with the Museum and Tortoise Board Offices, very unprofitably. The place is noisy by day.

We should like again to emphasize that there is adequate lighting in the Museum Library and that serious students can arrange, through the Curator or the Assistant Curator, to be let in and out by the nightwatchman at any hour they wish provided they observe a few elementary rules. Note that we have a nightwatchman it makes it much easier—previously it involved taking keys to the Police station, etc.

With mentioning the Reference Library, we are very sorry to see the departure of Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Hetherford from Sarawak. Mrs. Hetherford worked in the Reference Library and has done a lot to improve the arrangement and cataloguing, often spending long hours on the job voluntarily.

Gifts.

Recent gifts include a live baby colobus from Mr. Patrick Ross Langoh, Mount student, Rain Forest Course; and a very nice butterfly from Mr. T. G. Drury; a good flying lizard from Mr. E. L. Chandler and a small water-scorpion from Mr. W. L. P. Sekhon. A handsome gold ring from the Ibu Sadiang was presented by Dr. W. H. Geddes. Mr. Charles Adjie, a Dayak collector from Petagas Museum, Singapore, recently took leave in his home district of Sarawak. He generously offered to collect some birds for us while doing so and got some 30 first-class specimens. We are very grateful to him for this gesture and to Mr. M. W. F. Tweedie of the Petagas Museum for abetting us in the matter.

Small Mys.

Classical snake bites seem to be rare in Borneo. We heard of one Kelabit who ran a river a few years ago and is pulling himself out on the other bank, was bitten by a snake in the hand. Unfortunately, he was alone at the time. He managed to stagger somehow to the village of Bario, where people found him in the rice-fields. He was taken into the longhouse and nursed, but by then was beyond recovery and presently died.

In 1949 an army officer Lt. Genl Wesley, R.A., serving in the interior of northern Indonesia (then Dutch Borneo), was bitten in the hand when holding a branch for support, by an unidentified small snake. Fortunately, he was one of the only three people in the command area who had anti-snake serum, with which he injected himself. Though in pain for some hours he recovered; but he might have recovered in any case!

One can travel for weeks in this country without seeing a snake. On the other hand, one can find a King Cobra in the bathhouse in Beaufort. But since of snake bites are so rare that the ordinary traveller or the native of the country seldom gives the matter a thought.

All this is stimulated by a letter from the Curator of Reptiles at the San Antonio Zoo, a former San Antonio man in Texas. The people there are trying to compile a worldwide book on

previous stakes, exact effect of their bites, and local improvised treatments.

The following is an extract from their letter. We shall be very grateful if anyone with anything to say on this matter would forward their information to the Curator, Sarawak Museum, who, after making a note of it here, will pass it on to Taunay.

The Curator of Reptiles writes—

"Any data, no matter how meagre, will be most sincerely appreciated."

It would be interesting to know:

1. Snake bite cases which have come to your attention during the past ten years, and the outcome of these accidents.
2. The species of snakes responsible for bites.
3. The kind of first aid treatment in current practice."

Lighthouse Flash!

Since writing about migrations above, we have received from Mr. T. Courtney of the Marine Department, the first fruits of a scheme to supply lighthouse keepers with jars of spirit in which to keep birds that strike the light. The first and results are nevertheless of immense interest—and will be reported in our next.

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Another Book Bag from the British Council.

It is hardly necessary for anyone to review the "Second World War" by W. S. Churchill. The volumes as far published are now reprinted and revised in the third edition. There is no other comparable work written as history in the making. The almost staggering genius of a man who could deal with as much as he did and write as fully and as objectively about it leaves even the present writer without further words—except to say that these volumes are essential for everybody who does not understand about the British, who, whatever they look down and out, are about to be at their most powerful.

"White Barber" is a war story of another kind telling amazing adventures and heroics of Major Commander Yen-Thien, o.c., as an undercover agent in France, who ended up the war through the terrible terrors of Hindenburg and survived. But it is a pity that his biographer should insert into the story long passages of political gibble which has nothing to do with the story—and some of which is unpleasantly reminiscent of the political philosophy to destroy which Yen-Thien suffered such agonies.

Another saga of the war which, like Mr. Churchill's, is still in the making, is Compton Mackenzie's "Eastern Eye". Vol. I, Mr. Mackenzie is a scoundrel and although his kind cannot compare with Mr. Churchill's, it can compare with any other. This enormous first volume takes us up to March, 1932, the scope of work from the middle east to the Pacific shores.

We like to plunge back into the past for another vast panorama, this time "Shakespeare's England" in account of his manners and age. These two volumes, though somewhat marred by being written as a series of separate articles (without any strong over all editorship) do provide the fullest picture yet of a time when Britain's glory was almost as great as when she stood alone and led by W. Churchill.

A rather more melancholy note is struck by Sir George Drury, in his historical study, "India and

the passing of Empire". This brings the picture right up to date and is available, a thorough survey, although the opening chapter rather overgeneralizes the history of India before the arrival of Europeans.

"Another Outpost of Empire" which is a bit wobbly is dealt with by Francis Scott, better known as a novelist. This is another historical account of South Africa. But I must say I did not think a lot of the water colour illustrations. Whoever painted them has distinctly omitted to give their names.

We get a good, compact anthology in the Oxford World classics series in "West African Explorers," edited by C. Howard. Back to his own; but to me there will never be another traveller to equal in hardship, endurance and humility that strange Scottish doctor, Mungo Park, who started his amazing journeys in 1770. Not even Scott's Polar Adventures can surpass Park's journeys for unbreakable courage, inspired by Christian conviction and resolution. I have only one word against this book—the type is too small for comfortable reading in the huts and native huts I have been putting it in, recent evenings.

Mr. F. D. O'Connor, based on the writer of that fine polar epic "South Latitude". His latest book, "The Shores of Capricorn" is a fascinating account (only fairly well illustrated) about taking and living in the Seychelles and other tiny islands east of Madagascar. Lovers of Seizing should not miss. It has added interest since Dr. O'Connor has just been appointed to an important new Colony research in Malaya. But wherever he was, this would be an easy, well written book of the peoples, cooler and characterised than Santalop and Java, but to my point all the same.

"Our ship to Hong Kong" is a rather slow moving story indeed, written by Leonard Usovitch on the form of letters to his elder daughter. There is a lot of superficiality (e.g. about Singapore) but also much that is light, amusing and informative.

About the mainland opposite but transplanted to America, is "Children's Family" by Lin Yutang. Lin Yutang has written many good nice pieces and is I suppose the best known Chinese writer in English. He does not fail to be amusing and moving in the present volume.

Down to the antipodes, the Australians, once regarded by their Fomby cousins as nearly inferior, are becoming prolific in authorship and also very popular. John Cleary's "The Greenbacker" is a cheerful, outdoor, very Aussie story of a New South Wales family, as clear as Blue Mountain air. In the same category is a small town Aussie novel, "The Beast in the Heart" by Peter Glavin.

Not only New Zealanders but all who ever thought of going there can spend some delightful hours with a handsome 100 page book of photographs by John Faure, "The Mountains, the Bush and the Sea". The emphasis is on snow mountains and how dream-like they are. More than ever I want to go to the land which (no wonder) seems to produce most of the surveys in the New Zealand Government. The photographic reproductions are not of the very highest level to be found in English photography. Mr. Faure tells us, "I have never presented a film. I have no darkness experience". This is surprising, since taking a picture is only the beginning. It explains some defects in his results. But it is a lovely book.

One of the most unusual to come our for a long while is the dramatic novel "Children of Eng-

"seen" by a British Guinean. Edgar Mittenthalen. It tells, in a particular but colorful prose of its own, the story of a family which, at the founding of the colony, is halfcaste. The family history is traced down the page against the background of sugar and coffee plantations, slave labour and gradual emancipation. A book that is hard to put down once taken up—and that's something at 311 pages!

Strictly British and within Britain is an easy, sometimes rather sloppy and irritating mouth by mouth picture, "Four In, Four Out" by A. A. Milne, who is always happier with children's books and mostly rhyming verse.

As a personalization of an Englishman, Kitching may long remember the impressively simple personality and strength of Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, when he visited Kitching earlier this year. He introduces, briefly, a single, well constructed book, "Christian History in the Making" by J. McLeod Campbell. The author is general secretary of the Missionary Council of the Church Assembly and naturally enough he writes with a special eye on the mission field. This will make his text of special interest to Anglicans in Borneo.

Canon Roger Lloyd is one of the best known Anglican historians and there is much that is thought-provoking in the sometimes rather too detailed two volumes of his "The Church of England in the Twentieth Century", the more extended conflict between church and science is politely bracketed aside in J. Edward's introduction to an interesting anthology, "Readings from the Scrivener", which includes selections from Gilbert White, Richard Overbury, and Ruskin and H. G. Wells.

An anthology of a different sort, is John Padley's third series of "The Best of Today's Short Stories". It seems to me a rather one-sided book, reflecting very much Padley's own sort of writing. The short story in English is in rather low water nowadays—whereas the opposite is true in France, Greece and Italy.

Similar to Mr. Padley and long dozen of short story writers, poets and critics both in Britain and more widely in Europe is John Lehmann. His publishing firm and his periodical, "New Writing", have brought many new literary figures to light. In this book of essays "The Open Night" he writes of his associates who have died in recent years, W. H. Yeats, James Joyce, Frost, Alan Seeger and others. It is a book specially for those interested in literature as such. Full of good ideas and well-expressed notions, for me it is marred by an excessive use of expletives and somewhat whimsically effusions on the deceased. There are such an useful and useful lot of passages like this one, which closes the piece on Virginia Woolf (page 23):

"At the end that 'last in the centre' seemed too insensate, and she gave her gauntlet of flowers to Death. What she might have achieved if that marvellous and still unstomached flow had broken down the 'check' over more, one can only guess; the full richness and significance of what she had already given the world is yet to be understood".

This is a kindly, unobtrusively romantic, oversimplification of an immensely talented, tragic novelist in late middle life.

Lighter Reading.

As I have mentioned in this column before, more and more English novels and thrillers are being set in foreign lands. In this month's lot there are four worthy of note. "The Way of Glory" by J. D. Scott is the best in my way of reading, a delicately planned, curiously assorted blend of sentiment and sex, on a theme of love, set in Paris. Mr. Scott, age 32, comes up as a real writer.

Breathing on Scott's neck, and not at all without great pretension, wrapped up in a treasure hunt story, John Appleby gives us "The Singing Bone" highly readable stuff.

The new cast has come in to lots of young novels lately, and Douglas Rutherford's "Telling of Blunders" has the international-gang-diamond-killer style so suitable apparently to that territory. It moves boldly—if sometimes a little suddenly—therein.

Related to Rutherford in the international thriller class, and to Scott in competence of style and match, is a story by Nigel Black, set in Edinburgh, 1890, "Prisoner's Bridge". Easy to read—it had its own cloud of mosquitoes and left quite gay.

Strictly murder, set in the U.K. are four straight thrillers which I recommend in this order of preference: "The Man in my Shore" by John Newton Chance; "Fame for Death" by Cyril Marr; "Accidental Murder" by Cecil Freeman Gregg; "The Mountain has a Secret" by Arthur Upfield. The last, with a Detective Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte, was plain bad Puritan to me. But I don't conceive the British Council would send it out if there wasn't a point in it somewhere; this time the mosquito must have won out on my old British grit for a hearing.

"A Time to Kill" by Gerald Household is another neatly contrived suspense story in the Household tradition. Those who have read "A Tough Month" by this author will be familiar.

Fritz Cheaney is our old postmaster of sly and crooked cheating, doping, drinking and swindling. "The Devil's Master-Law" is even rather above the Cheaney standard—every girl a smasher, every man's a jilt, every drink four fingers.

E. H. Pendleton is an old master. I have long enjoyed his Chief Inspector, who profits from the apparently stupid advice of his Sergeant Foller. Also, in "Truth came out", the Inspector suddenly gets dumped off with prussic acid. Pendleton is one of the obscured character writers in the game and that makes anything he writes enjoyable. But the series of coincidences which completes this story almost soiled my love for him.

Anthony Gilbert is less sensational, less stylized and with a nice style. We can rely on him for solid stuff. "Miss Pruey Disappears" is up to standard.

High up in the second class of crime writing is Robert Chapman, whose second book "Coming on my Hands" shows him climbing the ladder of techniques. This is pretty improbable stuff, with a bellowish dramatic ring.

Three other very ordinary thrillers are "A Game for Miss Cuckold" by B. W. F. Hardie, "Wise or Fool's Ward" by Weston Brown, and "Death in High Heels" by Christiana Head.

Oh, how through in all these are long for humour, good honest jokes. We have made some lament before in this column. What is happening

to the British Era and to the language which produced P. O. Wodehouse, Saki and G. K. Chesterton? In my hundred new books now, you are very unlikely to find one which is genuinely funny. So let us thank heaven for Lord Dunsany. It is a more sophisticated affair than that of his great predecessor, Leo Doyle but it is wonderfully dry. "The Strange Journey of Colonel Poldiffe" is a wonderfully amusing description of how an Indian mystic transmigrates the soul of a London clubman, ex-Indian Army, into the personalities of migrating swallows and overlanded camel, a special about to have its tail digged, a ring being stalked in Scotland; a skylark and last of all a flea. Rush for this book.

We, Sarawak.

Last of all, we in Sarawak have by now learned our place in the worldless others see us. At a recent ECHFE conference in Bangkok the Sarawak representative found himself labelled, corded and photographed as from South Borneo (who did not send a rep.). Even Borneo as a whole is placed in funny places by those we meet. It is no surprise, therefore, that a new and handy test book, "Physical Geography" by R. F. Peet, does not mention Sarawak. We cannot help being pleased, though, that neither does it mention British New Guinea. That could have been useful.

M.O.T.

The following books were reviewed by M.O.T.

- CHURCHILL, W. S.
MAINTAIL, Ernest
MAGNUSSEN, Compton
 - DUNHAN, Sir George
 - TYRRELL, Francis Head
 - CORBANNEY, F. D.
PROUDMER, Leonard
 - LIN TUTAKA
CLARK, John
LEADWITH, Frank
PENSON, John
 - SUPPERHOLDYER,
Edgar
 - SHINE, A. A.
CAMPBELL, J. McLeod
 - LLOYD, Canon Rept.
 - POTTER, John
 - EDWARDSON, John
SCOTT, R. D.
APPLEYARD, John
BUTTERWORTH,
Douglas
 - SLASH, Noel
CHANCE NEWTON,
John
 - HARR, Cyril
HEDGES, Paul Preston
WHITEFOOT, Arthur
 - HODGKINSON, Geoffrey
THOMAS, Peter
FOWLER, E. H.
CHAPMAN, Robert
HARVEY, D. W. T.
HOBSON, HESTON
FRANCIS, Christopher
LORD BROMLEY
 - GILBERT, Anthony
PEEL, R. F.
- "World War II" (Vol. I&II)
"White Russia"
"London Again", Vol. 2
"Shakespeare's England"
"India and the Pending of
England"
"In South Africa"
"West African Adventure"
"The Month of Captain"
"Our Ship to Hong Kong"
"Children Family"
"The Sandman"
"The Master in the House"
"The Magazine, the Book
and the Box."
"Children of Egypt"
"Your Da, Your Son"
"Christian History in the
Middle Ages"
"The Church of England in
the Twentieth Century"
"Readings from the Archi-
tects"
"The Park at today's Short
Stories"
"The Open Night"
"The Way to Safety"
"The Sleeping Cure"
"Telling of Mystery"
"Foster's Angels"
"The Man in my Mirror"
"Foster for Foster"
"Accidental Murder"
"The Mountain Angel in
Secret"
"A Place to Kill"
"A modified master class"
"Death comes Out"
"Crime on my Hands"
"A Course for Miss Golding"
"Home at Long Term"
"Death in High Heels"
"The Strange Journey of
Colonel Poldiffe"
"New Passage Diagnoses"
"Physical Geography"

Still Flies.

Neither hope from me more
than the soil I suffer,
nor, nor cause the soil to give
more than it offer,
nor cause my child if its fingers turn
from school to its farming mother;
nor distract my eyes from the Pleiades
that tell me when to sow,
nor create distract in the open birds
which we and passing guest know;
If nothing we wish the trees and beasts,
how restless goes that care.

Fresh from the joints of destiny
Till now all destiny slaves.

That's
a little poem
all of the blitheous merriment
of
the late Mr. Ripley
a sort of sonnet yes all about a Dutch
colonizer
so very very true
AND

a Union Jack
(changed to Maintenance General)
still
feats illustrated
high

above the Kubu.

R.E.

LISTAKA NEGERI SARAWAK

CORRESPONDENCE.

C/o: THE GOVERNOR,
Kuching.
Telephone : 22.

The Rector,
Senate Guest,
Kuching.

Sir,

May I, through the courtesy of your columns, invite anyone interested in Archery to contact the undersigned at the above address, in person or by letter or telephone, before November 16th?

The intention is to form an Archery Club and anyone, whether or not they have had any previous experience of this sport, will be bid welcome to attend a meeting to further this intention; the details of this meeting will be notified later to those contacting me.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. L. Burns.

Baumster's Office,
Post Alice,
Kuching, 29th October, 1952.

The Editor,
The Sarawak Gazette,
Kuching.

Dear Sir,

Some memories of Ralph Charles Steele By
A. H. Head.

It may be of interest to readers to know that four of the "gentleman Indian earthenware heads" still adorn the present Kuching Court House having survived the Japanese occupation. The heads are not behind the Court table but in full view of the magistrates, resting on wooden plinths high up on the side walls of the Court House.

Post Alice.

Although there is no longer a draw bridge to cross, the Police Guard after the gong is sounded at 8 pm. still follow the old custom and shout out the old formula:

"Pekal lapan ooh bawoi; tangga ooh tawoi;
piatto ooh kawoi; orang rotan roti agi-ah-ah!"

True faithfully,

A. H. H. Head.

Sarawak Ashes.

Played at Island Club, Kuching on
Saturday Morn., 27th Oct. 1951.

Result Nine Wins.

1st Ball on Sept., 1951

	SIDE	BUCKING	
J. J. Howard	100	G. F. Wright	100
D. Henderson	101	J. M. Kirby	100
J. H. C. Kirby	100	J. Steel	100
Turner			
D. F. Henderson	102	G. Woods	101
K. F. Spencer	103	T. Courtney	100
E. Webb (Capt.)	104	G. T. Myles	100
	1,000		1,000

2nd Ball on Sept., 1951

	SIDE	BUCKING	
J. J. Howard	100	G. F. Wright	100
D. Henderson	100	J. M. Kirby	100
J. H. C. Kirby	100	J. Steel	100
Turner			
D. F. Henderson	101	G. Woods	101
K. F. Spencer	102	T. Courtney	101
E. Webb	103	G. T. Myles	100
	1,000		1,000

	SIDE	BUCKING
J. J. Howard	100	G. F. Wright
D. Henderson	100	J. M. Kirby
D. F. Henderson	101	J. Steel
K. F. Spencer	102	G. Woods
E. Webb	103	G. T. Myles
	1,000	1,000

Total Scores.

	SIDE	BUCKING
	1,000	4,000

The Sarawak Club.

Lower Bowls Average.

Average	Name	Highest Score	No. of Rolls
Ladies.			
146	Mrs. T. Myles	172	8
137	Mrs. S. Kite	168	6
119	Mrs. V. Nield	137	6
92	Miss A. Macmillan	114	7
Men.			
162	G. T. Myles	167	6
158	M. V. Courtney	170	11
143	J. M. Kirby	152	11
132	G. F. S. Wood	159	10
131	J. Nield	154	6
129	G. F. Wright	173	10
127	T. J. M. Balton	167	7
127	G. M. Case	112	11
123	A. C. Perrins	154	10
113	P. F. S. Spencer	153	8

Lower Bowls Committee.

Name	Score	Handicap	Total
Ladies.			
1. Mrs. T. Myles	145	25	170
2. Mrs. V. Nield	136	41	172
3. Mrs. S. Kite	137	32	169
Men.			
1. T. J. M. Balton	169	50	219
2. M. V. Courtney	154	36	190
3. G. T. Myles	161	22	183

Higher Bowls Committee.

Average	Name	Highest Score	No. of Rolls
Ladies.			
150	Mrs. T. Myles	164	6
149	Mrs. V. Nield	152	6
118	Mrs. S. F. Smith	137	3
104	Miss B. McLeod	137	3
103	Mrs. S. Kite	149	3
97	Miss A. Macmillan	137	6
Men.			
172	T. V. Courtney	199	6
165	J. M. Kirby	205	6
152	G. S. Smith	176	6
150	G. F. S. Wood	177	10
148	J. Nield	179	6
138	T. J. M. Balton	173	7
131	G. T. Myles	181	6
129	G. F. Wright	171	6
129	G. M. Case	169	6
129	M. Steele	179	7

The Students of the Sarawak Training Centre and School.

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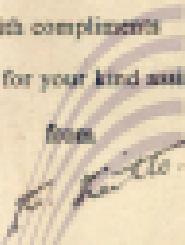
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IN COMMEMORATION
SARAWAK

OF

THE ROYAL VISIT

14TH TO 17TH OCTOBER, 1952.

With compliments
and thanks for your kind assistance



The Editor, Sarawak Gazette.

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NEGERI
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Photographed by James Soper
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent with His Excellency
Dr. Queenie of Somerville in the Adonis Grounds



Photographed by James Soper
Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent with His Excellency
the Governor of Somaliland at the entrance of the
Adonis, Kitching