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Correspondence with Natal.
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FROM Astronomer TO Governor Natal

Sir Gordon Spragg agrees as follows, begins
1. That the Railways...

Copy of Telegram.

Astronomer

To
Governor
Natal.

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with other Governments and corporate bodies in this invitation.

(sgd.) David Gill,
H. M. Astronomer.
8/8/02.

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FROM *Astronomer* TO *Governor Natal*

Sir Gordon Sprigg agrees as follows: begins
1 That free Railway passes will be
granted over the Cape Railway System
for all officials of the British Association
and a limited number of invited
guests. 2 That a sum not exceeding
Six thousand Pounds be guaranteed
towards the cost of passages to and
from the Cape for above officials
and visitors, if this amount is shared
by the Governments of Transvaal Natal
& Cape. Relative shares may be
subsequently arranged stop My suggestion

Signature of Sender

Address

*is Cape three thousand, Transvaal
two, Natal one. Do you concur
and grant passes as above.
copy of correspondence follows.*

Signature of Sender

Address *J. M. Astronomer*

S.B.—The Department is not liable for losses incurred through
incorrect transmission, delay or non-delivery of Telegrams.

M.H. Ashbrooker, Cape Town, to Governor, Natal.
Telegram.

8th August, 1902.

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Governor, Natal, to H.H. Astronover, Cape Town.
Telegram.

14th August. No. 5.

Your telegram 8th August. This Government will be glad to unite with Cape Colony and Transvaal and corporate bodies of Johannesburg and Cape Town in inviting British Association to South Africa in 1905.

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1904 December 24.

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

The enclosed papers of which you have doubtless already received copies, are, I think, self-explanatory.

Mr. Barban has, as you know, officially invited the British Association to visit the City - and as the preparations for such a visit require a great deal of money, time and thought it is by no means too soon to set about the formation of your local Committee, which will be entirely responsible for all the arrangements - financial and otherwise.

I think that a public meeting should be called as soon as possible and a local Committee appointed to raise a guarantee fund to take steps for providing hospitality and to suggest such entertainments or excursions as are compatible with the time at disposal.

Whilst the programme given in Circular (I) of the

Central

have hitherto been in communication.

Your Circular No. 1 has been duly received. Is your programme absolutely final? Could we not have the distinguished visitors for two days in

Central Executive Committee is confessedly approximate, the only points that are necessarily fixed with regard to the Natal Visit, are arrival at Durban on the morning of Tuesday, August the 22nd and reaching Johannesburg by Noon on Monday the 28th January - during which time Durban & Pietermaritzburg have to be visited officially and time left to visit the battle fields at Colenso and Ladysmith as an excursion.

You ought to have a garden party or conversations, so that people may get acquainted at P'burg. and Durban and a lecture at each, perhaps two lectures in Durban. Will you kindly write me.

We are to hold our public meeting in Cape Town on the 11th January.

I have to be in Johannesburg on the 17th & 18th Jan. and it is just possible I may be able to come to Durban on the 24th or 25th January, and call at P'burg. by the way. Could you arrange your public meeting on the 24th with a Committee meeting to follow? Could you communicate with the proper people in P'burg. - and with the Mayers, both of P'burg. & Durban so that action may be taken.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Hill

Robert A. Abrahamson, Esq., F.R.S.E.,
P.O. Box 100,
PIETERMARITZBURG.

have hitherto been in communication.

No. 1 has been duly received.

1905 January 12.

Post Box 322,
Pietermaritzburg,
Natal.
7th January, 1905.

Dear Sir,

A Meeting of the Local Committee was held here yesterday in the Mayor's Parlour, and a letter from yourself to Mr J. Fletcher, the Borough Engineer of Durban, having been forwarded to me by that gentleman, was read.

We were very pleased to hear of the work which is being done in Durban, but, to avoid misapprehension, I was instructed to write direct to you, as well as to the Joint Secretaries of the S. A. A. S. with whom we have hitherto been in communication.

Your Circular No 1 has been duly received. Is your programme absolutely final? Could we not have the distinguished visitors for two days in Pietermaritzburg?

We wish to know the probable number of people who will ask for private hospitality, apart from those provided for by their own friends.

We shall also have to distinguish definitely between the arrangements which you expect us to make, and the arrangements they themselves make.

We understand a guide book is being prepared and we suggest that those portions of it which relate to Natal should be submitted to us before published.

We are pleased to hear that you will shortly visit us, and we should be glad to know when you will arrive, as we wish to meet you on your arrival in Pietermaritzburg.

I should also be glad to know when you expect to be in Johannesburg, and where you are staying there, as the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, our Chairman, expects to be in Johannesburg next week and proposes to call upon you, as so many matters can be cleared up in a few words, which would take long to fully explain by correspondence.

This Local Committee was formed on the 3rd May 1904. It comprises representative men from Durban as well as belonging to Pietermaritzburg, and is intended to represent the whole of Natal. We call it the Natal Local Committee of the S.A.S.A.S. Mr P.A. Barnett, when Superintendent

March 1904

Minute Committee

1903 January 12.

of Education here, was the prime mover in its establishment, he acting under instructions after the Annual Meeting this year, as a Member of the Council, S. A. A. A.

I may mention that as Secretary to the Lands Commission and Lands Board, I have had the advantage of visiting every portion of Natal. Since my appointment as Hon. Secretary to this Local Committee I have been in communication with various persons who would be willing to assist in making the visit to Natal a success in special matters. I may also tell you that the Corporation of Pietermaritzburg was in direct communication with the Secretary to the British Association a year or so ago with reference to the visit in this year, they received a suitable reply, and have set apart a sum of money for the purpose.

We understood that we were expected to nominate Vice Presidents for the different Sections, and I was asked by telegram to send off the nominations by Tuesday 27th December, 1904. This was accordingly done. We were asked at the same time to nominate a Local Secretary if any one was willing to devote sufficient time to the work. We also nominated the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg as a V. P. on the general list, as the Corporation are doing so much for us. I was nominated as a Local Secretary who was willing to devote a fortnight to the

work in Capetown, to work in Durban and Pietermaritzburg
 to devote a fortnight to the work in Johannesburg, and
 generally to assist in any way required. On the
 morning of the meeting a letter was received from
 Johannesburg, informing us that all our nominations
 were too late, with the exception of the nomination
 of Dr A. McKenzie of Durban for Physiology. You may
 imagine the feelings of disappointment.

I enclose a letter from Mr C J Mudie, our present
 Superintendent of Education, who is willing to continue
 the work begun by his predecessor.

A list of our nominations shall follow.

I think I have briefly explained how
 matters are with respect to this Local Committee
 and now beg to remain,

Yours faithfully

Robert Ahabrelton

Sir David Gill, K.C.B., F.R.S., etc.

Chairman,
 Central Executive Committee,
 Capetown.

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FROM Please Write Duly
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Thank you for
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 Lord Milner
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 name wire
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Signature

South African Association for the Advancement of Science.
NATAL LOCAL COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF PIETERMARITZBURG.
HON. SECRETARY: ROBERT F. ABARELTON, F.A.S., F.R.S., &c.

John Gill

Pietermaritzburg,

17th January, 1885.

Dear Sir David,

I duly received your wires on the 12th instant, and replied at once. I also received your wires from Johannesburg yesterday, one for the Mayor, and one for myself, and went to the Telegraph Office with a reply. I find there is some difficulty at this end about communicating "Orders-wires," owing to some new rules, but I am in communication with the Principal Undersecretary, and understand it will ultimately be put right.

The Mayor left here a week ago. I am told he was at the Vigil on Friday. Letters are addressed to him in Johannesburg to Box 670. I wired you to that effect today, but I hope you have already met.

I have asked Mr. Fletcher if he can go up to Johannesburg to meet you. If he cannot, I have suggested Otterden authority from Durban.

Yours sincerely
Robert Abarelton.

Sir David Gill, K.C.B., F.R.S., &c.
To High Commissioners Office,
Johannesburg.

last night I wired you
his postal address in Johannesburg
last night the night people
may know his latest movements

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
Cape of Good Hope,
1902 January 20.

Dear Sir,

I have today wired you as follows, in reply to
your telegram of the 24th instant :

From	To
*Astronomer	Colonial Secretary Pietermaritzburg

*Your wire of 24th instant. Your Government has
*already promised One Thousand Pounds payable to the
*British Association towards cost of passage of
*visitors - this should be remitted through Agent
*General before conclusion of current financial year.
*I think Eight Hundred Pounds for entertainment each
*at Pietermaritzburg and Durban should suffice the
*amount given by Government should be regulated after
*consultation with the Mayors as to amount probably
*obtainable from corporate bodies and private
subscription. Am writing better wait my letter.

There will, so far as I know, be about 100 official
Members of the British Association and perhaps about
another 150 non official members coming from England - and
say 100 other members coming from different parts of South
Africa.

It is usual to offer hospitality - i.e. *free* board and
lodging (generally at private houses) to all the official
guests - in this case say 200 - but not to the non official
guests,

The Colonial Secretary,
Pietermaritzburg.

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guests, unless they are invited to the houses of private friends.

I do not know if Pietermaritzburg and Durban could conveniently supply private hospitality on so large a scale, and it would be desirable to provide hotel or other accommodation for those to whom private hospitality could not be offered.

But the ordinary member does not expect private or free entertainment - unless you consider that a Colonial reception should be entirely different from that usually given in England.

With regard to excursions, it is usual that those members - (official or otherwise) who undertake them, should pay the cost involved, and you have already very generously joined with the Cape, Transvaal and Orange River Colony in granting the free use of railways to the Members - so that, except the cost of cart hire and provisions and hotel accommodation, these excursions should cost little.

One great point to be remembered is, that the tastes and interests of our visitors are very various - and whilst many of the visitors will require rest and be unable to join excursions of the others, some will be interested in Agriculture, some in mining, some in Educational matters, some in Government institutions, some in geology, some in botany, some in the Native population, some in Hospitals, some in the picturesque or the historical. There will also be many desirous of seeing the battlefields. Opportunities should be furnished in all these directions, whether they involve excursions or not.

I dare say the proprietors of mines, of farms &c. would be willing to offer luncheon to a limited number - others might be glad to show what they can without any offer of food &c.

All these various excursions or visits should be arranged - the numbers allowed in each excursion or visit being limited - the cost of each excursion or visit (when cost is involved) being also stated, as well as a short account of the objects of interest connected with each, - the day and hours involved being also mentioned. Members can then select their objects of interest in turn.

If an application for Excursion No. 1 is full, then the member can select that which is to him the next most interesting or suitable - and so on.

These matters should be arranged as soon as possible and the lists sent to me, so that I may communicate them to the Council of the British Association. If desired the tickets for each visit or excursion could be sent here so that application could be made for them in Cape Town and the number of applicants for each be wired to you in advance.

All this may be beside the question of my reply to your telegram - I write it because it enables me to give the basis of my estimate.

Suppose you provide for

300 Official Guests eat at 20/- per day for 3 days	2400.0.0
This would leave to provide for cost of lecture hall and lectures and cost of say a conversation to 700 or 800 people	400.0.0
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The excursions should involve no charge on your fund.

Of course you can extend the above amount of hospitality if you see fit - but I do not think the members expect more.

Of this sum I should imagine the various corporate bodies and private individuals would contribute a considerable part.

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200 Official Guests sat at 20/- per day	
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Mr. Silva White, Assistant Secretary of the British Association, writes me by direction, as follows - under date 29th December :-

"The President and General Officers desire to
*express the wish that, in view of the fatigue and
*work involved by this tour in South Africa, the
*Entertainment Committees will strictly limit the
*social functions (such as Receptions, Garden-parties
*- if any - and other re-unions) to a minimum, so that
*time may be allowed for rest and independent
*initiative during our interesting visit to the
*various centres."

Yours faithfully,

Dan Sheu

24th Feb. 1905.

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South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

NATAL LOCAL COMMITTEE.

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Pietermaritzburg
17th Feb. 1905.

Dear Sir David,

With reference to my letter of yesterday, it has occurred to me that perhaps you have not had the approximate Time Table for the Special Trains over Natal Lines. It is:—

Thursday, 24th August, 1905.

Durban depart 9.0 am
Maritzburg arrive 1.0 pm

Friday, 25th August, 1905.

Maritzburg depart 2.30 pm
Colenso arrive 8.0 pm

Sunday, 27th August, 1905.

Colenso depart 7.0 pm
Radyssmith depart 8.0 pm

Monday, 28th August, 1905.

Charlestown depart 2.0 am
Johannesburg arrive 11.0 am.

Yours sincerely
Robert J. Abarrelton.

Sir David Gill,
K.C.B., F.R.S.

Henry Ross
"ACQUAINTANCE"

I enclose you with
a list of the delegates and date
last year

South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

NATAL LOCAL COMMITTEE.

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HON. SECRETARY: ROBERT J. ABABRELTON.



Town Hall

Pietermaritzburg

13th March, 1905.

Dear Sir David,

Just before leaving, have received following telegram from you today:

"Have received official list of Natal General Committee from De Frenzi. Please forward lists of Local Reception Committees in Pietermaritzburg and Durban. British Association Council desire all these for publication so that full names, etc., are given."

The full list of the Executive of the Natal Local Committee (or Branch) is:-

The Mayor (Mr. J. O'Brien); the Deputy Mayor (Messrs. J. Mason, M.B.A.); The Superintendent of Education (Mr. J. Mudie); Dr. Edharren (Director of Museum); Mr. C. Fuller (Government Entomologist); Dr. H. Ryster Jameson; Mr. A. N. Pearson (Director of Agriculture); Mr. J. R. Masson, M.A. (Surveyor-General); Mr. R. J. Ababrelton; W. Watkins-Pitchford, M.D.; Mr. H. Watkins-Pitchford, F.R.C.V.S.; Mr. C. J. Gray (Commissioner of Mines); Dr. J. Hyslop (Medical



16th March, 1905.

South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

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HON. SECRETARY: ROBERT A. ABABRELTON.

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(2) (13th March, 1905, cont'd) *John Hall*
Pietermaritzburg.

Superintendent, Government Asylum), and Mr W. Anderson, F.G.S. (Government Geologist). Mr Ababrelton, Honorary Secretary. The Mayor is Chairman.

The foregoing gentlemen are on the Royal Reception Committee for Pietermaritzburg, with the following added:—

- The Chief Justice of Natal (Sir Henry Cole, K.C.M.G.);
- The Hon. R. M. Archibald, M.L.A. (Speaker);
- R. H. Hathorn, K.C., M.L.A.; T. O. J. Currie;
- T. A. Tatham, K.C., M.L.A.; A. Collins;
- H. E. Hill (Medical Officer of Health for Colony);
- William Lucas, F.R.G.S., F.R.V.I.A.; J. G. Mason;
- Elemeat H. Stott; Wesley Francis;
- R. G. Kirkby; A. W. Kershaw; Leonard King;
- George D. Raffan, B.E., AMICE; J. K. McAlister;
- Chas. P. Douglas-de-Fenzy; The Rev. W. J. Haaker;
- W. H. Griffin; J. A. Pope Ellis; Hugh Parker;
- J. McKellar; J. R. Sim; D. Sanders.

Mr. R. A. Ababrelton to be Hon. Secretary of the Pietermaritzburg Reception Committee. The Mayor is Chairman.



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South African Association for the Advancement of Science.

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HON. SECRETARY: ROBERT A. ABADRELTON.

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(3.) (13th March, 1905, cont'd.)

Town Hall.

Pietermaritzburg.

Dr. O. J. Currie.

Of these gentlemen, Mr. C. Hill, Mr. L. Rivers, Mr. C. H. Stott, and Mr. R. G. Kirkby, had just previously been added to the Executive of the Natal Local Committee, but their names were given out as on the Reception Committee at the Public Meeting, so I have here given them as "added" members of the Reception Committee.

I now come to the members of the Durban Reception Committee. They are:—

- The Mayor (Mr. J. Ellis Brown), Chairman;
- Mr. W. P. Henderson, Secretary;
- Sir D. W. Greener, Sir David Hunter, K.C.M.G.;
- Mr. G. Payne; Mr. W. Palmer; Mr. Maurice L. Evans;
- The Hon. Marshall Campbell, M.L.C.; Mr. Percy Binns, K.C.; Mr. J. Allylic, K.C.; The Hon. A. M. Campbell, M.L.C.; Mr. Baird; Mr. Williamson;
- Mr. G. A. Champion; A. McKewie, M.D.; S. G. Campbell, M.D.; Mr. C. Siddle, M.C. Henwood, M.L.A.;
- Mr. W. H. Edmonds; Mr. J. Medley Wood, A.L.S.; Mr. P. Chappe;
- Mr. A. Milligan; Mr. E. L. Teutt; Mr. H. Richards;
- Mr. C. J. Croft, M.I.C.E.; Mr. H. Renshaw Collins; Mr. J. Hillier;
- Mr. G. L. Dick; Mr. G. Rose; Mr. J. Pascoe; The Rev. Mills;



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NAME:
ABABRELTON

(4) 13th March, 1905, cont'd

Town Hall,

Pietermaritzburg.

Mr David Don; Mr A. G. L. Houghting; J. P. Prince, M.D.; and Mr J. Clark.

There are three cases where no initials are given. I hope to be in Durban on Wednesday, when I will make enquiries, and endeavour to get these matters corrected. I also want to run down to Port Shepstone, and then will come straight on to Capetown. I hope to see you on Tuesday, the 21st instant. On the way back I will see Mr Cullen and the officials in Johannesburg.

I am now doing my best to hunt up papers for the Meetings in Capetown and Johannesburg.

Yours sincerely
Robert A. Ababrelton.

Sir David Gill,
K.C.B., F.R.S.,
Astronomer-Royal,
Capetown.

1908 April 9.

Dear Mr. De Frensi,

I have received your letter of the 30th March confirming your telegram and forwarding the tentative railway programme for Natal. I shall send a copy of the letter to London cautioning them not to print your programme as definitive until they hear further from you.

If you have not seen the letters which I wrote to Mr. Abbotson on the general lines which I think should guide the arrangements in Natal I may perhaps mention that the desire of members of the British Association is to have the utmost liberty possible to minimise as far as possible official receptions which might tie the President and Officers unduly. Above all as far as possible avoid in your excursions the massing of large numbers together but provide for every possible variety of interest. I know that they wish of all things to avoid being herded together like a flock of sheep. They want to become acquainted with the country and the people and of course their interests are very varied. In Durban some would be interested in the sugar industry, others in your Education, others in your Municipal arrangements, others in your Museum, Observatory etc. While others will be chiefly interested in studying the political situation and problems that present themselves.

Further north some will be more interested in your coal mines than in anything else. Others will be chiefly interested in

C.V.F. Douglas-de-Frensi Esq.,
Legislative Council,
Pietermaritzburg.

in the battlefields and I venture to think that an opportunity might be given to some few to spend a longer time on the battlefields than that which you propose, although I think that for your general programme you could not have arranged better than you have done.

Another extremely interesting subject to a great many will be the question of natives, native locations, native education, native industries, native habits etc.

In your general programme it would be well if you could manage to let people of different tastes have an opportunity of choosing those excursions or visits in which they are most interested but again I say above all don't drive the people about droves where they can be avoided.

I hope you will forgive me making these remarks because the last thing that I desire to do is to interfere in any way with any arrangements that you may see fit to make. I only venture on these suggestions because I know they express the desires of members of the Association. I have already made similar suggestions in regard to the visit to Kimberley and submitted them for approval of the Council who said that these suggestions exactly represented their desires.

I hope you will advise me further when the railway arrangements have been definitively settled and that you will inform me from time to time about the progress of your general plans.

Yours sincerely,

David Fair

Copy sent to Mr. Silva White
Dr. Christ
Johannesburg.



11th Aug, 1906.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
NATAL.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Dear Sir :

Pursuant to your request, I enclose you detailed time-table for Natal as submitted by the General Manager of Railways.

The Durban Committee has submitted the following programme for that place, but it has not yet been approved by their General Committee : -

Tuesday, 22nd August : Garden Party at Sir Benjamin Greenacre's ; Lecture in Town Hall at night ;

Wednesday, 23rd August : Trip to Umkomaas (full day) available for 200 ; Trip to Mount Edgecombe (Sugar Estate) say for 100 ; Circular Trip round Bay (rail and boat) halt at Bluff ; Visits to Botanic Gardens ; Inspection of Girls' Model Primary School ; Parade of Cadets ; Lecture if obtainable.

The Pietermaritzburg Committee has as yet made no definite move, despite urgent representations from me, but this they attribute to the absence in the Transvaal of their Secretary, who, in reply to my wire through Mr. Cullen, informs me that he will be back to-morrow.

With

Yours faithfully,
David Gill, K.C.B., F.R.S., &c.,
Chairman Central S.A. Committee,
Observatory Road.

VISIT OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

 Natal Time-Table.

Thursday, 22nd August, 1905 :

Durban, arrive by Steamer

Thursday, 24th August, 1905 :

Durban, dep. 8.50a.m.; 9.10a.m.; 9.30a.m.; 9.45a.m.
 Maritzburg, arr. 1.10p.m.; 1.35p.m.; 2.0 p.m.; 2.20p.m.

Saturday, 26th August, 1905 :

Maritzburg, dep. 8.55a.m.; 9.10a.m.; 9.35a.m.; 10-0a.m.
 Colenso, arr. 2.42p.m.; 3.12p.m.; 3.27p.m.; 3.43p.m.

Sunday, 27th August, 1905 :

Colenso, dep. 8.45a.m.; 9-0 a.m.; 9.15a.m.; 9.30a.m.
 Barts Hill " 9.58 " ; 9.14 " ; 9.29 " ; 9.45 "
 Pieters, " 9.11 " ; 9.23 " ; 9.43 " ; 10-0 "
 Umbulwani, " 9.25 " ; 9.42 " ; 9.59 " ; 10.18 "
 Ladysmith, afr. 9.41 " ; 9.53 " ; 10.15 " ; 10.32 "
 " dep. 5.5 p.m.; 5.15p.m.; 6.0p.m.; 6.10p.m.

Monday, 28th August, 1905 :

Johannesburg, arr. 8.15a.m.; 8.25a.m.; 9.0a.m.; 9.10a.m.

In the event of four trains not being required, the one last-mentioned will be taken off.

W. D. Langford
 Hon. Secy, Natal Railway Co.

with regard to your telegram in laundry contract in Durban, I am informed that the Natal Steam Laundry are able and willing to undertake the work on the lines required. I enclose you copy of their tariffs.

I am, yours faithfully,

C. P. Douglas de Krom

Hon. Secretary, Central Natal Committee.

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at all the business*

23rd May, 1905.LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
NATAL.British Association.

Dear Sir:

I beg to confirm my telegram of some date, conveying the following programme of arrangements as generally adopted by the Pietermaritzburg Local Committee:

Thursday, 24th August:

Arrive Pietermaritzburg, from 1.10 to 2.20 p.m.;

Garden Party, say 4 o'clock

Lecture by Mr. Douglas Freshfield, on Mountains, say 8 p.m.

Friday, 25th August:

Excursions: - (1) Native Location, Hmby, with Kapri Jones.
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Visits to Museum, Educational institutions, and
Public Buildings generally.

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followed by a conversation.

Saturday, 26th August:

Leave Pietermaritzburg, from 8.55 to 10 a.m.

I am, yours faithfully,
C. W. P. Douglas de Souza,
Hon. Secy, Natal B.A.

David Gill K.C.B. F.R.S. &c }
Chairman, Central B.A., S.A. }
Observatory Road. }

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

Visit to the City.

Local Arrangements.

The British Association Reception Committee for Pietermaritzburg met in the Town Hall Supper Room yesterday afternoon, the Mayor presiding.

The Chairman stated the objects of the meeting, namely, the appointment of sub-committees as required, and the fixing of the general arrangements as far as possible. Mr. Douglas Freshfield, F.R.G.S., would lecture on "Mountains" on the first evening, the 24th August, and it was hoped to secure Mr. H. D. Ferrar for the second evening, now that the visit was to be extended into the Saturday. Mr. Ferrar was the son of a former manager of the Natal Bank, and was practically a Natalian, though not actually born in the colony. He had given his lecture on Antarctic discoveries in connection with the recent Antarctic expedition, it would be greatly appreciated, as he would be speaking of matters from his own knowledge. The lecture was well received by the Royal Geographical Society a few weeks ago. A telegram had been received from Sir David Gill, and no doubt it could be arranged.

Mr. C. W. E. Douglas-de-Fenit said he hoped the meeting would not separate without at least formulating the outlines of the programme in connection with the visit of the British Association. Four trains would bring the visitors by about two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 24th August, and they would leave on the following Saturday about nine o'clock in the morning. As the eminent scientists were mostly past the prime of life, and could not undertake very much on that day, a garden party that afternoon seemed best, and in the evening there would be Mr. Douglas Freshfield's lecture. On the following day, it was proposed to have three excursions, more if possible, but, at any rate, one to Henley, one to the Government Farm at Cedara, and one to the Government Laboratory at Allerton, and perhaps a little further on to the Town Bush Nurseries if time permitted. The visitors would select the particular excursion which they preferred, and in the evening the second lecture could be given after their return to the City. Mr. S. O. Sammelson had suggested that the native dance, if decided upon, should be given at Henley. In the afternoon of the second day, there would be time to enable some of the visitors to inspect the Town Hall, the Colonial Buildings, the Parliament House, the Museum, and other objects of interest. A guide-book would be issued in a very concise form, and the suggestion was made that a small sub-committee should supply the matter relating to the City, which would be incorporated in the general guide-book now being prepared. That guide-book would include photographs of places of interest throughout the colony, some being of remote regions of the Brakensberg, taken for circulation among the members of the Alpine Club, but allowed to be used for the guidance of our visitors.

The Chairman: I have no doubt the question of the garden party can be easily arranged. I agree with the programme already outlined, but think that after Mr. Ferrar's lecture on Friday evening we might have a reception in the Town Hall.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Bale, K.C.M.G.: I consider that the programme which has been outlined to us should be adopted by the Committee. It seems very late in the year to visit the Government Experimental Farm at Cedara, and we ought to consult Mr. Pearson on the point before making final arrangements. The Government Laboratory is so near the City that it will be easy for those who go there to visit other places of interest afterwards. I think it is to be regretted that, owing to the short stay amongst us, there will be so little opportunity for hospitality, evening hospitality I mean. There is no public dinner or no public luncheon at which we can welcome our visitors as a whole.

Mr. Douglas-de-Fenit expressed, on behalf of the public banquets and character of the programme, asked not to be, but to do possible, suggested, various arrangements suggested, it was not, it was not, it was not.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

THE CITY PROGRAMME

HOSPITALITY

A meeting of the British Association Reception Committee for Pietermaritzburg was held in the Supper Room, Town Hall, yesterday afternoon, at which the programme to be carried out on the 24th and 25th August was tentatively adopted.

The Mayor, who occupied the chair, stated that the object of the meeting was the appointment of such sub-committees as might be required, and the arrangement, as far as could be at this stage of the programme for the reception of the distinguished visitors. One lecture had already been arranged for, and it was now proposed to have a second lecture, as Mr. H. D. Ferrar, of the British Museum, who had accompanied the recent expedition to the Antarctic regions, might be induced to give his lecture on Antarctic discovering on the second evening. Mr. H. D. Ferrar, it should be remembered, was the son of the former manager of the Natal Bank here, and, though not actually born in Natal, was practically a Natalian, and it would be highly appreciated if he were to repeat the lecture here which had been so well received by the Royal Geographical Society. Still, it was a matter for the committee to arrange.

A Busy Time

Mr. Douglas de Fenit said he hoped that this meeting, although small, would not separate without formulating at least the outlines of the programme of excursions and entertainments in connection with the visit to Pietermaritzburg. The Central Committee of South Africa were most anxious to have all the local programmes without delay, in order that they might be forwarded to the British Association in England, and the Pietermaritzburg programme was one of the very few not yet submitted. The members of the British Association were due to arrive in Pietermaritzburg on Thursday, the 24th August, by four trains, timed to reach the City respectively at 1.15 p.m., 1.35 p.m., 2 p.m., and 2.35 p.m. This arrangement left no opportunity for anything in the shape of an excursion that day, and the afternoon would probably be best and most profitably spent at a garden party, at which the citizens of Pietermaritzburg might meet the members of the Association. In the evening, one of the lectures could be taken, probably the first one arranged, namely that by Mr. Douglas Freshfield, F.R.G.S., vice-president of the Geography Section of the British Association, on "Mountains." For the following morning, three excursions seemed to suggest themselves, namely, a visit to a native location, with an arrangement for a hair dance, an inspection of the Government Experimental Farm at Cedara, and a trip to the Government Laboratory, Allerton, with probably an extension of the journey to the Town Bush Nurseries. On a return from these excursions the visitors might be taken over the public buildings of the city, with special reference to the Museum and the educational institutions; and in the evening the second of the lectures might be given, namely, that of Mr. H. D. Ferrar, B.A. (British Museum), on the "Antarctic Regions," in the expedition to which he had participated, the evening proceedings to close with a Conversation. The visitors would leave Pietermaritzburg on Saturday morning, the 25th August, by trains departing at 8.00 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 9.35 a.m., and 10 a.m.; they would remain the afternoon and night at Colenso; journey slowly into Ladysmith on the Sunday morning, remain there the day, and depart at 3 in the evening, arriving in Johannesburg on Monday morning, the 28th August. Very great interest appeared to be taken in the matter of native life and customs, and it was desirable that special attention be devoted to this particular question. A reference on this subject to Mr. S. O. Sammelson, the Under Secretary for Native Affairs, had elicited from him the opinion that the best place to hold a hair dance would be in the neighbourhood of the Heuter Station, in the Zwartkops Location, which would be in the midst of a large mass of native houses and huts, and a place at which the presence of all sorts could be seen. It was necessary, however, to have a large number of natives, so that the visitors in too large a number of places would be seen and indications of their presence. He therefore proposed that the general programme in Pietermaritzburg, which he subsequently found necessary to be arranged, was as follows:—

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The Chairman: I have no doubt the question of the garden party can be easily arranged. I agree with the programme already outlined, but think that after Mr. Ferrar's lecture on Friday evening we might have a reception in the Town Hall.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Bale, K.C.M.G.: I consider that the programme which has been outlined to us should be adopted by the Committee. It seems very late in the year to visit the Government Experimental Farm at Cedara, and we ought to consult Mr. Pearson on the point before making final arrangements. The Government Laboratory is so near the City that it will be easy for those who go there to visit other places of interest afterwards. I think it is to be regretted that, owing to the short stay amongst us, there will be so little opportunity for hospitality, evening hospitality I mean. There is no public dinner or no public luncheon at which we can welcome our visitors as a whole.

Mr. Douglas-de-Fenzi: The hope is expressed, on behalf of the visitors, that public banquets and functions of that character should be eliminated from the programme. We are also particularly asked not to herd our visitors together, but to distribute them as much as possible. The more excursions we can suggest, the better we shall please our visitors. We shall, of course, make arrangements for local guides for the excursions.

Sir Henry Bale: But, of course, this is not intended to interfere with our private hospitality.

The Chairman: As Sir Henry Bale is with us, I think that I may refer to the fact that he was the first to suggest that the British Association should pay as an official visit. He wrote to me on the subject in 1903, and it was due to his initiative that I was able, on behalf of the Corporation, to invite the British Association to the capital of Natal.

Mr. Councillor Kershaw: I suggest that it would be advisable to extend the visit to Cedara to the Howick Falls.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the general lines of the programme, as suggested, be adopted by the Committee.

It was also agreed that the members of the Government General Committee not already appointed on this Committee, with the Judges, and Mr. S. O. Samuelson, should be added to the Reception Committee.

After discussion, a small working Sub-Committee for Hospitality was appointed, the members being the Mayor, Mr. Leonard Line, Mr. Douglas-de-Fenzi, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Abrahelton.

Mr. Douglas-de-Fenzi and Mr. Abrahelton were appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange the City portion of the guide book.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding terminated the proceedings.

by Mr. Douglas Freshfield, F.R.G.S., vice-president of the Geography Section of the British Association, on "Mountains," at the following morning. Three excursions seemed to suggest themselves, namely, a visit to a native location, with an arrangement for a kaffir dance, an inspection of the Government Experimental Farm at Cedara, and a trip to the Government Laboratory, Alberton, with probably an extension of the journey to the Town Bush Nurseries. On a return from these excursions the visitors might be taken over the public buildings of the City, with special references to the Museum and the educational institutions; and in the evening the concert of the lectures might be given, namely, that of Mr. H. D. Ferrar, B.A. Division Museum, on the "Antarctic Regions," in the expedition to which he had participated, the evening's proceedings to close with a *Conversazione*. The visitors would leave Durban on Saturday morning, the 25th August, by trains departing at 2.55 a.m., 9.10 a.m., 9.25 a.m., and 10 a.m.; they would remain the afternoon and night at Cedara; journey slowly into Ladysmith on the Sunday morning, remain there the day, and depart at 5 in the evening, arriving in Johannesburg on Monday morning, the 28th August. Very great interest appeared to be taken in the matter of native life and customs, and it was desirable that special attention be devoted to this particular question. A reference on this subject to Mr. S. O. Samuelson, the Under Secretary for Native Affairs, had elicited from him the opinion that the best place to hold a kaffir dance would be in the neighbourhood of the Healey Station, in the Zwaartkops Location, which would be in the midst of a large mass of native kaffirs and natives, and a place at which the attendance of all sorts could be secured. It was necessary, however, to have alternative excursions, so that the herding of the visitors in too large numbers in any one place would be avoided, and at the same time the varied tastes and inclinations of members would be met. He therefore proposed the following as the general programme for Pietermaritzburg, subject to such alterations in respect of details as might be subsequently found necessary:—

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