

OCTOBER 25, 1935.

PARTY AT IMBUMBULU

A very pleasant gathering took place at Imbumbulu at the invitation of Miss V. S. Makhanya to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Z. K. Matthews who have recently returned from the United States and England to polish up certain studies. People came from as far afield as Manda and all sections of the population were represented. There were European friends from Howard College and many teachers and business men. After a most appetising lunch Dr. Gumede was voted to the chair which duty he conducted creditably. He remarked on the sterling qualities of the guests of the day and the regret of the Amanzimtoti Inst., and Natal to lose their services and co-operation. He called upon Mr. Bhulose who briefly expressed appreciation for Mr. Matthews' work.

Dr. Brookes described himself as the "chief mourner" in this "funeral" and jocularly "stipulated" for dividing the spoil and have Mrs. Matthews remain in Natal! He appreciated the fact that Mr. Matthews will still have an interest in Natal as he will be a member of the Amanzimtoti Institute Governing Board as Mr. Brookes is for Fort Hare.

Mr. Champion spoke of his being the leader of the underdog and was impressed by this gathering. He was glad to see his old teacher Miss Frost to whose views about things at school he has now been reconciled. He was a chief of grumblers. They want better understanding and educated leaders for their Union from Fort Hare.

Mr. Maurice Webb generally remarked on his visit to the United States where he missed Mr. Matthews but had enjoyed his influence. People who do well in America are called "princes" and our guest was fittingly styled as such.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews replied fervently devoting themselves to do their part for their people and racial co-operation. Mrs. Matthews remarked on how little is known of Natives even by South Africans. In England they experienced freedom but they missed their people. Mr. Matthews will on occasions visit Natal. Good music was provided by the Amanzimtoti Institute Choir. Mrs. Matthews feelingly played the "Moonlight Sonata" and one of her late father's compositions "Send the Light."