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Imbumbulu News

A very pleasant social function took place at Imbumbulu Mission Station on the Sunday October 20 to welcome back to Africa Mr. and Mrs. Z. K. Matthews.

The guests who included the Bantu elite in Durban and districts and good many European friends arrived at Miss Sibusisiwe Makanya's home by cars which were parked along the main road to Maritzburg.

The guests were introduced to one another by the Hostess Miss Makanya and thereafter seated round ten tables where the setting left nothing to be desired and excellent lunch served in a most attractive matter. Miss S. V. Makanya in saying Grace read a poem the theme of which was brotherliness—a most appropriate theme for a mixed audience of Bantu, Indians and Europeans. As one glanced at the whole assemblage one was struck by the good deportment of the Bantu guests and the lack of airs or compunctions on the part of the European guests.

The conversation was very cordial and certainly both races showed the many witty and humorous exchanges that took place. White and black had met on equal terms as Mr. A. W. G. Champion said in a very effective speech. Dr. Innes Gumede, M.B., Ch.B., (Birmingham) acted very well as M.C. After lunch there were several post prandium speeches by Dr. Brookes, Messrs. Maurice Webb, W. F. Bhulose and A. W. G. Champion, commending Mr. Z. K. Matthews' sound scholarship, teaching ability, humility and winsome personality as well as the charm, commonsense and refinement of Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Matthews has been overseas studying at Yale University (America) where he took a Master's degree and at London University (England) where he studied Primitive Culture under the well-known Professor B. Malinowski. Mrs. Matthews joined her husband in England and has been studying vocal and pianoforte music. Her artistic rendition of the first movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Schuberts "Impromptu in A" drew forth delightful applause. The Adams Teachers' Choir sang "Send the Light" and "Cherry Ripe" and they were rewarded with the usual encomia.

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The guests included the following:—

Mrs. F. M. Caluza, Mr. and Mrs. N. Lutuli, Nurses Sibeta and Sitaba, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dhlamini, Mr. and Mrs. C. Motseme, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sililo, Mr. and Mrs. Ngwenya, Mrs. H. M. S. Makanya, Rev. and Mrs. Ntanzi, Mrs. W. Goba, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cili Nurse L. Langeni, Misses E. P. Ngozwana, B.A., G. G. Mama, E. Gumede, L. Gumede F. Gumede, Cl. Mfeka, V. Mfeka, K. Ntuli, N. Magwaza, C. Makanya, S. Makanya, Dr. Innes Gumede (Master of Ceremonies) Mr. S. D. B. Ngcobo, B.A., Messrs. A. F. Matibela, A. W. G. Champion, A. Mazingi, W. F. Bhulose, F. Zulu, Edward Jali, M. Moerane B.A., T. Tuntulwana, R. Guma. Dr. and Mrs. E. Brookes, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Rueling, Mr. and Mrs. Reems, Mr. and Mrs. Coblantz, Mr. and Mrs. Notcutt, Mr. Murray-Brown, Dr. K. R. Brueckner, Miss L. Scott, Mrs. Gitsham, Miss C. Frost, Miss Van Vloten, Mrs. Mabel Palmer, Miss Hodgson, Mrs. Theron, Mr. Bester.