

CURRICULUM VITAENAME

ZACHARIAH KEODIRELANG MATTHEWS

AGE

Born October 20, 1901

FAMILY

1928 married Miss Frieda Bokwe,
daughter of Rev. John Knox Bokwe:
two sons and three daughters.

EDUCATION

- 1923 B.A. University of South Africa.
First African graduate of this
University from the South African
Native College of Fort Hare
(established in 1916).
- 1924 Diploma in Education of the South
African Native College for High School
teachers.
- 1930 LL.B. University of South Africa.
First African graduate in Law of this
University.
- 1934 M.A. Yale University, New Haven, Conn.,
USA. Thesis: "Bantu Law and Western
Civilisation in South Africa".
- 1935 Post-graduate Study in Anthropology
at the London School of Economics
under Professor B. Malinowski, London
University, England.
- 1960 Awarded the degree of LL.D. (honoris
causa) by Rhodes University.

APPOINTMENTS

- 1925 Appointed Headmaster of High School
Department of Adams College, Amanzimtoti
Natal, an educational institution
founded by the American Board of
Missions, Headquarters - Boston, Mass.,
USA.
- 1936 Appointed Lecturer in Social Anthropology,
Native Law and Administration at the
University College of Fort Hare; also
part-time Lecturer in Law.
- 1945 Appointed Professor and Head of the
Department of African Studies at the
University College of Fort Hare, Alice,
C.P.

1955 Appointed Acting Principal of the University College of Fort Hare until 1957, by which time I had become one of the defendants in the so-called "Treason Trial". The indictment of treason against me was quashed by the Court in April, 1959.

1962 Appointed Africa Secretary of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

RESEARCH

1936-39 Research Fellow of the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures whose headquarters are in London: did anthropological research work among the Barolong of British Bechuanaland and published papers (see below).

PUBLIC POSITIONS

1936 Member of the Ciskeian Missionary Council, an inter-Church body devoted to the promotion of Christian work among Africans in the Cape Province.

1936-37 Appointed by the British Secretary of State for the Colonies to serve as member of the Royal Commission on Higher Education for Africans in British East Africa and the Egyptian Sudan under the Chairmanship of Earl de la Warr.

1941-42 Elected President of the Federation of African Teachers' Associations, a professional association of African teachers in the Union of South Africa.

1942 Elected to represent Cape Rural Areas in the Native Representative Council established by the Union Government in terms of the Native Representation Act of 1936: resigned as a protest against the trend of government policy in January 1950.

1945 Appointed by the Minister of Education, Arts and Science of the Union Government to serve as member of the Union Advisory Board on Native Education, set up under the Native Education Finance Act to advise the Minister on the development and financing of educational facilities for Africans.

- 1947 Elected member of the Executive of the South African Institute of Race Relations a body founded with the object of fostering peace, goodwill and practical co-operation between various sections of the population in South Africa.
- 1949 Elected President of the African National Congress in the Cape Province and member of the National Executive of the African National Congress.
- 1952 Appointed Henry W. Luce Visiting Professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y., USA.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1932 "The Educational Needs of the African"
Report of European-Bantu Conference, 1932
- 1933 "The Political Needs of the African"
Report of Natal Missionary Conference 1933
- "An African View of Indirect Rule"
Journal of African Affairs, 1933
- 1935 "The Colour Problems of South Africa"
by E.H. Brooks - A Review "International Review of Missions", 1935
- 1938 "Future Race Relations in South Africa"
Race Relations, Vol.V. No.4
- 1940 "S.A. Native Policy and the Liberal Spirit"
by R.F.A. Hoernlé - A Review, "Race Relations", Vol.VII, No.2.
- "Marriage Customs Among the Barolong"
"Africa", January 1940.
- 1942 "Political Representation of Africans in the Union"
contributed to Institute of Race Relations Pamphlet of same name.
- 1946 "The Reasons for the Adjournment of the Native Representative Council"
"East London Daily Dispatch" Sept.1946

- 1946 "The History of the Barolong"
"Fort Hare Papers", Vol I., No.1
"Native Education in South Africa during
the Last Twenty-five Years"
"South African Outlook", Sept. 1946.
- 1949 "An African Policy for South Africa"
"Race Relations", Vol.XVI, No.3
- 1950 "Race Relations and the Universities"
"South African Outlook", an Address to
the National Union of South African
Students, an inter-racial student union.
- 1951 "The African Response to Racial Laws"
"Foreign Affairs", an American
Quarterly Review, Vol.XXX, No.1
- 1952 "The Crisis in South Africa"
"Christianity and Crisis", Nov.10,24,
1952
- 1953 "The Black Man's Outlook"
"Saturday Review", New York, May 1953
"South Africa: A Land Divided Against
Itself"
"Yale Quarterly Review", Summer Issue,
1953
- 1957 "The University College of Fort Hare:
An Appraisal"
"South African Outlook", May, June 1957
- 1958 "The Crisis in University Education in
South Africa"
"Africa South" 1948
- 1960 "Social Relations in a Common Society"
Supplement to "Optima", 1960
- 1961 "African Awakening and the Universities"
"T.B. Davie Memorial Lecture".
University of Cape Town.
- 1963 "Christian Education in a Changing Africa"
International Review of Missions,
January 1963, Vol.52.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1959 Resigned Professorship at Fort Hare in protest against take-over of Fort Hare University College by Union Government.
 - 1960 Detained for 135 days during state of emergency in South Africa
 - 1960 Started practice as an Attorney of the Supreme Court of South Africa in ALICE, C.P.
 - 1961 Admitted as an Attorney to practice in the Courts of Bechuanaland Protectorate.
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