The Teacher's Influence.

(A short address delivered by Miss Flora Pandoka at the Valdezi Students' Association in December 1932.)

There is nothing of greater importance than the teacher's influence upon the pupils that are under his care. This influence determines the character of the whole school. A teacher should look happy; if he would make others look happy. Besides this he should be a pattern for his children to imitate. He should be an example of punctuality, good manners, cleanliness and neatness. He should impress upon them the importance of observant obedience to duty, respect for others, and truthfulness in word and act. Our Professor once said, "No kind of nonsense is so effective as the example of a good man." Remember that the teacher's influence does not end in the classroom. It extends to the home. All teachers and parents should be careful of the influence they have on children to observe hygiene rules such as "Children you must wash your plates immediately after eating, you must eat at regular intervals, you must keep your room and your clothes clean, when he himself does not observe these rules." Girls who are receiving higher educational training should know that they show good examples to young girls.

The Need of Secondary Schools in The Transvaal. (By Miss A. A. M. Motsela.)

We have only two Secondary Schools in the Transvaal and these are only for white boys. The number of boys and girls is far inferior to the number of boys and girls in the other parts of the Union. There are no fathers and mothers of tomorrow that need to be thoroughly educated so as to become good citizens of tomorrow. As far as the Transvaal is concerned we need more than two such schools. The need for more branches of education has been made so evident that those who are responsible for Native Education should think of it that they give us education that is a matter that must be given serious consideration, especially for those young people that take the teacher's source, is the establishment of a Primary Higher Course. The sooner this particular branch of school is attained for the teaching profession in the Transvaal.

About Wayfaring (by a lady correspondent.)

In some detachments Wayfaring is taken by white ladies who know something about this movement, in this case it has proved a success. There is still one mistake done at one of the Training Colleges in this country and that is the forced places never obey the motto. Further, other detachments are taken by leaders who know very little about wayfaring, the result is that the girls are not interested. Then the leader turns round and blames the Wayfarers, accusing them of not obeying and going for the proverb, "A lazy workman blains his tools." I think that for the sake of efficiency if any one mission station is a wayfarer it should be responsible for the detachment, and if at the same time there is a skilled Native Wayfarer, it would be wise to let this native Wayfarer be in charge of the girls. The white lady could only help where necessary and could in the color leader of the detachment only the same. Wayfarers will always understand the welfare of their detachment and are not outsiders who are not accustomed to wayfaring. We would like to know more about your wayfaring, it seems to us that there are certain boundaries that are not opposed against Native Leaders. Time and again we have Native Wayfarers in this country explaining something in this Wayfaring that should someone please tell us, what the rules are for these Native Leaders? M.

The following have passed their Junior Certificate Exams. of 1932, M. B. A. Many, S. M. Mantsela, and S. Motsela. All those are former Lomax students and members of the M.Z.B. Association. They are to be congratulated.
To All Pathfinder Officers!

On January 26th a very interesting meeting was held at Valdivia. 15 Officers were present and several important decisions were made as results of which concern all Troops. Will all Officers please take very careful note of the following matters?

1. A Distinctive Emblem is wanted.
   Pathfinders are asked to send in suggestions for a badge or mark to be worn by all P/F of this Territorial Division.

2. The World Jamboree.
   The meeting decided that we of the "Great North" should send a P/F to represent us at the World Jamboree of the Scout Movement. You have, since the meeting, received notice from H.Q. about this matter. In order to make use of our P/F we must have money.
   The Office requested that each Troop should raise by concerted work, sell material or produce any other "Pathfinder" mark, at least 1/- per boy in the Troop and 2/6d per Officer. Please note that this must be done at once, as the application must be sent to H.Q. before March 17th, which means that there only remains the month of Feb. February in which to do all the work, and if this is not done at once we cannot send our representative to Europe. So . . . . hurry up!

3. Our Annual Rally.
   It was decided that our annual Rally should not be held at the same time as the Lemma Show, but in June and at Valdivia. The date will probably be June 17th at 10 a.m., as just prepare your Troops for that great occasion and look out for further announcements about this.
   Let me also inform you that our D.T. is expecting to pay a visit to the North soon in order to see the progress we have made since his last visit.
   Another reason to get your Troops up to scratch!

4. Lemma Show.
   Office or here-by reminded that a "Show Table" will be ready for P/F work and prizes will be given as well by P/F in connection with proficiency badges or any other activity, such things as articles made of wood, tin, paper, clay, reeds or any other material - carving, maps, models, camp signs or collections of thorns, etc. etc.

5. Thorn Collections.
   I am very pleased to be able to announce that quite a large number of these collections have been sent in. I have come from Kurulan, 1 from Tennessee and 3 from Samaria with as many as 24 different varieties in a single collection! Many thanks to the P/F who collected them. I hope each Troop will in future possess such a collection and will begin collecting other things, please, nice and big, butterflies to, in order to learn to know the flora and fauna of your own district.

   The new Pathfinder book of Regulations is now in stock. Every Officer should get one as soon as possible because there are quite a number of changes and also lots of new matter in these booklets all of which is necessary in order to have efficient Troops. I have a small number in stock. You can also send for them to Scout Headquarters (Commission: 5/-via, Schauinsland) at 1/- per copy. As soon as you get a copy read it carefully and memorize especially the new Swearing-In ceremony which should be carried out in future by you, until Pathfinder, and the regulations of the new system. Trooper Rank and Senior Pathfinder were also given.
   If any Officer wishes to start such a rank or change he should inform me before hand so that we can discuss it together.

These are the main matters dealt with at the last Officer meeting. I hope all groups will make a note of these meetings and their work.

They are held twice a year, on the second Saturday after the opening of the terms in January and July.

Be prepared then, for the visit of the D.T. and stuff here for the Jamboree.

Wishing each of you all success in 1933. May it be a really good year of progress in Pathfinding — FORWARD!

Yours sincerely,

D. T. W.

P.S. If any Pathfinder, whether Officer or not, wishes to write for this page of the P.B., I would be very glad to publish any article or letter of interest to other Troops of this District.

D. T. W.


MEETING: A meeting of the N.I.S.A. will be held at (Madhamek) on 17th/18th of March 1933. There will be choir practice that day.

The KOUNTABEJG JOINT COUNCIL will meet at Elim Hospital on 31st/3/1933.
Dear Old Lemarians,

Do you still remember the memorable Old Lemaniacs Day last December 3rd? I should think you do, and you are only that all the joys of friendship, the amusing experiences and the glimpse under our wonderful ideas have not come to an end! Well, in order to keep you in touch with what you saw of the Lemana girls’ Physical Training Display I thought of giving you a few suggestions on the matter.

You all know better than I do how necessary it is that our girls should learn to use arms, legs, muscles and brains towards a healthier physical, mental and moral development in the fine出去 for energy and interest that sports provide. Do you still see them, our Lemana girls, in their neat blue uniforms, running and jumping at the Basket Ball, cheerfully dancing on the green, really fighting for their life in the Battle?

Today I would like to explain to you that last game which can be played anywhere, anyhow and with anybody. Is that not an ideal game? The Court is a rectangle 50 ft x 54 ft (the size can be altered to suit the age of the children and the space available). A line divides the total length into two equal parts, thus forming two battlefields. The five lines can be marked or imagined with the help of a stone, flags or poles put at the junctions of lines. The ammunition consists of a common football or tennis ball or of anything which you can hit without harm, such as cushion, bag of grass etc.

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The fighters, any number of boys or girls, will be divided into two equal teams, which we shall call for the occasion the Red and the Blue. Each team takes possession of one battlefield and scatters on it. Fighters good at throwing will be attackers and stand near the central boundary, the others play back.

Red and one Blue is chosen to act as Provisional Prisoners and stands behind the first line of his enemies’ battlefield.

The aim is to hit with the ball all the enemies in the shortest time possible. Anyone hit becomes a prisoner, leaves the battlefield at once and goes to the Provisional prisoner’s place. The team first cleared out has lost the battle.

For starting bounds the ball on the central line. Let us say Red batons the Ball; she throws it over the Blues to her prisoner who sends it quickly back, trying to hit a Blue on the way. The passing good on briskly, cunningly until the Blue secures the ball. This can be done in three ways: a) when the Blue hits a Blue and remains in the Blue Camp; b) if the ball can be smartly caught by a Blue on its way across the Camp, without being dropped; c) if it has touched the Blue’s ground and is kept in by a Blue (see Rule #1).

The following Rules must be observed:

1. Do not run with the ball, or kick it or throw it more than 3 seconds (full)
2. Throw the ball to the prisoner from the central line only (if not, it is full)
3. A fighter who goes over the boundary becomes a prisoner.
4. When the ball has touched the enemies’ ground it has lost its power of making prisoners, it may therefore be caught or kept in without fear.
5. If the ball, on its way across the camp is caught in the air by an enemy and then dropped, that fighter is made prisoner.

The penalty for a foul is the loss of the ball which is given to the enemies.

Always start the fight with a free pass over the ‘enemy’s’ camp.

The play leader should stimulate the fighters: see that everybody is on the move, active, alert in the fight; encourage dodging and avoiding the ball by crouching, jumping, crouching, aim at quick, straight passing, fast hitting and catching. The best way of getting rid of an enemy is to tire her out by a rapid goal across her camp in aiming at her.

Now that you have seen the Battle played and have its description, etc., in your school. Organise matches between groups or classes. Fight a fair fight!

Put it not rather out of place to speak of battle in a time when the problem of peace is on everybody’s mind? Still, fight all the same! Fight for the pleasure of killing with hatred but for the satisfaction of letting out your energy in a healthy and sporting way; and you will feel all the morerefreshed and relaxed afterwards.

With all my best wishes for a good fight,

A. Bonnard.
THE FEDERATION OF THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL BRANCHES OF THE T.A.T.A.

It has been proved beyond doubt that individuals or bodies that aspire to the same aim should somehow or other work together, if anything worthwhile is to be achieved. This fact has not been overlooked by the organizers of the Union. In the Transvaal Province the Native teachers have formed an Association known as the Transvaal African Teachers' Association. Its present membership is 1090. This body is made up of 44 branches established in all parts of the Province. The branches hold their meetings quarterly. A general Conference is held annually, at which members from all branches meet to discuss difficulties in their sphere of work, and make plans for the advancement of education in the Province.

Although the 44 branches meet in common in general Conferences they maintain some sort of independence in local affairs. This attitude has been found too narrow of scope and detrimental to the success of general Conferences, in that meetings in the various branches would hardly appreciate one another's views on matters brought before Conference for discussion, thereby causing Conferences to be rowdy and nothing great achieved.

A few years ago a step towards remedying this state of affairs was taken up by broad-minded men of the Botlokon, Pietersburg and the Eastern Pietersburg Branch Associations.

Delegates from these branches met to discuss the possibility of establishing what is known today as the Federation of the Northern Branches of the T.A.T.A.

A draft constitution was formed and was adopted by these branches. Thus the formation of FIVE branches on roll. These are: The Eastern Pietersburg branch; the Low Country branch; the Shibana branch; and the Northern Zoutpansberg Branch. Much propaganda work is still being done and it is most probable that it will not be long before when all the T.A.T.A. Branches in the Northern Transvaal will have joined the Federation.

The Federal meetings are held once a year at least. At its last meeting held at Ramoroko on the first and Second days of October this year, the Council was honoured by the presence of Mr. H. Liebenberg, Inspector of Native Education, and for the teacher the school was out to enable the pupil to pass their St. V. To.

For him the school was out to answer three important questions asked by the present day community: (1) What have you got? (2) What do you know? (3) What are you going to do with it yourself?

Mr. Liebenberg explained in simple language the context of these questions and left it to the teachers to see how their schools could answer these through the pupils who came out of them. (Schools)

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Liebenberg.

I will not give the proceedings of the meeting here but will draw the attention of all those interested in the teachers' Associations - Branch Associations - outside the Federation especially - to the fact that owing to the rapid growth of the Federation and the changing times through which it is passing it was found necessary to make certain alterations in and addition to the original Constitution. A Select Committee was appointed to go into the matter when the Constitution will be ready copies can be applied for from the Secretary.

By St. Mongalo, Secretary Fed. N.T.B. of the T.A.T.A.

FORMER STUDENTS OF THE LEIMA TRAINING COLLEGE EMITTED.

Come home, come home, Your father is calling you. He is waiting and longing to see you. Come on the 3rd. of December 1932. Nice things await you. A father of many people. Some are Ministers others are teachers. Some are sings, others are Policemen. Some are in Rhodesia, others are in Natal. Some are others at Mpuani. Majority in the Zoutpansberg, Pietersburg, Pretoria and the Witwatersrand Districts. It matters not whether you are teaching or not teaching, your only qualification is to have at one time been a student at this College. We fail to imagine what is going to happen that day if all turn up. We do not wish to know roughly how many are ready to come it would be better if those that cannot come to drop us a note before the end of this month. Write to Mr. Sh. Mongalo, P.O. Kiel Hospital, and he will give your name to the authoiities of the College who are making everything ready for you.

A WRITTEN ADDRESS FOR THE EX-INSPECTOR (MR. J.C. JOHNS)

An Address which cost the Federation 54/- has been made and is going to be presented to Mr. Johns by Mr. D.C. Iravtite (Chairman of the Federation), and Mr. S. Mongalo, Secretary, on the 10th. of December 1932. The Schools round about Pietersburg are making preparations to make this day a success.