

General directions were given to would-be competitors in regard to how their essays might be built up and sources of information were recommended.

The essays may be written in Afrikaans or English, and must be the certified "unaided work" of the competitor. When received by Mr. Mears they become the property of the Society of the Friends of Africa with a view, if considered suitable, to their publication.

Non-European Progress Trust

This Trust was founded in 1943 by Mrs. E. P. Whitehead with a capital of £10,000. Its annual income is approximately £400.

The objects of the Trust are to help non-Europeans to help themselves. In pursuit of this objective it has mainly augmented the financial resources of non-Europeans by endeavouring to improve their educational standards. It has also assisted enterprises such as the African Maternity Home at Middledrift, crèches and nursery schools initiated by non-Europeans.

The Trustees are Advocate D. M. Buchanan, K.C. (Chairman), Mrs. E. P. Whitehead, W. G. A. Mears, H. Gwyn Ashworth, Mrs. M. Ballinger, M.P., and W. G. Ballinger (Hon. Secretary-Treasurer).

A full report of the Trust's activities will be published soon after 31st March, 1944, which will mark the end of the first full year of operation.

Conclusion

Shortage of paper and exigencies arising out of the war prevent even references to other activities of the office such as attendances at Conferences, invitations to address meetings and Congress in various parts of the country and numerous other projects ancillary to the work of the office.

Cape Town,
February, 1944.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

AIM:

The aim of the Society of Friends of Africa is to work for the recognition of the brotherhood of man, through the promotion of co-operation and harmony between all races in Southern Africa for the benefit and upliftment of all, and with this object in view to pursue the undermentioned objects:

- (a) On the basis of the sacredness of individual personality to secure the abolition of all discrimination based solely on race and colour in the laws of the Union of South Africa and all other territories South of the Equator (hereinafter referred to as Southern Africa) through lawful and appropriate action in the political, economic and social fields.
- (b) To improve the economic and social conditions of the races of Southern Africa, more especially of the members of such races as are employed in mining, farming, commercial and industrial undertakings.
- (c) To extend and safeguard the application of the principles of civil and political liberty in relation to all races of Southern Africa.
- (d) To strengthen the political, economic and social organisation of the African, Coloured and Asiatic races of Southern Africa through the medium of advice, encouragement and assistance.

WE APPEAL FOR SUPPORT ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

No other organisation covers the same ground.

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