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Medical Clinic. We attended 55 patients. Nine children were vaccinated and eleven children were immunized against diptheria.

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The Joint Secretary read a letter received from Mr.J.Drechmeier drawing attention to addressing Dr.Mitchell as "He" and not "She", and also that the "Our Children's Day Committee" has recommended that the full amount collected by the Indian Schools be made available to the Association.

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2. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Johannesburg Committee for "Our Children"s Day," stating that it had been the principle of the committee for the past few years to hand over the whole amount collected to the Johannesburg Indian Social Welfare Association, after the expenses were deducted, and that it had been decided to do so again this year. Mr.Drechmeier has undertaken to try and get donations for Ice Creams for the Three Indian Purses Presentation Parties and also if possible, to get donations for a few bouquets.

Venues and Times of the Purse Presentation Parties for Indian Children.
The first party to be held at the Rio Theatre, Market Street, on the
27th October, 1953 at 9.30.a.m. children from Doornfontein, Denver and City

and Suburban Schools.

The Second Party to be held at the Lyric Theatre, Central Road, Fordsburg, on the 10th November, 1953, at 2.30.p.m. and the third at the Majestic Theatre, Central Road, Fordsburg, on the 12th November, 1953 at 2.30.p.m.

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Letter from the Social Affairs Dept. City of Johannesburg.

Street Collection, 1954. Advising this Association that our application to hold a Street Collection during 1954, will be placed before the Council Committee and all the organisations will be informed the dates allocated for such collections during January, 1954, except those organisations to whom dates have been allocated during December, 1953. They have acknowledged the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

Thanks A record of thanks noted by Mr.M. Possiala and on behalf of the parents of the children of the Denver Indian School, to Sister Katz for her assistance and the trouble she had taken in bringing the children to the Dental Clinic.

Vrededorp as a Defined Area.

Mr.S.D.Royeppen drew attention to a notice in the Government Gazette dated 26/9/53, that Vrededorp has been gazetted as a "Defined Area," and he requested that the Association should write a letter to the Minister of Interior requesting him to furnish us with full particulars regarding the group to which it had been "defined".

The Joint Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Minister of Interior asking for particulars.

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advantageous that he should be elected by the body over which he is to preside, in the expectation that his personal qualities and experience equip him to carry out these duties. The mayor's function in the council is analogous to that of the Speaker in Parliament, and the tradition of impartiality is firmly established.

Furthermore the mayor is the ceremonial head of the town, the patron of its charities, and to some extent the embodiment of the citizens' social conscience. It is appropriate that the holder of this office should be chosen by the elected councillors. The present system, whereby no mayor holds a long term of office, is a guarantee that no vested interest in such an office can grow up.

An appointed mayor would, in all probability, not be expected to be merely a ceremonial head and impartial chairman but a vehicle of policy. His responsibility (as in the case of appointed commisioners) would be to those by whom he was appointed, and not to the council of the citizens. Deadlock would be inevitable; for the system of an executive officer not responsible to the law-making body is well-known to be almost impossible to operate, except where there is complete homogeneity of outlook, such as in a small rural or village community.

In Germany, where the burgomaster system has been long established, the office of burgomaster tended to become a political appointment, even during the period of the Weimar Republic. Further, that the system was no less immune to corruption than other systems, was evidenced in the famous Boehss affair, in which the guilt of the Oberburgomeister of Berlin was proved in court, as well as in other cases.

The Committee considers that the institution of a system of appointed mayors or burgomasters in the Transvaal is completely undesirable and will not provide the solution to the present defects in local government.

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