

1. Dube was born in 1871 at Inanda Mission, Natal. He studied at Adams College and Oberlin College, America, and he returned to teach at Amanzimtoti. He again went to America and after three years study was ordained by the Congregational Church. On his return he founded the Ohlange Institute, a school modelled on Booker Washington's Tuskegee. It still flourishes today.

Cartoon: Dube outside Ohlange
or Dube supervising the building of Ohlange

2. Like so many outstanding blacks of the Twentieth Century, he was drawn into politics. In 1900 he helped to found the Natal Native Congress. In 1903 he founded the first Xulu paper ILANGA LASE NATAL (now called ILANGA) and was editor till 1915. With Walter Rubusana he convened the South African Native Convention in 1909, and he, Rubusana, ^{Dr. Teyateyan, Jabavu,} Abdurahman and Schreiner went to England to plead with the British Government not to allow the colour bar into the Act of Union. Their visit was in vain.

Cartoon: Why not repeat, or vary, the Rubusana cartoon
i.e. Rubusana, Jabavu, Abdurahman, Schreiner, Dube,
outside the British Houses of Parliament?

3. In 1912 he was elected in absentia the first president of the A.N.C. ~~The next year~~ ^{in 1914} he led a deputation to Britain to protest against the Land Act, without success. In 1936 he was the first black South African to receive an honorary doctorate. He was elected to the Natives's Representative Council, but ill-health troubled him. He retired from political work in 1945. He died of a stroke in 1946. Another outstanding man whose great gifts were neverfully used.

Cartoon: Receiving the Honorary degree.