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I am a long time returning the article from the Townsville Daily Bulletin [presumably dated 9 July 1937]. I took the liberty of sending it to Mrs Bennett at Mount Margaret, who would, I know, appreciate it. She did and duly returned it to me. The article is splendid.

... I am not politically minded and have no affiliations ...

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The League is pressing on and is gratified to see results for its efforts. Mr Cooper does get depressed at the slow progress made and the result of the meeting of the Chief Protectors, which has been published and which you have doubtless seen is most disheartening. These men never learn and never progress and when they adopt a resolution to consult America and South Africa for advice on the problem of the dark man [it] makes one wonder if the day will come when the dark man in Australia will have to walk off the footpath and keep off trams which contain white folk. Still, God is not dead, as the old negro woman said when the dark champion [Frederick] Douglas[s] was about to give up the fight in despair.