

AFRICANS GET AUTHORITY.

In the Zeerust area of the Transvaal another step was taken towards giving Africans a share in their own government. Representatives of six tribes met Dr. De Wet Nel, of the South African Government, to receive from him the symbols of their new authority. An African interpreted his speech into tribal language.

Each of the six chiefs received a brief-case containing the documents of his appointment. The six tribes will amalgamate to administer an area of more than 800 square miles. The Chairman of the authority will be Chief Lucas, whose father was the paramount chief before his death. He is well liked and is certain to be respected by his people. Those who don't yet understand democracy at least know that Chief Lucas will rule justly. In his own village he was inaugurated joyfully and native beer was consumed with appropriate enthusiasm.

The new experiment in government is a wise move, which everyone in the Transvaal believes will be a success.