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Editorial

Readers will have noticed that, with this number, Natalia has reached its tenth milestone. We should, therefore, like to pay tribute to all those who have assisted in keeping this project going successfully during the last decade. In particular, we are grateful to the many people who have contributed articles. These have covered a wide range of topics and have, we hope, led to the realisation of the aims of the original promoters of Natalia in 1971, who set out their policy in the following words:

"It will publish articles in, roughly, five categories: environmental, pre-historical, historical, contemporary and cultural. It will also serve as a directory of information and current research, and about societies, organizations and individuals actively interested in the preservation of Natal's heritage and in the study of its physical, natural and human resources."

Since its early beginnings, the reputation of Natalia has spread beyond the limits of this City and Province to South Africa as a whole, and even beyond its borders to countries overseas. For example, in the United States of America, the American Historical Association, in its issue of Recently Published Articles (Vol. 4 No. 3 October 1979, pp. 82-3) has, in the section entitled South Africa, specific details of articles published in Natalia Nos. 7 and 8.

The range of articles included in this number is very great, the idea being to cater for the interests of a wide variety of readers. We have highlighted the centenary of the opening of the first railway link between Durban and Pietermaritzburg because we feel that, as this event was such a great landmark in Natal's economic history, it should be fittingly commemorated in Natalia. This railway line, which ultimately reached the Transvaal border in 1891, was to prove increasingly important after the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand in 1886. It is also appropriate to reflect on the fact that the railway line provided Natal with its only reliable communication link with the interior until the construction of the National Road network which was started towards the end of the 1930s.

For the second consecutive year the Natal Society has sponsored what is officially known as "The Natal Society Annual Lecture". On 13th June this lecture was given by Mr Robert F. Haswell, Senior Lecturer in Geography at the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg). It was entitled "Pietermaritzburg — a Voortrekker Dorp", and it was listened to by a most appreciative audience who filled the Library Auditorium to capacity. We are grateful to Mr Haswell for re-organising and supplementing the material of his lecture in order to produce an article, which has been included in this number.

Natal has suffered the loss of three of her most celebrated citizens during the course of the year, and tributes are paid to them in this issue of Natalia. We are grateful to the Judge-President of Natal, Mr Justice Neville James, for his article on the late Mr Justice F.N. Broome, a former Judge-President of the Natal Supreme Court. The present Director of Education, Dr G.A.
Hosking, has kindly written about the late Dr R.A. Banks. We felt that it would be fitting for a fellow Scot to write the tribute to the late Professor Alexander Petrie, and Dr John Clark, a former Editor of Natalia, readily agreed to do this.

At the end of May, Mr A.S.C. Hooper relinquished the post of Chief Librarian in order to assume duty as the University Librarian at the University of Cape Town. During the time that he was Chief Librarian he worked enthusiastically and imaginatively to consolidate and to build on the work of his predecessors. Soon after his appointment he had to face the challenge of moving the Library from the old building in Longmarket Street (now the PADCA Centre) to the new one on Churchill Square — an operation that was carried out efficiently and expeditiously. We are particularly grateful to him for the interest that he showed in Natalia, and for the way in which he gave encouragement and help to the Editor and members of the Editorial Committee. He took a personal interest in the planning and progress of each issue. We feel that it is fitting, therefore, that an article written by him should be included in this edition. It deals with the Special Collections in the Library and it reflects the basic aim of his policy as Chief Librarian, which was to make information about the Library’s bibliographical treasures and resources as widely known as possible.

Having paid tribute to the work of the former Chief Librarian, we should like to welcome Mrs S.S. Wallis who assumed duty as the new Chief Librarian on 1st August. Mrs Wallis was formerly on the staff of the Johannesburg Public Library where she was engaged in developing a number of specialist projects, the most important being the building up of the Music Library when she was in charge of that section. In addition to her professional qualification, Mrs Wallis holds the B.Mus. and M.A. degrees. In the wider sphere of library work, she has played an active role in the affairs of her local branch of the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science. Mrs Wallis is deeply conscious of the role that the Natal Society Library can play in the lives of the people of Pietermaritzburg, and we wish her every success in her new post.

At the beginning of the Editorial, reference was made to the fact that this is the tenth issue. Thus it is fitting to conclude with a comment as Natalia enters its second decade. May it continue to play a significant role in the intellectual life of this community who support it, and in that of the wider world. May it continue to be a journal which the President and Members of the Council of the Natal Society are proud to sponsor.

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JOHN M. SELLERS
# Register of Research on Natal

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Mrs Jennifer Verbeek of the Dept. of Library Science, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, has supplied us with the following additional information on research projects:

- Archaeology in Natal — including Zululand and East Griqualand
  - A comprehensive bibliography on rock art of Natal and Zululand including Basutoiand (now Lesotho) and East Griqualand, covering material from the turn of the century to the present
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  - *Die Rol van die N.G. Kerk in Natal*
  - Select bibliography of the Anglo-Zulu war, 1879
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ROBERT F. HASWELL. Is a Senior Lecturer in Geography at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. He obtained his B.A. and B.A. Honours degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, and then spent six years studying and lecturing in the U.S.A. He was awarded an M.Sc. by Southern Illinois University and was a visiting lecturer in the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University. He will return to the U.S.A. on Sabbatical leave during 1981 to participate as both student and lecturer in Eastern Michigan University’s Historic Preservation Planning Programme. He has published a number of articles on geographical topics in a variety of journals, including The Geographical Magazine (London), in which his article, “South African towns on European plans”, appeared in July, 1979.

ANTHONY S.C. HOOPER. Was born in Pretoria of Natal parents and grew up in Rhodesia. He attended the University of Cape Town where he obtained a B.Sc degree in Zoology. He was awarded a C.S.I.R. bursary to study for his master’s degree in Library science in the U.S.A. Thereafter he returned to work for the C.S.I.R. rising to Head of the Reference and Translations Service. He was appointed Chief Librarian of the Natal Society Library in October, 1974. In June, 1980, he assumed duty as University Librarian at the University of Cape Town.


BRUNO MARTIN. is a qualified cartographer, who was trained at Orell Füssli Art Graphics in Zürich, Switzerland. In 1966, he joined Map Studio in Johannesburg where he was mainly concerned with the preparation of the artwork for street plans and road maps published by the various oil companies. In April 1973, he was appointed to the post of Cartographer in the Geography Department at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. His publications include a detailed wall map of Pietermaritzburg and surrounding areas, printed in four colours, a subsequent book map version of the same area, and the mapwork in the Field Guide to the War in Zululand 1879, University of Natal Press, 1979.

He is an ardent steam locomotive enthusiast, but has developed a deep interest in the history of railways in South Africa, particularly in the construction and development of the Natal Main Line.
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