

THE NATAL SOCIETY OFFICE BEARERS, 1979–1980

President	Cr Miss P.A. Reid
Vice-Presidents	M.J.C. Daly, Esq. A.C. Mitchell, Esq. Dr J. Clark S.N. Roberts, Esq.
Trustees	A.C. Mitchell, Esq. Dr R.E. Stevenson M.J.C. Daly, Esq.
Treasurers	Messrs Dix, Boyes & Co.
Auditors	Messrs Thornton-Dibb, van der Leeuw & Partners
Chief Librarian	A.S.C. Hooper (resigned May 1980) Mrs S.S. Wallis (appointed August 1980)
Secretary	P.C.G. McKenzie

COUNCIL

Elected Members	Cr Miss P.A. Reid (<i>Chairman</i>) S.N. Roberts, Esq. (<i>Vice-Chairman</i>) Dr F.C. Friedlander R. Owen, Esq. W.G. Anderson, Esq. F.J.H. Martin, Esq., M.E.C. A.D.S. Rose, Esq. R.S. Steyn, Esq. J.M. Sellers, Esq. A. Mostert, Esq. (<i>resigned</i>) M.J.C. Daly, Esq. (<i>co-opted</i>)
------------------------	--

City Council Representatives	Cr A.F. Tarr Cr H.D. Browne Cr H. Lundie Cr C.W. Wood
-------------------------------------	--

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF NATALIA

Editor	J.M. Sellers, Esq. J.M. Deane, Esq. T.B. Frost, Esq. W.R. Guest, Esq. Miss M.P. Moberly Mrs S.P.M. Spencer Miss J. Farrer (<i>Hon. Sec.</i>)
---------------	--

Cover Picture

Natal Government Railways passenger carriage, 1878.
(Seating capacity: 24 Tare: 5 tons)

Photograph: Local History Museum, Durban.

Copies of this number and back numbers of *Natalia*, except No. 1 (1971) and No. 8 (1978), are obtainable at R3,00 per copy from The Chief Librarian, Natal Society Public Library, P.O. Box 415, Pietermaritzburg, 3200.

SA ISSN 0085 3674

Printed by The Natal Witness (Pty) Ltd

Contents

	<i>Page</i>
EDITORIAL	5
REPRINT	
On a Tough Missionary Post in Zululand Part II Edited by <i>Charles Ballard</i> Translated by <i>Helen Feist</i>	7
ARTICLE	
The Battle of Ivuna (or Ndunu Hill) <i>J.P.C. Laband</i>	16
ARTICLE	
The Voortrekker Dorps of Natal — <i>R.F. Haswell</i>	23
ARTICLE	
The Opening of the Railway between Durban and Pietermaritzburg — 100 years ago <i>B. Martin</i>	34
ARTICLE	
The Special Collections of the Natal Society Library — <i>A.S.C. Hooper</i>	41
OBITUARIES	
<i>R.A. Banks</i>	45
<i>F.N. Broome</i>	47
<i>A. Petrie</i>	48
NOTES AND QUERIES	
<i>M.P. Moberly</i>	51
BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES	64
register of research on natal	
<i>J. Farrer</i>	77
SELECT LIST OF RECENT NATAL PUBLICATIONS	
<i>J. Farrer</i>	78
NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS	79

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 hoped, 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.

FLOREAT NATALIA!

JOHN M. SELLERS

Register of Research on Natal

This list has been compiled from individual submissions from subscribers to *Natalia*. Persons knowing of current research work that has not been listed are asked to furnish information for inclusion in the next issue. A slip is provided for this purpose.

BIOGRAPHY

The Rt. Revd. Dr Alphaeus Zulu R.J.G. Aitken

BOTANY

Botanical (taxonomic) study of the grasses (Poaceae/ Grainineae) and sedges (Cyperaceae) of Natal Dr K.D. Gordon-Gray

ECOLOGY

Influence of Iron Age man on Natal wilderness landscapes J.M. Feely

FAMILY HISTORY

The Tatham Family in Natal Mrs J.C. Gie (née Tatham)

HISTORY

Comparative study of 19th Century British colonial garrisons (including Fort Napier, Pietermaritzburg) Dr R. McLachlan

Development of Natal railways J.C. Clarke

History of Pietermaritzburg Dr R.E. Gordon

Indian immigrants in Natal: movements of groups within Southern Africa including Angola Dr J.B. Brain

Natal place-names in relation to the histories of settlers N.T. Hunt

Rev. Father Bernard Huss and organised resistance to the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union in Natal and the Transkei Dr J.B. Brain

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 Miss P. Stabbins

A comprehensive bibliography on rock art of Natal and Zululand including Basutoland (now Lesotho) and East Griqualand, covering material from the turn of the century to the present

Revision of Webb's *Official records of the Colony of Natal* Miss M. Cherry

Die Rol van die N.G. Kerk in Natal Mrs M. Nathanson and Mrs E. Peel

Select bibliography of the Anglo-Zulu war, 1879 Mev. Ina v.d. Spuy

The Trappist Monastery at Marianhill, Natal; its origins and its publications Mrs J.A. Verbeek

Mrs D. Lamoral

Compiled by J. FARRER

Select list of recent Natal publications

- ARNOLD, L.M., *and* Varty, Alice E. English through activity: handbook for higher primary instructors; fifth to seventh years (Std. 3–Std. 5). Pietermaritzburg, Shuter and Shooter, 1980.
- AYLEN, Leo. Return to Zululand: poems. London; Sidgwick and Jackson, 1980.
- BENSON, Ivor. The Battle for South Africa. Durban, Dolphin, 1979.
- BUTHELEZI, Chief M. Gatsha. Power is ours. N.Y., Books in Focus, 1979.
- FERGUSON, A.L. John Ferguson, Christian gentleman. Durban, the Author, (1980).
- HERBERT, Alfred. The Natal rugby story; edited by Reg. Sweet. Pietermaritzburg, Shuter and Shooter, 1980.
- LABAND, J.P.C., *and* Thompson, P.S. War comes to Umvoti; the Natal-Zululand Border 1878–79. Durban, University of Natal, 1980.
- LOEVENDIE, René. Comrades marathon: a photo essay, 1979. Durban, the Author, 1979.
- MOORE, Dermot Michael. General Louis Botha's second expedition to Natal during the Anglo-Boer war, September–October 1901. Cape Town, Historical publications society, 1979.
- NATAL. *Town and regional planning commission*. Hydrology and water resources of the Drakensberg, by R.E. Schulze. Pietermaritzburg, the Commission, 1979.
- NATAL. *Town and regional planning commission*. Policy proposals for the estuaries of Natal, by George Begg. Pietermaritzburg, the Commission, 1979.
- PRETORIA. *University. Bureau for Economic Policy and Analysis*. Alternatives to the consolidation of KwaZulu: Progress report, 1979.
- RODSETH, Peter H. Mission Station to Mayor's Parlour: an Autobiography. Pietermaritzburg, the Author, 1980.
- SOUTH AFRICA (*Republic*). *Dept. of agriculture and fisheries. Natal region*. Soil survey of the Tala valley area; a report . . . , by D.A. Dekker and others. (Pietermaritzburg), the Dept., 1980.
- TAYLOR, Mary. The Story of Sweetwaters, by Mary Taylor (née Halsted). (Pietermaritzburg), the Author, (1979).
- WEBB, C. de B., *and* Wright, J.B., *editors*. The James Stuart archive of recorded oral evidence relating to the history of the Zulu and neighbouring peoples; Vol. 2. Pietermaritzburg, University of Natal press; *and* Durban, Killie Campbell Africana library, 1979.
- WILDLIFE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. *Natal branch*. A Field guide to the Natal Drakensberg, by Pat Irwin and others. Durban, the Society, 1980.
- WILDLIFE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. *Natal branch*. More wild ways with cooking. Durban, the Society, (1980).
- WILKS, Terry. The Biography of Douglas Mitchell. Durban, King and Wilks, 1980.

Compiled by J. FARRER

Notes on Contributors

CHARLES BALLARD. Is a lecturer in Economic History at the University of Natal, Durban. He obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from James Madison University, in the United States of America. Mr Ballard has recently been awarded his doctorate in history at the University of Natal, Durban. He has published several articles on Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century Natal and Zulu history in a number of journals, including the *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, the *Journal of African History* and the *Journal of Natal and Zulu History*.

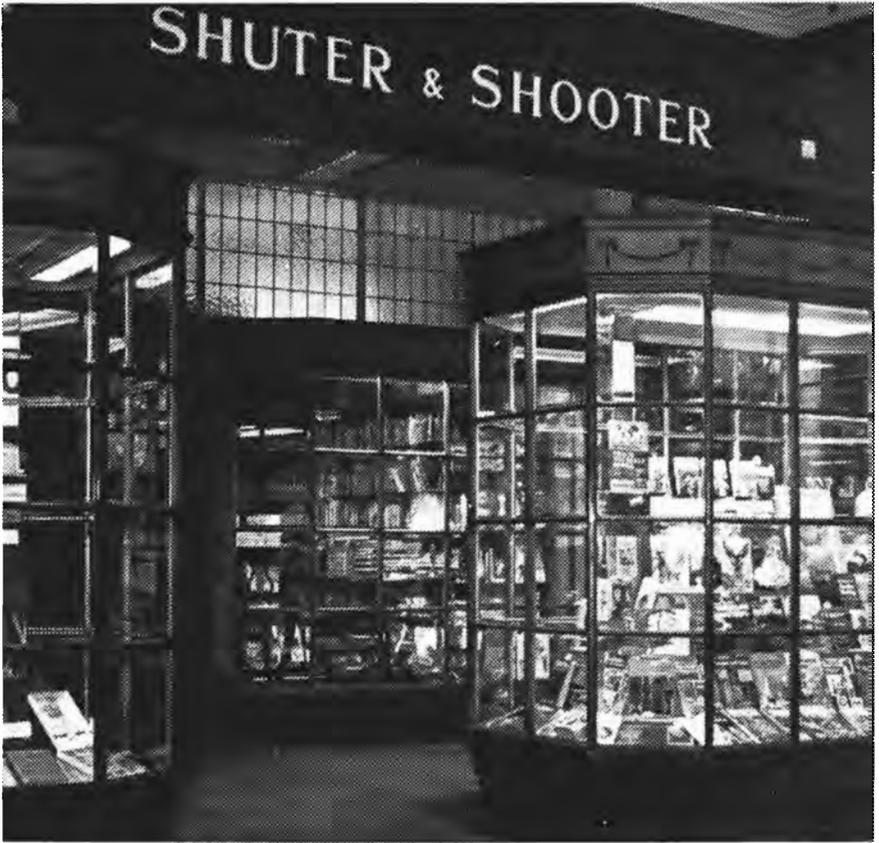
ROBERT F. HASWELL. Is a Senior Lecturer in Geography at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. He obtained his B.A. and B.A. Honours degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, and then spent six years studying and lecturing in the U.S.A. He was awarded an M.Sc. by Southern Illinois University 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.

JOHN P.C. LABAND. Studied at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, B.A. 1970; and at Cambridge University, B.A. 1972, and M.A. 1977. Samuel Edelstein Scholarship, 1970. Appointed to the Department of Historical and Political Studies, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, 1972. Co-author with Dr. Paul S. Thompson of *A Field Guide to the War in Zululand, 1879* (Pietermaritzburg, 1979); and *War comes to Umvoti: The Natal-Zululand Border, 1878-9* (Durban, 1980). He has published a number of articles and reviews on aspects of the history of nineteenth century Natal and Zululand, and is currently engaged in research in that field.

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.



SHUTER & SHOOTER

Natal's Finest Bookshop

In 1925 Mr L.G. Shuter, grandson of a Natal pioneer and owner of Vause, Slatter & Co. (established in 1840), was joined by Mr R.A. Shooter, son of an old Eastern Province family, and together they established Shuter & Shooter (Pty) Ltd.

A half century ago, Shuter & Shooter set a tradition of service that will continue into the 80s and beyond.

Publishers, booksellers, educational contractors, library suppliers and stationers, Shuter & Shooter with their head office and bookshop at 230 Church Street, warehouse at Plessislaer, branch offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town and King William's Town and associate companies in KwaZulu and Transkei, are ready to meet the challenge of the next century.

P.O. BOX 109, PIETERMARITZBURG, 3200

TELEPHONE 58151



Long-tailed Widow
Euplectes progné

In his striking breeding plumage the Long-tailed Widow is an attractive and easily recognised bird, familiar to travellers and farmers in the Eastern Cape, the O.F.S. and the higher parts of the Transvaal and Natal.

But will he always be there? Will he survive the widespread ecological changes which are taking place in our country? What can be done to ensure the survival of this fascinating bird and the hundreds of other species — some of them already rare — which make up South Africa's abundant avifauna?

To answer these questions conservationists, biologists, planners and decision-makers at all levels need information: information about the movements and distribution of birds — information of the kind that is now available in the *Bird Atlas of Natal* by Digby Cyrus and Nigel Robson.

The authors have travelled all over Natal in search of birds and have co-ordinated the records of birdwatchers throughout the Province. These observations have been plotted on to maps which show where each of 530 species has been seen and the months when it was recorded. For each of these birds there is also a short description of its world distribution and its local habitat. All these birds have been illustrated by Tony Clarkson, as well as some of the 100 rarer species and vagrants whose distributions are briefly described.

As well as providing scientists with an invaluable data base the maps are useful and enormously interesting to the ordinary birdwatcher. By guiding him towards positive identification and enlarging his knowledge of distribution the book will enhance the incomparable delights of birdwatching.

Available now from leading booksellers at R18,60 + G.S.T.

PUBLISHED BY

University of Natal Press, Box 375, Pietermaritzburg, 3200, South Africa.

DAVID CROCKER

AFRICANA BOOK DEALER

We publish regular price lists. If not already on our mailing list, please write for your free copy

**JOHANNESBURG SHOP
505, UNION-CASTLE BUILDING, CORNER
LOVEDAY & COMMISSIONER STREETS (TEL. 834-1563)**

A large and varied stock always available for viewing.
You will always be welcome

We are always keen to purchase good books of African interest and also purchase fine old letters and stamp collections. We visit Durban regularly and will be happy to view any collections available for purchase.

Postal Address:
P.O. Box 482
Florida
1710

Shop Address:
Shop 4, Pica Centre
Cotswold Road
Florida Hills

Tel. (011) 672-1011

SESA — STANDARD ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

SESA is the only comprehensive encyclopaedia devoted entirely to the Southern African scene and is therefore complementary to any other book of knowledge you may own.

"... absolute accuracy, backed by dedicated and scholarly research and original contributions by acknowledged experts."

Leading article in The Cape Times, 9 Oct. 1976

"SESA ... is without doubt the richest single source of information on Southern Africa to be found anywhere ..."

Robert Knowles in Eastern Herald, 17 Sept. 1976

These twelve volumes are the biggest single project to be published in Southern Africa.

A complete index for easy reference is included in volume 12.

Price R175 (GST excluded) at any bookseller
or RYGILL'S EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIERS

YOUR PUBLISHERS

NASOU LIMITED

P.O. BOX 361

PIETERMARITZBURG 3200

ALOE BOOK AGENCIES (Pty) Ltd

**LIBRARY SUPPLIERS
AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPLIERS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

332 West Street
DURBAN
Telephone: 64-541/2
Branches in Johannesburg and Randburg



**THE BOOKSHOP WITH THE WIDEST
RANGE OF BOOKS TO SUIT EVERY TASTE
AND AGE**

Also stockists of

- STATIONERY REQUISITES
- GREETING CARDS
- EDUCATIONAL BOOKS
- SCHOOL AND LIBRARY BOOKS

DRAKENSBERG-BOEKHANDEL (EDMS) BEPERK

Trust Bank Centre,
475/493 Smith St.,
Durban. 4001

P.O. Box 1702,
Durban.
4000

TELEPHONE: 65368 — 65360

LIBRARY FURNITURE

Made of good wood beautifully finished

Shelving units all with adjustable shelves in more than 20 sizes

Book display stands

Stepstools

Atlas stands, different types

Magazine Stands

Newspaper stands

Eight types of book trolleys to meet every need

Fourteen sizes of tables including study tables and carrell desks

Chairs with wooden or upholstered seats

Fully upholstered easy chairs

Gramophone record cabinets and browser boxes

Different types of museum showcases

Smaller items like holders for display stands, metal bookends in 4 different colours

Card trays any size

Alphabet guideblocks and

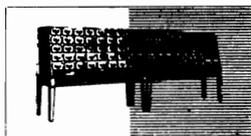
Our range of catalogue cabinets from 2 drawers up to unlimited

C.F. PRINS

(PTY) LTD

19 STEENBOK STREET, KOEDOESPOORT, PRETORIA 0002

Telephone: 73-4541



Gilmour Williamson

PIETERMARITZBURG'S OLDEST BOOK
AND STATIONERY SHOP

(Founded by the late P. Davis & Sons in 1852)

*Books are marvellous presents.
We offer you a choice
of quality paperbacks
reprints and new publications
or a book token.*

**Shop 11 Shepstone Arcade
off Longmarket Street**

WE WILL WELCOME A VISIT FROM YOU!

Africana *Book Collectors*

**JOHN BARROW'S "An Account of Travels into the Interior
of Southern Africa, in the Years 1797 and 1798 . . ."**

First Edition, London 1801-1804. Details on application.

We distribute catalogues quarterly.

**Phone: 74-4837.
Res.: 47-2753.**

**M.B.A. Building,
411 Hilda Street,
Hatfield, Pretoria.**

**Postal Address:
P.O. Box 27150,
Sunnyside, 0132.**

Adams

AND CO. LTD

341 West Street, Durban, 4001.

Telephone 32-8571

**LIBRARY SUPPLIERS
GENERAL BOOKSELLERS**

Choose from the widest selection in
Natal or ask us to obtain your
special requirements. We would like
to help!



LOGAN'S UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP

229 Francois Road

DURBAN

TEL: 25-3221

Nedbank Plaza

Scottsville

PIETERMARITZBURG

Tel: 4-1588

***For a full range of academic
and leisure-time books as well
as cards, records and all
your stationery requirements***

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATALIA No. 9

REPRINT

On a Tough Missionary Post in Zululand — Part I

— Edited by *Charles Ballard*

Translated by *Helen Feist*

ARTICLES

Institute of Natural Resources — *John Hanks*

William Stanger and the early years of cartography
in Natal, 1845–1854 — *Christopher Merrett*

NOTES AND QUERIES

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTICES

This half page is sponsored by

JUTA'S BOOKSHOP

P.O. Box 30, Cape Town 8000