

Nineteenth Session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference

(Extracts from President's Address)

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the delegates to this, the nineteenth session of the Natal-Transvaal Conference. We also welcome our believers and friends from the city.

Each successive conference brings home the consciousness of our great dependence on God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is in our midst finishing His work in the earth, and these constituency meetings grow more significant each successive year. For all that He has done for us since our last meeting, our hearts magnify His great and holy name, and we rejoice in God.

Within our territory, there is a population of 780,221 Europeans, 2,535,673 Bantu, 43,398 mixed, and 157,640 Indians, making a total of 3,516,914.

Our conference constituency now numbers 589 Europeans and 373 in the Mission Department, a total of 962. There has been a gain this year in the Mission Department of 150.

Our European working staff numbers twenty-six. In the Mission Department, there are three ordained European ministers, and eleven natives who hold credentials.

EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES

A review of the evangelistic work in our field is most encouraging. It is my pleasure to call to mind the work of our faithful men and women who are at the front of the battle.

In view of the plans for evangelising the Johannesburg district, it has been arranged for a well organised corps of workers to enter this metropolis, following this conference.

Since Pastor Moffitt has accepted the call to the presidency of the Cape Conference, Pastor Hyatt has taken his place in Johannesburg. Pastor and Mrs.

Edwards have been called to connect with the Cape Conference.

Brother and Sister D. F. Tarr have been located in Durban since last September, and they are in touch with a large number of families, who are interested in the Truth. Several will be baptised at this conference. Sister Leonie de Beer has been associated with the interests in Durban since the close of the tent meetings.

Following the Durban city campaign, Brother Hurlow and family moved to Maritzburg to conduct a series of meetings in a tent. Associated with him were Sister Flemming and Brother and Sister Le Butt. From the start this campaign was a success. There are about twenty-five in the baptismal class at the present time. We rejoice in seeing this successful effort in Maritzburg. The church building has been filled on Sunday nights since the tent was taken down.

Pastor Carey has been faithfully labouring in Pretoria. That church is very zealous in advancing the Truth, and was the first to reach its goals in the last two campaigns.

Pastor de Beer has been faithfully looking after the interests of our work in Potchefstroom. There is great opposition to our work in that centre, but the cause of truth has always triumphed and it seems that nothing can be done against the truth but for it in this seat of learning.

Pastor Walston has been working for the Indians in Durban. The greatest need in Durban at this time is a church building. Twenty-one Indians have been baptised during the past nine months.

Pastor Hodgson's work among the natives has been very successful during the past year. He has inter-

ests in no less than a dozen centres. It has been his privilege to baptise 150 since our last conference.

It was my privilege to conduct a series of sixty meetings in Durban during a part of July, August and September. From the first night, the public became interested. Conference administrative duties made it imperative for me to leave the field of activity sooner than desired. Sixteen were baptised at the close, and several are awaiting baptism at conference time. On the last night, 125 who wished to keep in close touch with our work and Message, handed in their names. We hope to again see a strong public effort in this important centre.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

I am glad to report that our faithful members believe that of equal importance with special public efforts, is house to house work in the homes of the people. There is an awakening in our field among the rank and file of lay-members, and it is encouraging to find that 59,465 periodicals have been sold, lent or given away during the past year. The local missionary spirit has been responsible for the success of the two recent campaigns. To carry on this house-to-house work among our friends and neighbours is the great ambition of our faithful people, and as workers in the Natal-Transvaal field we expect to keep in the lead in this great layman's movement.

HARVEST INGATHERING AND BIG WEEK

The churches going over their goals in these campaigns were, Dundee, Hlobane, Durban, Maritzburg, Johannesburg, Fretoria, Potchefstroom and Spion Kop. The amount gathered was £1,200. Our goal was £1,150. The Big Week effort followed the Ingathering campaign. Our entire quota of books was distributed and a zealous spirit was seen all along the line. In both of the campaigns, our workers and people met with many providences of God. We hope to have our workers tell of their experiences at this conference. We found the general public responsive, and we have kept many of the names and addresses of the donors, hoping to solicit from them in 1926.

BOOK AND BIBLE WORK

The Book and Bible Society sales for 1924 amounted to £5,035-17-10. In 1925, our sales amounted to £6,070-18-9. There is an organised opposition to our book work in the field, and it is a struggle, but God is on our side and men can do nothing against the truth but for it. We have sixteen colporteurs in the field and the prospects are bright.

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS

If we had the teachers, we could establish church schools in Maritzburg, Johannesburg, and Potchefstroom. Our big problem is the lack of teachers. The Durban church school has grown, and in

1926 they will have two teachers. Spion Kop is a monument to Christian education, and we are doing everything possible to encourage our young people to enter our training school. Our conference has lately voted to financially assist at least a half dozen of our young people to enter Spion Kop this year.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

There has been a gradual increase in Sabbath school offerings during the past year. In 1924, the sixteen schools gave £1,142-1-7, while in 1925 the offerings amounted to £1,217-3-10.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

Tithe and mission offerings for 1924 and 1925 were as follows:

	1924	1925
Tithe, European	£5181 4 4	£5391 4 11
Tithe, native	232 18 0	241 5 1
Mission off., European	3567 19 10	2813 17 4
Mission off., native		94 6 3
Mission off. per week per member, European		2/0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Miss off. per week per member, native		1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

OUR NEED

During the coming year we hope to see greater developments in every department. We need above all the baptism of the Holy Spirit for power in service. We fully believe that with the outpouring of the latter rain, all other blessings will follow in its trail. We must put first things first, believing that God will fulfil every promise He has made in our behalf. Our faith was never stronger. As workers, we fully surrender our lives to the service of God. There is a determined desire to be clothed with power and light for the finishing of the work. We believe that no sacrifice is too great for the cause of truth.

B. M. HEALD.

Natal-Transvaal Conference

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1925

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Loan Accounts	£511 5 0	Cash on Hand	£196 6 3
Deposit Accounts	206 15 1	Cash in Bank	738 4 2
Trust Funds	895 6 11	Office Furniture & Fixtures	118 4 0
Sundry Creditors	257 9 8	Tents and Equipment	299 19 6
Tents and Equipment	299 19 6	Loans to Churches	1455 8 11
	2170 16 2	Loan Accounts	1600 0 0
Working Fund	2384 13 5	Sundry Debtors	147 6 9
	<u>£4555 9 7</u>		<u>£4555 9 7</u>

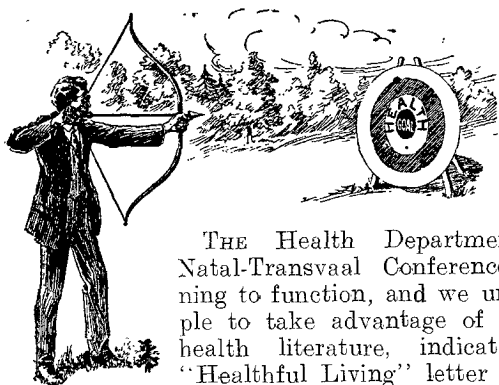
Natal-Transvaal Book and Bible Society

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1925

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Loan Accounts	£1050 0 0	Stock on Hand	£424 8 3
Deposit Accounts	44 18 2	Canvassers' Outfit	18 0 0
Trust Funds	75 2 10	Office Furniture	15 11 8
Publishing House Creditors	39 11 0	Sundry Debtors	861 14 7
Sundry Creditors	39 1 9	Cash on Hand	12 10 10
Capital Account	165 17 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cash in Bank	82 6 3
	<u>£1414 11 7</u>		<u>£1414 11 7</u>

A. E. NELSON, Treasurer.

Natal-Transvaal Conference News Notes



THE Health Department of the Natal-Transvaal Conference is beginning to function, and we urge our people to take advantage of the offer of health literature, indicated in the "Healthful Living" letter of Feb. 18.

THE spirit of evangelism is working throughout our field, and we pray God for a large harvest of souls. We should earnestly pray for the workers who are associated in these soul-winning campaigns.

Good reports come from Pastor and Sister Tarr, also from Pastor and Sister Walston, Durban.

PASTOR HODGSON will soon be conducting a series of tent meetings among the natives at Kraal Kop. He will have two interpreters assisting him.

PASTOR HURLOW writes under date of March 1. "You will be glad to know that fruit is still being seen as a result of the effort here, and I will be having another baptism next week."

PASTORS CAREY AND DE BEER opened a series of tent meetings in Krugersdorp, Thursday night, March 11. There was a good attendance. Sister Minnie Dixie is associated with this company, and Brother Willie Retief is acting as tent master and sign artist.

PASTOR HYATT has a delightful situation for the erection of his tent, on the corner of Claim and Kaptein streets, Johannesburg. Providence has wonderfully gone before Brother Hyatt in the plans of his tent effort. Those associated with Brother Hyatt, are Brother and Sister Le Butt, Sister Leonie de Beer and Brother Symons. The prospects are bright for a successful campaign, beginning Sunday, March 14.

"As the disciples, filled with the power of the Spirit, went forth to proclaim the gospel, so God's servants are to go forth today. Filled with an unselfish desire to give the message of mercy to those who are in the darknes of error and unbelief, we are to take up the Lord's work. He gives us our part to do in co-operation with Him, and He will also move on the hearts of unbelievers to carry forward His work in the regions beyond."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII, page 32.

Announcement

A GENERAL meeting will be held in the Johannesburg church, March 27 and 28. Our people living in the west end of the conference are invited to attend. The programme will be as follows:

SABBATH

Sabbath school	9.45 A. M.
Preaching	11.00 A. M.
Special service	2.30 P. M.
Steriopticon lecture	7.45 P. M.

SUNDAY

Bible study	9.00 A. M.
Review of recommendations	10.30 A. M.
Special session of general meeting and preaching	3.30 P. M.
Hyatt meeting	7.30 P. M.

B. M. HEALD.



Standerton

WAT gaan ons doen gedurende die jaar 1926? Laat ons probeer om met ons Here se hulp in die nuwe jaar meer te doen in Sy werk dan in die afgelope jaar. Die gemeente van Standerton het besluit om skouer aan skouer te staan in die heerlike werk van ons dierbare Here Jesus, wat op die heuwel van Golgota Sy lewe vir ons sondaars afgeleg het. Om die groot liefde wat Hy vir ons gehad het, het Hy gely tot die dood toe.

Daar was 'n geseënde getuigenisdiens gehou aan die woning van Broeder A. Truter, Meyers Villa. Net met sononder, by die sluiting van die ou jaar, 31 Desember 1925, het die diens begint. Geleënheid was gegee vir elkeen wat voel dat hy iets wil sê oor sy ondervindings in die afgelope jaar. Dit was waarlik aangenaam om te luister na die voornemens van elkeen, as die Here hulle in die nuwe jaar wil bystaan met liefde en krag. Br. F. van Zyl het Fil. 4:8 as 'n gedagtenis vir die gemeente van Standerton nage-laat. Die grootste seën wat ons in die jaar 1925 gehad het, was met die 13de Sabbat se offerande. Dit was wonderlik om te sien hoe die Here met die klein kindertjies was, want hulle offerande was groter as die laaste twee kwartale saam. Is dit nie die Gees van God wat die harte aangeroei het nie? Mag die liewe Heer die offerande van die 13de Sabbat tot 'n groot seën maak, en die geld gebruik tot uitbreiding van Sy koninkryk en tot redding van veel kosbare siele. Ek dank my heiland dat die klein kindertjies so gewillig hulle pennies op die altaar lê om die dierbare waarheid ontwil; en ek hoop en vertrou dat die Here dit sal seë in Sy groot werk, en dat dit hiernamaals sterre in die krone van die kinders sal wees.

U suster in die salige hoop,

A. VAN SCHALKWYK.



Erratum

IN our issue of February 15, the total membership of the Sabbath schools in the Division was given as 5,967. This should have read 5,157. W. B. C.

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Report of Literature Sales for January

Natal-Transvaal

NAME	HRS	ORDS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
P. Grobler	107½	40	55 4 0	5 2 6	60 6 6
W. Retief	95½	24	28 14 0		28 14 0
C. R. Botha	90	38	51 19 0	14 0	52 13 0
G. Botha	59	16	22 5 0		22 5 0
<i>Great Controversy</i>					
S. Swanepoel	13	5	5 12 6		5 12 6
<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>					
P. J. Lewis	92½	8	9 5 0	1 14 9	10 19 9
<i>Our Day.</i>					
P. J. Vermaak	63	9	5 11 6	1 1 0	6 12 6
<i>P. P. & Future</i>					
Miss A. van Rooyen	133	40	22 10 0	7 10 0	30 0 0
<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
P. Engelbrecht	41	20	26 2 6		26 2 6
<i>Ladies' Handbook.</i>					
Mrs. M. Smith	34½	16	22 0 0	11 6	22 11 6
Mrs. Van Rooyen	69½	20	29 0 0		29 0 0
Miss P. Naude	96½	87	131 10 0	5 6	131 15 6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>					
	894	323	413 4 0	16 19 3	430 3 3
Periodicals					35 6 0
Native sales					49 15 10
Office sales					4 17 5
Grand Totals	894	323	413 4 0	16 19 3	520 2 6

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Cape

<i>Practical Guide.</i>					
R. Buckley	104½	123	111 7 0	5 6	111 12 6
Miss Smith	10½	3	3 10 6		3 10 6
R. Ansley	137	66	81 12 6		81 12 6
D. J. Kruger	32	7	18 17 6	5 6	19 3 0
H. Wallace	48	26	32 2 6		32 2 6
<i>Bible Readings.</i>					
D. D. Toerien	81½	35	43 7 6	3 7 6	46 15 0
<i>Great Controversy</i>					
F. N. Human	27	7	8 12 6	1 5 0	9 17 6
	440½	267	299 10 0	5 3 6	304 13 6
Periodicals					21 19 4
Native sales					15 4 1
Office sales					5 6 0
Grand Total	440½	267	299 10 0	5 3 6	347 2 11

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Orange River

Practical Guide.

A. Enslin 37 13 16 17 6 3 0 17 0 6

God's Answers.

Miss F. O'Reilly 13 18 7 15 0 4 6 7 19 6

50 31 24 12 6 7 6 25 0 0

Periodicals

7 9 10

Native sales

12 2 6

Office sales

41 10 2

Grand Total 50 31 24 12 6 7 6 85 2 6

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Totals for January 1926

N-T Conf	12	894	323	413	4	0	16	19	3	430	3	3
Cape Conf	7	440½	267	299	10	0	5	3	6	304	13	6
O. R. Conf	2	50	31	24	12	6	7	6		25	0	0
Periodicals				64	15	2				64	15	2
Native sales				77	2	5				77	2	5
Office sales				51	13	7				51	13	7
Totals	21	1384½	621	930	17	8	22	10	3	953	7	11

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General News Notes

BROTHER FRENCH has returned to office from a trip to Taungas and Emmanuel mission.

MISS DE MEYER, of Pretoria, has connected with the office of the Cape Conference at Port Elizabeth.

BROTHER J. D. BAKER has been quite poorly with malaria, but we hope that our brother has regained his health again.

BROTHER L. A. VIXIE is on a visit to the Cape Peninsula and is assisting the colporteurs in this part of the conference.

MISS DAVIES, formerly of the South African Union Conference office at Bloemfontein, has connected with the work at the Division office.

BROTHER AND SISTER H. J. HURLOW are spending a few days at the Cape and, as members of a specially appointed committee, are criticising the manuscript of the health book to be published in the vernacular.

REPORT from the Sentinel Publishing Company for February, shows an increase in value of book sales for the first two months of this year to be £116-9-1 above the sales for corresponding months of 1925.

MISS MOCKE, recently of the Cape Conference office, is spending a holiday at the Cape before proceeding to Bloemfontein to connect with the South African Union Conference office.

WE are very sorry to learn of the illness of the little son of Brother and Sister J. N. de Beer. Sonnie contracted scarlet fever, and has been seriously ill. On account of this, Brother De Beer has had to change his sailing date for the General Conference, and is not expected to leave until the 11th of April.