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Presented at

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of MAY, 1936,  
at the Lecture Room, Johannesburg Public Library.

# Transvaal Workers' Educational Association

## ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1936.



The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held on the 8th May, 1935:—

- President:** Dr. I. D. MacCRONE.
- Vice-President:** Mr. Z. ORLANDINI.
- Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. W. GREER.
- Secretary:** Councillor D. H. EPSTEIN.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To represent individual members:

- Mrs. Z. ORLANDINI.
- Mr. J. D. STEVENS.
- Mr. W. G. BALLINGER.
- Mr. R. F. KENNEDY.

To represent affiliated Organisations:

- Mr. MORRIS BROWN, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Fordsburg.
- Mr. J. KENDALL, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Johannesburg Branch No. 1.
- Messrs. W. ARMSTRONG & A. HOSSACK, S.A. Typographical Union, S.A. Branch.
- Mr. J. GIBSON, Amalgamated Engineering Union, General Council.
- Mr. J. McGOWAN, Amalgamated Engineering Union, No. 2 Branch, Braamfontein.
- Messrs. A. C. ST. NORMAN & E. WAY, Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association.

To represent Senate of the University:

- Prof. J. H. WELLINGTON.

To represent City Council of Johannesburg:

- Councillor A. IMMINK.

### TRADE UNION AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

The following Trade Unions, representing about 5,000 workers, are affiliated:

Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Johannesburg.	A.E.U., Braamfontein Branch.
Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Jeppe Branch.	S.A. Typographical Union, Johannesburg Branch.
Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Fordsburg Branch.	S.A.R. & H. Salaried Staff Association.
Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Turffontein Branch.	S.A. Reduction Workers' Association.
Mine Surface Officials' Association of S.A.	A.E.U., S.A. Council.
A.E.U., Johannesburg Branch	Johannesburg Musicians' Union.
	Underground Officials' Association of S.A.
	S.A. Postal Association.
	Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association.
	Operative Plasterers' Trade Union.

Trade Union Branches have been offered lectures on a number of subjects. It is to be regretted that there has been no response from the Unions, with the exception of the A.S.W., Johannesburg Branch No. 1.

Your Secretary, Mr. D. H. Epstein, was invited to speak on "THE CONDITIONS OF THE WORKERS IN THE U.S.A., WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE N.R.A.," by the Johannesburg Branch No. 1 of the A.S.W.

The lecture was delivered on the 19th July, 1935, and was attended by about 150 members.

The Association has to-day 150 members, 48 of whom are in good financial standing.

### GERMISTON LIBRARY LITERARY SOCIETY.

Your Executive acceded to the request of the Germiston Library Literary Society for assistance by way of providing lecturers.

Under the joint auspices of this Society with your Association, lectures were delivered by Prof. R. F. A. Hoernle and Mrs. M. L. Ballinger in the Germiston Public Library.

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## TUTORIAL COURSE.

A tutorial course on "MODERN THEORIES OF THE STATE" was given during the year by Dr. A. H. Murray. Twelve members joined the class.

## W.E.A. DISCUSSION CLUB.

An effort was made to organise a "W.E.A. Discussion Club" with regular meetings.

Mrs. M. L. Ballinger opened the first meeting with a discussion on the "Protectorates," on the 8th August, 1935. A keen and earnest discussion followed, but the attendance did not justify further meetings, with the result that the project was for the while abandoned.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Your Executive arranged several public meetings on matters of topical interest. Mr. W. G. Ballinger spoke on "Geneva and the Abyssinian Crisis," in September, 1935, and on "Public Opinion and the Native Bills" in February, 1936. In March, Mr. Barnett Potter, of "The Star," spoke on the "U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.—Comparisons and Contrasts."

These meetings were well attended by audiences ranging from 75 to 130.

Several new members were enrolled at the conclusion of these lectures, and the Association has been given to understand that as a result of these lectures there has been an increased demand on the Johannesburg Public Library for reading matter on the subjects concerned.

## "THE ECONOMIC AND MATERIAL RESOURCES OF SOUTH AFRICA."

Great success attended the series of five lectures on the "Material and Economic Resources of South Africa," held in September-October, 1935, at the University of the Witwatersrand in conjunction with the University. The lectures were as follows:—

1. "AGRICULTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA." Lecturer: Prof. H. D. Leppan (Professor of Agriculture, University of Pretoria). Chairman: The Hon. Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr (Minister of Education).
2. "GOLD MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA." Lecturer: Dr. Hans Pirow (Government Mining Engineer). Chairman: The Hon. Mr. Patrick Duncan (Minister of Mines).
3. "BASE MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA." Lecturer: Dr. A. L. Hall, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S. (formerly Assistant Director, Geological Survey, Union of S.A.). Chairman: H. R. Raikes, A.F.C., M.A. (Principal, University of the Witwatersrand).
4. "SECONDARY INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH AFRICA." Lecturer: W. S. C. Buchan, B.A. (Secretary, Durban Chamber of Commerce). Chairman: Prof. Richards (Head of Department of Commerce, University of the Witwatersrand).
5. "LABOUR RESOURCES OF SOUTH AFRICA." Lecturer: Mr. Adv. F. A. W. Lucas, K.C. (former Chairman of the Wage Board). Chairman: Mrs. M. L. Ballinger, M.A. (Department of History, University of the Witwatersrand).

There was an average attendance of about 50 people present.

Your Executive had intended to publish the series in booklet form, to be sold at a popular price of, say, 1s. Owing to the fact, however, that three of the lectures were separately printed by other organisations, it was felt that no good purpose would be served by the publication, and so this was abandoned.

## EXTENSION OF SCOPE OF ADULT EDUCATION.

Your Executive is not satisfied that the best interests of Adult Education is being served by independent Educational Organisations.

With a view to co-ordinating the activities of the various organisations catering for Adult Education, and with a view further to extending the scope of Adult Education in the Transvaal, a preliminary Conference was convened by your Association on the 12th March, 1936.

The following organisations were represented:

- Transvaal Workers' Educational Association.
- University of the Witwatersrand.
- New Education Fellowship.
- National Council of Women.
- S.A. Library Association (Transvaal Branch).
- Several trade union branches.

The preliminary Conference appointed a Sub-Committee to convene a further Conference to which concrete proposals were to be submitted.

The University of the Witwatersrand are keenly interested in the proposed Adult Educational Committee, and it is hoped after the next Conference, to be held in June, progress will have been achieved.

## DURBAN W.E.A.

Close contact has been maintained for the year under review with the Durban W.E.A. Messrs. W. G. Ballinger and A. McCree were appointed to represent your Association at a specially convened Conference on Adult Education held at Durban.

### FINANCE.

Your Executive has much pleasure in reporting that the City Council of Johannesburg renewed its subscription of £100 per annum to the Association during the past year. Thanks are due to the City Council for this assistance.

Your Association is greatly indebted to the constituent bodies of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines for a generous donation of £50 from the Mining Industry, which has greatly assisted the Association in its work.

Thanks are also due to the Council of Education, Witwatersrand, for a generous grant of £50.

Full particulars regarding the financial position of the Association are clearly set out in the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet duly audited by Messrs. Windram and Wainstein, presented herewith.

Dr. I. D. MacCRONE, President.  
D. H. EPSTEIN, Secretary.

# The Transvaal Workers' Educational Association.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1936.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
<b>Sundry Creditors</b> .....	<b>Cash</b> .....
£4 3 4	£184 12 11
<b>Chamber of Mines</b> .....	<b>At Bank</b> .....
20 0 0	£149 16 11
Economic and Material Resources of South Africa.	<b>Savings Account, S.A. Per- manent Mutual Building Society</b> .....
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b> .....	34 16 0
261 0 4	<b>Investment Account</b> .....
Balance as at 31st March, 1935	100 10 9
£160 19 9	<b>Fixed Deposit with S.A. Per- manent Mutual Building Society.</b>
Add Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1936	100 0 7
100 0 7	£285 3 8
£285 3 8	£285 3 8

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the vouchers and documents relating thereto. Subject to our separate report of the 6th May, 1936, we have to report that (a) we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, (b) The Association has kept proper books and records, and (c) The Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31st March, 1936, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

Johannesburg,  
6th May, 1936.


WINDRAM & WAINSTEIN,  
Chartered Accountants (S.A.),  
Auditors.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31st March, 1936.

EXPENDITURE.	REVENUE.
<b>General Expenditure</b> .....	<b>General Revenue</b> .....
£127 15 3	£278 17 1
Salary: Part-time Secretary	Subscriptions .....
£50 0 0	£6 0 0
Rent .....	Affiliation Fees .....
6 0 0	14 14 0
Printing and Stationery .....	Literature (Highway) .....
35 17 6	1 17 6
Postages .....	Interest .....
8 10 0	5 10 7
Audit Fees .....	Tutorial Classes .....
3 3 0	0 15 0
Petties .....	Grants:
5 11 0	City Council of Johannes- burg .....
Travelling Expenses .....	100 0 0
15 11 4	Chamber of Mines .....
Bank Charges .....	100 0 0
1 7 5	Council of Education .....
Sundry Charges .....	50 0 0
1 15 0	<b>Lectures</b> .....
<b>Lectures and Classes Expenditure</b> .....	9 8 0
58 5 3	Economic and Material Resources of South Africa.
Lecturers' Fees .....	5 0 0
23 5 0	<b>Social Insurance</b> .....
Advertising .....	5 0 0
31 5 0	
Rent .....	
2 5 3	
Sundries .....	
1 10 0	
<b>Extension Lectures Expenditure</b> .....	
4 4 0	
Lecturers' Fees.	
<b>Literature: Highway</b> .....	
3 0 0	
<b>Balance—Excess of Revenue over Expenditure</b> .....	
100 0 7	
£293 5 1	£293 5 1

Johannesburg,  
6th May, 1936.

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