

THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL
OF THE WORLD
Ciskei Missionary Council.

NINTH MEETING

AT

King William's Town

20th November, 1934.

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THE CISKEIAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

MINUTES AND REPORT.

After devotional reading and prayer by Rev. Dr. Wilkie the Minutes of the last meeting, as circulated, were approved.

The following representatives were duly accredited by their Constituent bodies, viz. :—

The Methodist Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | A. J. Cook, B.A. | | |
| 2. | „ | „ | A. A. Wellington | * |
| 3. | „ | „ | D. E. Carr | |
| 4. | „ | „ | W. C. Teka | * |

The Church of the Province of South Africa—

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| 1. | The Ven. Archdeacon | Mather | * | |
| 2. | The Reverend | A. G. Petros | * | |
| 3. | „ | „ | A. E. Jingiso | * |
| 4. | „ | „ | A. Kuse | * |

The Congregational Union of South Africa—

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| 1. | The Reverend | D. Tolmie Fraser | <i>a</i> | |
| 2. | „ | „ | F. C. Bota | |
| 3. | „ | „ | P. Nkonyakazi | |

The Bantu Presbyterian Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | J. Lennox, O.B.E., M.A. | | |
| 2. | „ | „ | R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A. | <i>a</i> |
| 3. | „ | „ | H. Mama | |
| 4. | „ | „ | B. A. Gasa | * |

The Dutch Reformed Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | J. M. Hofmeyr | <i>a</i> | |
| 2. | „ | „ | J. F. Botha | <i>a</i> |

The Lutheran Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | Frans Nickschtat | <i>a</i> | |
| 2. | „ | „ | H. Xatasi | <i>a</i> |

- The Baptist Union—
1. The Reverend T. Aitken, B.A.
 2. „ „ B. Pape, B.A. *a*
- The Moravian Church—
1. The Reverend P. Hickel *a*
 2. „ „ L. Ngqakayi *a*
- The Church Order of Ethiopia—
1. Mr. Stephen Mtyeku Mncotsho
- The African Methodist Episcopal Church—
1. The Reverend Chalmers Nyombolo *a*
- The Presbyterian Church of Africa—
1. The Reverend V. R. Kwatsha *a*
 2. „ „ L. N. Mzimba *a*
- The Presbyterian Church of South Africa—
1. The Rt. Reverend J. N. M. Paterson, M.A. *
 2. „ „ J. S. Lister
- The Free Church of Scotland
1. The Reverend A. Dewar *
- The Church of Scotland—
1. The Reverend Dr. A. W. Wilkie
 2. „ „ R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A. *a*
- The Associated Heads of Native Institutions—
1. Miss Macgregor *a*
- The South African Native College—
1. Principal Alexander Kerr, M.A.
- The Students' Christian Association—
1. The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A., D.D. *a*
- Cape Education Department—
1. G. H. Welsh, Esq., M.A.
 2. A. E. Puttick, Esq., B.A.—Secundus *
- Native Affairs Department—
1. The Secretary for Native Affairs
M. G. Aphthorp, Esq., B.A.—Secundus
- South African Institute of Race Relations—
1. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, Esq., M.A.
The Rev. E. W. Grant *

General Missionary Conference—

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| 1. Mrs. F. W. Grant | a |
| 2. Miss Rogers | a |
| 3. Miss Grieve, B.Sc. | |

* *Sent an apology* *a Not present.*

1. *Correspondence.*

(a) Dr. Wilkie informed the Council of the resignation of the Rev. Canon Cardross Grant as Secretary and Treasurer owing to serious illness. A suitable Minute would be presented at a later stage of the Proceedings. The Standing Committee had requested the Rev. D. E. Carr to act as Interim Secretary. This action was confirmed by the Council.

(b) Transkeian Missionary Conference. A letter was read from the Secretary in which the Conference invited the Council to send two or three members to the next Conference at Umtata with a view to an exchange of ideas and a possible return visit of delegates from the Transkeian Conference to the Ciskeian Council. The suggestion was heartily approved, the Chairman and Secretary were asked to arrange for representatives.

(c) A letter was read from Vryburg N. T. Association expressing appreciation of the Council's action in representing to the Government the claims of Native teachers to consideration and the restoration of cuts made in salaries. The letter has been acknowledged.

(d) The Rev. A. G. Petros asks that the Council associates itself with the resolution of the Lovedale and Fort Hare Governing Councils with regard to additional funds being provided for Native education. The Council considered that adequate representation has been made.

The *Roll of Membership* was read and apologies and absences were reported as above.

Special invitations were given by the Standing Committee to certain leaders in Missionary Churches to attend the Council. The Rev. H. Agnew, M.A., Rev. Canon Hanley, were present.

H. Kuschke, Esq. and Mr. D. D. T. Jabavu were also present by invitation and took part in the proceedings. Apologies from the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Grahamstown, Canon Wyche and Rev. Mr. Morran were received.

2. The Council adopted the following resolution in regard to the Rev. Canon Cardross Grant :—

This Council hears with profound regret that the Rev. Canon Cardross Grant has been compelled for reasons of health to resign the office of Secretary and Treasurer which he has held since the inception of the Council. The success which has attended the efforts of the Council in securing a measure of co-operation of thought and action in missionary concerns has been largely due to the energy, courage and foresight of Canon Cardross Grant. As Secretary he organized valuable surveys of missionary activity in our area and was frequently chosen to represent to Government the views of this Council based upon the results of these surveys.

The Council desires to express its heartfelt desire that Canon Cardross Grant may soon be restored to fullness of health and strength, that he may again be appointed to work in our area and so be enabled to rejoin the fellowship of members of the Council, and to take the same notable share in the deliberations and executive actions of the Council that he has done in the past.

3. The Secretary reported the serious indisposition and consequent retirement of Rev. Mark H. Wilson of Brownlee Mission Station. A tribute was paid to his noble service of forty years in the mission field and his loyal support of the work of the Council. It was decided to send a letter of appreciation and sympathy.

4. The Standing Committee recommends that the leaflets on

1. Religious Instruction and Training
2. Relationships of Managers and Teachers

be sent to Institutions and Principals of important day schools in the district. Agreed that Mr. D. D. T. Jabavu, Secretary of South African Native Teachers' Association, be requested to cooperate in distribution.

5. The question of providing representation on the Council for the South African Native Teachers' Association was referred to the Standing Committee for report and recommendation.

6. H. Kuschke, Esq., Honorary Organizing Secretary of the newly proposed Christian Council of South Africa, then addressed the Council. The origin, design and purpose of the new Council was outlined. The need was explained and the noble lead to South African Christians given by Dr. Mott was reviewed. A careful discussion ensued and finally the following resolution was moved by Rev. D. E. Carr, seconded by Principal Kerr and unanimously carried.

“ This Council of the Ciskei declares its considered opinion that ‘ the newly proposed Christian Council of South Africa is justified and opportune and is prepared to give to it prayerful and wholehearted support.’ ”

Mr. Kuschke was thanked for his fearless and lucid address, and for the sacrifice entailed in coming from Bloemfontein to be present.

12.20.

7. The Rev. T. Aitkin, B.A., conducted the devotional period.

8. At a meeting of the Ciskei Missionary Council held at King William's Town on 20th November, 1934, the Rev. A. J. Cook, B.A., read a searching and exhaustive address on “ *Drink as one of the chief hindrances to missionary work* ”

After discussion the Rev. H. Mama moved that :

“ In view of the serious depredations of drink in the locations, the consequent disregard of the Sabbath Day, the growing danger to Christian and non-Christian young people, this Missionary Council of the Ciskei strongly recommends that branches of the I.O.T.T. or similar Temperance organisations be formed in all missionary churches, and a united effort be made to check and control this drink evil.

“ That a copy of this resolution be sent to Native Commissioners pleading for their co-operation and the

exercise of administrative authority through all Chiefs and Headmen."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was recommended that Mr. Cook's paper be given prominence by publication in *The South African Outlook* and other periodicals.

Your earnest attention is called to this resolution.

A. W. WILKIE, *Chairman*.

D. E. CARR, *Secretary*.

9. The accounts for the year were presented and adopted.

10. The following officers were elected and agreed to act :—

Chairman :

The Reverend A. W. Wilkie, D.D.

Secretary and Treasurer :

The Reverend D. E. Carr

Standing Committee :

The Reverend A. J. Cook, B.A.

The Reverend J. Lennox, M.A.

The Venerable Archdeacon Mather

The Reverend A. A. Wellington

The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A., D.D.

11. A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hanley for use of Twemlow Hall and to the ladies for kindly provision of refreshments.

The meeting closed with prayer and the benediction.

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