

Ciskei Missionary Council.

FIFTH MEETING

AT

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN

22nd October, 1930.

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THE CISKEIAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

MINUTES AND REPORT.

MINUTES of the Fifth Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. at S. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, King William's Town.

After Prayer by the Chairman, Mr. A. Kerr, the Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were approved.

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

The Wesleyan Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend T. Stanton | * |
| 2. | „ „ A. A. Wellington | |
| 3. | „ „ D. Ernest Carr | * |
| 3. | „ „ W. C. Teka | a |

The Church of the Province of South Africa—

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| 1. | The Venerable Archdeacon Mather | |
| 2. | The Reverend A. G. Petros | a |
| 3. | „ „ S. S. Kuze | |
| 4. | „ „ E. D. Gregory | a |

Congregational Union of South Africa—

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| 1. | The Reverend M. H. Wilson | |
| 2. | „ „ Dr. Rubusana | a |
| 3. | „ „ J. R. Stavel | a |
| 4. | „ „ N. Kumalo | |

Bantu Presbyterian Church—

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| 1. | Mr. James Chalmers | |
| 2. | The Reverend J. Lennox, O.B.E., M.A. | |
| 3. | „ „ R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A. | |
| 4. | „ „ W. Stuart, M.A. | a |

The Dutch Reformed Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend J. F. Botha | |
| 2. | „ „ W. S. Conradie | |

- The Lutheran Church—
1. The Reverend Carl Nauhaus
 2. „ „ H. Xatisa *a*
 3. „ „ J. Yibe
- The Baptist Union—
1. The Reverend T. Aitken
 2. „ „ B. Pape, B.A. *a*
- The Moravian Church—
1. The Reverend F. Hartmann
 2. „ „ P. Hickel •
- The Church Order of Ethiopia—
1. The Reverend W. Yaya
 2. Mr. Mile Kika
- The African Methodist Episcopal Church—
1. The Reverend Chalmers Nyombolo *a*
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- The Presbyterian Church of Africa—
1. The Reverend L. N. Mzimba, D.D. *a*
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- The Presbyterian Church of South Africa—
1. The Reverend J. S. Lister, M.A.
 2. Mr. A. Kerr
- The Free Church of Scotland—
1. The Reverend A. Dewar *a*
- The Associated Heads of Native Institutions—
1. The Reverend A. Cardross Grant, M.A.
 2. Miss Macgregor
- The S. A. Native College—
1. Mr. Alexander Kerr, M.A.
- The Students' Christian Association—
1. The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A.
- Cape Education Department—
1. Inspector G. H. Welsh, B.A. *
 2. Inspector A. Bain, M.A.—Secundus
- Native Affairs Department—
1. Major Herbst *a*
 - Mr. M. G. Apthorp,—Secundus *a*
- Native Welfare Association—
1. J. D. Rheinallt-Jones, Esq., M.A. *

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

The Secretary reported correspondence from

The Secretary of Native Affairs and the Superintendent General of Education, Cape, acknowledging the Resolutions of the 1929 Council, and the International Missionary Council urging a wider circulation of the *International Review of Missions* which the chairman endorsed.

1. The Reverend R. W. H. Shepherd presented an Interim Report on the General Missionary Conference Survey with details in regard to Health and Economics for the Ciskei.

The Secretary explained the organisation of the Survey and his inability to give a Report of the Denominational returns owing to their present inadequacy, 148 Questionnaires having been issued and 47 been returned to date.

The Chairman urged the Missionaries who had not responded to do so in view of the great value of such a Survey and the necessity of making an adequate report before the end of the year.

2. In regard to the preparation of evidence for the Economic Commission the Secretary was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Commission as to the evidence to be led.

The matter was referred to the Standing Committee with whom the Reverend N. Kumalo and Mr. Wilson of Lovedale were associated.

3. The Reverend R. W. H. Shepherd reported no progress could be made about the Victoria East Advisory Board until an amending Ordinance was passed. It was agreed that the matter should come up at the next Council.

4. Mr. B. B. Mdledle, Secretary of the Cape African Teachers' Association read a paper on the Co-operation of Teachers in regard to Native Social Betterment. He showed that the teachers were trying to discover the true conditions of Native life, referring to the "Home Makers' Club" meetings in the Ciskei. He spoke of the benefits of providing good Native music at concerts and reading material in the vernacular and encouraging Native authors to publish, referring to the help of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge. He reported the detailed Economic Survey which some teachers had undertaken in the Tyumie Valley at Dr. Henderson's suggestion and the Gala Day at Lovedale for the District School children.

A useful discussion followed, and the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council for Mr. Middledy's paper.

5. The following Resolution was passed in silence on the proposition of the Reverend A. A. Wellington.

This Council sorrowing at the death of the Rev. James Henderson, M.A., D.D., respectfully extends to Mrs. Henderson, her son and daughters, its deep sympathy in their great bereavement. It grieves at the irreparable loss, but glorifies God in him and records with gratitude the service rendered by this man of God in the work of his life.

" His leadership in the endeavour to expound and apply the Social, Economic and Educational principles of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was frank and fearless."

" The Council pays reverent and loving tribute to his sanctified gifts, his wise statesmanship, his tireless activity, his deep sympathy and his warm friendliness."

" His memory will long be treasured as one who made faith in goodness easier and exemplified in the intense devotion of his service ' To me to live is Christ.' "

The Secretary reported having submitted a contribution to the Memorial Number of the *Outlook* referring to the close association of Dr. Henderson with the Ciskeian Missionary Council.

At 12 o'clock the Reverend J. S. Lister conducted a helpful devotional period, emphasising the need of the guidance of the still small voice of faith, confidence and hope in the face of baffling difficulties.

The Reverend Max Yergan reported the establishment of the Christian Union Social Centre at Fort Hare, to provide (1) A Common Centre for Fort Hare Students, (2) A Community Centre, and (3) A Training Centre for equipping whole time social service workers.

After the adjournment the Council resumed at 2.15 p.m. and Mr. Yergan made an inspiring Report on the unique Bantu-European Conference which was characterised by true spiritual fellowship beginning in God and going out with God. He claimed that facts about conditions of Bantu life were disseminated which would stimulate further study. Real true contacts were made between students of different races which would be fostered by further correspondence.

6. An excellent Report by Miss Henderson about the aims, objects, work and organisation of the Wayfarer Movement was read and much appreciated. This was followed by an able address by Mr. E. A. Ball on the work of Pathfinders. He reported that at the end of 1929 there were seven Troops but now there were twenty-two Troops in the Ciskei controlled, registered and in touch with each other, and enquiries from other districts.

During the discussion the necessity of training leaders at Institutions and supporting both the Wayfarers and Pathfinders in every possible way was generally agreed and appreciation was expressed of Miss Henderson's paper and Mr. Ball's report.

In response to an appeal the Reverend N. Kumalo and the Reverend J. S. Lister were chosen to represent the Council on the Border Pathfinders' Committee.

7. Archdeacon Mather proposed that the Standing Committee investigate the possibilities of a Rally of Missionaries for spiritual refreshment, instruction and discussion of common problems, the Committee to take necessary steps to bring it about.

The proposal received approval.

8. A letter was read from the Reverend A. J. Haile, secretary of the Bechuanaland and Griqualand West Advisory Committee, to the Controller of Educational Finance about the supply of Saleable Requisites. Discussion revealed great difficulty in this regard but no resolution was passed.

The accounts for the year were read and passed, showing a deficit of 3s. 5d. but also reporting unpaid levy by some of the Constituent Bodies.

It was agreed that the levy of 5s. for 1930-1931 per member should be borne by the Constituent Body according to the constitution.

The following officers were proposed and agreed to act :

Chairman—

Mr. A. Kerr.

Secretary and Treasurer—

The Reverend A. Cardross Grant.

Standing Committee—

The Reverend Carl Nauhaus

The Reverend M. H. Wilson

The Reverend Max Yergan

and Secundi—

The Reverend A. A. Wellington

The Venerable Archdeacon Mather

Mr. James Chalmers.

It was agreed that all the above should be called to the meetings of the Standing Committee.

The Chairman proposed that the Mission Council of the Church of Scotland be given representation on the Council and that the secretary, the Reverend D. W. Semple, Sulenkama, Qumbu, be regarded as the Accrediting Authority.

A vote of thanks was passed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the loan of the Hall, and to the ladies who so kindly provided hospitality.

After prayer by the Reverend W. S. Conradie the Meeting closed.

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