

A resolution on Native Education from the Ciskei Missionary Council was received, and the following clause approved for forwarding to the appropriate department:

"This Council, in common with those who have had a share in the "development of the education of the African people, welcomes "the decision of the Union Government to introduce legislation "at an early date making provision for the financing of Native "Education from general revenue."

(c) Medical Work. Resolved that any action with respect to the National Health Services Report shall remain in the hands of Dr. Macvicar and Dr. Aitken.

The Secretary reported that reprints had been secured of Dr. Macvicar's article in the International Review of Missions for circulation to Medical Missions throughout the country.

(d) Women's Work. The question of appointing a successor to the late Mrs. J. D. Rheinallt Jones as convener of this section was deferred until the next Council meeting.

(e) Literature. In the absence of the convener, Rev. Dr. R. H. W. Shepherd, the Secretary reported on the general position of the supply of books to non-European Troops in the theatres of war, and of the sending of books to England for the use of repatriated non-European prisoners of war. Nearly 8,000 books had been supplied in 1944 and all available funds had been expended. Letters of appreciation had been received from official quarters.

(f) Social and Economic. Rev. A. W. Blaxall reported that it was unlikely that any new legislation with respect to Native marriages would be promulgated during the current year. The matter was being watched and the convener had been in touch with Churches and Missions on this question.

Reported that the Christian Council was represented on a deputation to the Government to plead for the extension of the franchise of the Coloured people in the northern provinces, organised by the Rev. D. K. Clinton. This action was confirmed.

(g) Youth Movements. The Rev. D. P. Anderson reported as follows:-

(i) A Charter for youth had been drawn up after consultation with a number of authorities, and 500 copies were being printed.

(ii) The magazine "New Leadership" showed a steady increase in circulation.

The Executive recognised the need for financing Youth work and it was resolved that when a general appeal is made for Council funds, a portion should be allocated for the special needs of this section.

692. THE FUTURE OF THE COUNCIL. The Secretary drew attention to Circular No. 20/44 dealing with:

- (a) Christian Council Auxiliaries and their representation on the Council, and
- (b) The need for the appointment of a full-time Secretary.

It was recognised that the question of Auxiliaries would come up under proposals for action later in the meeting. With respect to (b), the Secretary drew attention to the increased demands which will be made upon the time and energy of the Secretary of the Council if the programme of action discussed with the section leaders were to be brought into effective operation. It would be necessary, not only that the Secretary should be able to devote all his time and power to the Council's work, but also that members of the Executive should take a much more active part in the propagation of the Council's interests than had been the case in the past. The qualifications necessary for a full-time Secretary were outlined.

In order that members might have an opportunity for consideration and consultation on the needs of the situation -
The Meeting Adjourned until the morning of Friday, 24th November.

The Meeting Resumed at 9.30 a.m. on 24th November, 1944.

Devotions were conducted by Sister Frances Mary, C.R.

Mr. J.N. Nhlapo brought a message of greeting from the Conference of the American Methodist Episcopal Church which expressed the desire of that Church to be more closely identified with the work of the Christian Council.

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Future Secretaryship. Discussion was resumed and after full consideration, it was resolved as follows:-

(a) that immediate steps be taken to approach likely persons with qualifications for the post of a full-time Secretary; the following to act as a nomination committee:-
Rev. A.W. Blaxall, the Bishop of Pretoria, Rev. H.P. Junod, Rev. Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner, Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, with Mr. F.B. Allen, M.P. (advisory).

(b) Pending the appointment of a full-time Secretary, temporary arrangements were made as follows:-

(i) All matters relating to the Council's publications, and for the time being to the Treasurership to remain in the hands of the Rev. E.W. Grant.

(ii) General and executive work of the secretariat to be carried on by the Rev. A.W. Blaxall.

(iii) Rev. A.J. Haile, Rev. H.P. Junod and others, to do all that is in their power with respect to travelling for the purpose of forming and maintaining Christian Council Auxiliaries.

693. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCES: PROPOSALS FOR ACTION. The Executive formally approved of the recommendations made by the joint meeting of Section Leaders and Executive with respect to the programme of action arising out of the five Provincial conferences (see circular C.C. 21/44).

Resolved that the pamphlet referred to in the circular embodying the results of the Conference proposals for action shall link up the new plans with the Fort Hare Conference and the developing work of the Council; that it shall be distributed freely to all connected with the Conferences, and to as wide a public as possible, and especially to the authorities of affiliated Churches and Missions; and that it shall embody an appeal for funds to cover the cost of publication and for the general work of the Council.

694. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. In view of the obvious need that the Council should adjust itself to new demands, it was agreed that the Committee appointed under Min. 692 should act as a Committee to suggest necessary amendments to the Constitution; and that among other matters it should consider the following:-

(a) Representation of Auxiliaries on the Council.

(b) Provision whereby the Council may, if necessary, consider questions of Faith and Order.

(c) A regulation whereby the Executive has power to grant affiliation with the Council to such Churches and other bodies as shall apply for such affiliation.

(d) The possible modification of the present arrangement whereby the work of the Council falls under seven sections, each with a convener.

695. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. World Council of Churches. Letters respecting the proposed Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid were reported.

B. Conference of Chaplains and others in Italy. The Secretary reported correspondence with the Rev. F. B. Rae, Chaplain to the Forces, suggesting that a team of Christian leaders should visit Italy under the aegis of the Christian Council for discussions with Chaplains and others in the Forces on questions relating to Christian citizenship in post-war South Africa. It was stated that the project had been sympathetically received by the military authorities, and if it became feasible, the visit would take place shortly after the cessation of hostilities at the charges of the military authorities. The President of the Council had been kept informed of the situation. It was resolved to recommend three names to form the team in the following order of preference:- 1. Rev. E. W. Grant. 2. Rev. J. Reyneke. 3. Rev. A. W. Blaxall or another representative of the Church of the Province.

C. The Campaign for Right and Justice. Reported that a request that the Secretary of the Council become a patron of the Campaign for Right and Justice had been dealt with by reference to Min. No. 678 (c). The Council was still prepared to consider the possibility of supporting any particular resolution submitted to it by the Campaign, and to share in any representations made by the Movement provided that time was allowed for consultation with the Executive.

D. Paris Evangelical Missionary Society. With respect to correspondence from the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society suggesting that the number of their representatives on the Council is three, the Executive confirmed the position taken by the Secretary that the number is two, as shown both in the printed constitution, and in the amended constitution of 1943. Any suggested adjustment was deferred until the next Council meeting in view of proposed amendments to the constitution.

E. Medical Advisory Board: Conference of British Missionary Societies. Reported correspondence with the Board and with Dr. Neil Macvicar on matters remitted by the Board.

F. League of African Bantu Churches. Reported correspondence with the Secretary for Justice who sought information respecting the application of a number of separatist churches to be registered as the League of African Bantu Churches in South Africa. The Secretary's reply to the Secretary for Justice was confirmed.

696. AFFILIATIONS.

(a) Christian Education Movement. Reported that the C.E.M. had requested to be affiliated as an associate member with the Council. Resolved to recommend to the Council that this request be acceded to, appreciation being expressed of the excellent work done by the Movement and of its close co-operation with the Christian Council.

(b) Baptist Union of South Africa. Reported that the Secretary of the Baptist Union had asked for information respecting affiliation, but that no definite application from the Union had yet been received.

697. PAMPHLETS: Christian Council Study Series. Reported publication of the following additional pamphlets:

7. The Churches and the Future of Native Education.
By R.H.W. Shepherd, M.A., D.Litt.
8. Revenge or Reformation?
By H.P. Junod.
9. African Politics in the High Commission Territories.
By Lord Harlech.
10. The Christian Attitude to our Enemies.
By the Archbishop of Cape Town.

The Secretary stated that sales were steady and that several of the pamphlets in this series were already out of print. The pamphlet on "The Church's Guide to Politics" (Murray and Versfeld) was being published overseas in a volume prepared by the United Society for Christian Literature.

Proposed new pamphlets.

(i) A suggestion from the Rev. A.W. Eaton that the Christian Council publish a pamphlet on the Christian attitude to Jews was considered. It was agreed that as the Society of Jews and Christians had its own publications department, it was not necessary for the Council to embark upon such a publication. The Council, would, however, consider any MS submitted to it.

(ii) With respect to a suggestion from Mr. Quintin Whyte of the Institute of Race Relations that a pamphlet on the Contribution of Missions in the sphere of Native Education would be of value, was sympathetically received. Suggested that Dr. Shepherd or Dr. Brookes be approached as suitable authors of such a pamphlet.

A suggestion that a bibliography in pamphlet form would be of value to many Christian people met with approval. The Secretary was authorised to consult Dean Tugman, Rev. L.A. Hewson, Rev. H.P. Junod, Miss Snell and others respecting this project.

On the general question of publications, it was urged that pamphlets should be simpler in content and more popular in form.

The Secretary reported correspondence with Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones respecting the desirability of co-operation with the Institute of Race Relations in order to avoid overlapping in the matter of publications. Approved.

698. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A. General. A statement covering the period 1st September 1943 to 15th November 1944, was presented. A credit balance of £185.13.8. was reported, including £73.14.3. in the special fund for Literature for Troops. A list of unpaid affiliation fees was noted. The statement was adopted. In this connection it was estimated that an additional income of £800. per annum would be necessary to provide adequately for a full-time Secretary, including salary, rent, travelling costs, &c.

Resolved that the needs of the Council in this respect be indicated in the proposed pamphlet embodying the plan of action.

B. Office. The Secretary presented a statement of the office account from 1st January 1944 to 30th October 1944, showing a balance of £76.13.5. It was noted that it would not be necessary to draw again upon general funds for office purposes this year. The statement was adopted.

C. Orphaned Missions. The Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor's statement of the Orphaned Missions Fund, showing a balance of £1,036.14.6. was received. Noted that instructions were awaited respecting the disposal of a part of this balance. It was also noted with gratification that the sum of £3,955.4.7. had been received for disbursement since the inception of the fund. Gratitude was expressed for Dr. Dexter Taylor's excellent work in administering the fund.

699. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER. (See under Minute 692 (b)i).

The Secretary expressed the Executive's sense of indebtedness to Miss Cooper of Healdtown, who had carried on for many months the administration of the funds of the Council during the illness of Mr. Wellington. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Cooper the sincere thanks of the Executive.

700. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

(a) Resolved to send a letter of greeting from the Executive of this Council to the Rev. Norman Goodall, who since the last meeting had been appointed to succeed Dr. William Paton as Secretary in London of the I.M.C.

(b) Correspondence requesting that the Secretary attend if possible a Conference with Dr. Emory Ross and others, in London, on the organisation of Regional Councils and other matters affecting African Missions, was reported. Resolved that in the opinion of the Executive, the time was not opportune for such a visit.

701. REGIONAL COUNCILS. The Executive was referred to circular C.C. 15/44 indicating the growth of the Christian Council movement and the preparation for future Regional Councils in Southern Africa; also to circular C.C. 9/44 embodying correspondence with the International Missionary Council on this question. It was indicated that surveys had been undertaken within the Union by the following Provincial Missionary organisations:- Ciskei Missionary Council, Natal Missionary Conference, Transkeian Missionary Conference, and the Transvaal Missionary Association. Gratification was expressed at the marked progress which had been made in these preparatory measures, and the Secretary was authorised to continue the fostering of the movement.

In this connection, it was noted that the Institute of Race Relations desired to be informed of any progress that might be made with regard to the proposed holding of a Regional Conference in Southern Africa, in order that there might be collaboration between the Council and the Institute, in view of the desire of the Institute if possible to hold a Conference at the same time and place.

702. 1945 MEETING OF COUNCIL. Provisional arrangements were made as follows:-

Date: May 29th to 31st, 1945.
Place: Durban.

It was held to be essential that the Council should meet in retreat for at least half a day before beginning its business sessions; and that at least two days would be necessary for the latter.

703. NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE. Resolved that a meeting of the Executive be held immediately before the next meeting of the Council, and at the same place.

704. THE HEALING HOMES OF AFRICA. Resolved to recommend to the Council that the Christian Council become a patron of the Healing Homes of Africa.

705. RESIGNATION OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY. The following resolution was passed:

"This meeting desires to place on record its profound thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grant for the great work they have done together for the Christian Council, in an honorary capacity, during the past four years. We thank God for their outstanding service and for the evidence of new interest in the Council throughout South Africa. We are glad to know that in spite of the assumption of new and heavy duties as Principal of Healdtown, Mr. Grant is able to carry on the publications of the Council, and the Treasurership. "In all the new plans that we are considering for the expansion of the work of the Council, we realise how much we owe to Mr. Grant's initiative, to his grasp of the Council's problems, and to his vision of the task that, under God, we have to do."

AFTER PRAYER: The Meeting Adjourned.

Chairman.

Secretary.

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