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Minute Book

Committee Provincial Synod 1909

to review the terms of the

Compact made by the Bishops &

Ethiopian Community in 1900

+ Roll of Synod 1909.

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Committee of the Provincial Synod 1909.

appointed to review the terms of the Compact made  
by the Bishops with the leaders of the Ethiopian Community in 1900

The Bishop of Bloemfontein (chairman)

" " Grahamstown

Bishop Cameron

Ven. Archdeacon Balfour

" " Coaker

" " Woodroffe.

" " Chamberlain

Rev. S.W. Cox

- J.M. Davane

" L. Fuller

- F. Fuller S.S.P.E.

" F.D. Buina

- F. Ball S.S.P.E.

- Canon Bolson

- " Etheridge.

- F.W. Black

- W.A. Goodwin

- J. Gordon.

- J. Kaulle.

- E.C. West (sec.)

" C.J. Wyche

- Canon Tringston

- W. Mochochoko

Mr R.J. Dick

" E.J. Hall

" Stanford.

Ven Archdeacon Johnson.

18<sup>th</sup> October 1909.

Meeting of the Committee held in the Council House on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
at 5.45 p.m., the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

1. The resolution of the Provincial Synod, of which this Committee was the outcome, was dictated to each member as follows:-
  - "This Synod hereby formally endorses the action of the Bishops of the Province in making the Compact of 1900, by which the Order of Ethiopia was provisionally incorporated with the Church of the Province, provided that it is not precluded by such endorsement from resuming the terms of the Compact in respect of the clauses which are admittedly of doubtful interpretation, and which are held to conflict either with existing canons of the Church, or with the prior obligations of the Church to the previously established Missions of the Province".
2. The preamble of the Compact of 1900 was read & considered, & the Committee proceeded to consider the clauses of the Compact verbatim.
3. The Committee decided "that Clause 1 is provisional until Missions of the Order are in charge of Priests of the Order".
4. "that in Clause 1 the phrase 'Existing Ethiopian Missions' has in view the state of affairs when the Compact was made in 1900.  
"The Missions now visit new Missions of the Order founded since the Compact was made".
5. It was further agreed that the Comment in minute N<sup>o</sup> 3 refers also to Clause 2.

The Committee adjourned at 7 p.m.

Arthur Bloemfontein  
Chairman.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909.

Meeting of Committee held in the Church House on Tuesday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 9.15 a.m., the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

6.

The Committee considered clause 3 of the Compact & decided on the following comment "that Clause 3 refers to those who were holding office in the Ethiopian Community previous to the Compact, & that in the absence of any other provision for the recommending of Catechists for Licences, the clause was acted upon until the formation of the Constitution, but that the practice now is for the Provincial to recommend after consultation with the Missioners."

7.

The Committee considered clause 4 of the Compact & decided on the following comment "that Clause 4 has reference to the future supply of Clergy for the Order, but that it has not been observed, except in the Diocese of Grahamstown, where however arrangements were made which provided for the needs of the whole Order.

The Committee recommends the consideration of the case of individual candidates, who for special reasons might be accepted on a lower standard, with a view to the supply of the immediate needs of the Order, although they cannot recommend that in future the standard of Examination for candidates for the Order should be lower than that applied to other native candidates in the same Diocese."

8.

The Committee considered clauses 5, 6, 7 & 8, & decided to make no comment on these clauses.

9.

The Committee considered Clause 9, & decided on the following comment:-  
"that in clause 9 'members' means members of the Chapter, who need not be members of the Order."

All the decisions were unanimous. The Committee adjourned at 11 o'clock.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909.

Meeting of the Committee held at the Church House on Tuesday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

10.  
(cf. No. 30)

The Committee considered Clause 9 of the Compact & decided on the following comment:— "that while the Committee considers that the nomination of six members of the Chapter by the Visitor is necessary in order to safeguard the general interests of the Church, the appointment of the remaining six members by the Provincial only, seeing that he himself is appointed by the Bishops, would seem to be hardly consistent with the principle of the self-governing character of the Order, if the arrangement be regarded as a permanent one."

11.

The Committee decided to consider at a subsequent meeting the fact that the Compact contains no reference to the Conference.

12.

The Committee considered Clause 10 of the Compact, & decided on the following comment:— "that by the word 'review' the Committee understands Examination with reference to the Constitution & Canons of the Church of the Province & the general welfare of the Church & the right to refer back, if necessary, any matters for reconsideration by the Chapter."

13.

The Committee considered Clause 11 of the Compact, & decided on the following comment:— "that the Committee understands that the Constitution is subject to review by the Provincial Synod. It also thinks that it would have been clearer, if §11 had preceded §10."

14.

The Committee considered Clause 12 of the Compact, & decided to make no comment thereupon.

15

The Committee decided to consider at a subsequent meeting the fact

that the duties of the Provincial, *que Provincial*, are not defined.

Clause 13 of the Compact was under discussion when the Committee adjourned at 9 p.m.

Arthur Blumentlein

Chairman: 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909.

20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909.

Meeting of the Committee held at the Church House on Wednesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 a.m. The Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

The ~~minutes~~ minutes of the previous day's meetings having been read & confirmed, the Committee considered Clause 13 of the Compact, & decided on the following

comments:— (i.) "that this clause, in the opinion of the Committee, probably had  
"in view the state of things which will come into existence when  
"missions of the Order are under the charge of clergymen of the  
"Order:"

(ii.) "that the absence of clear rules for the interval has led naturally to  
"some misunderstanding on the matter:"

(iii.) "that the Committee recommends that, whenever in the meantime  
"an European or Native Priest (not of the Order) is appointed to  
"the charge of a Mission of the Order, the appointment shall be  
"made by the Bishop after consultation with the Provincial."

16

The Committee decided to consider at a subsequent meeting the fact that the compact contains no definition of "Missions of the Order."

17.

The Committee discussed clauses 14 & 15 of the Compact, & decided to make no comment thereupon.

18.

The Committee considered Clause 16 of the Compact, & decided upon the following comment:— "that the Committee recommends that the ten-mile

"limit be reduced to three miles for country work, & to one mile  
"for municipal areas & town locations."

cf. N<sup>o</sup> 20.31.

~~The Committee adjourned at 11.15. The following members of the Com.~~

Committee decided to have it recorded in the minutes that they wished to have the ten-mile limit reduced to 5 miles only, not to 3 miles, the Bishop of Grahamstown, Archdeacon Woodroffe & Johnson, Canon Balwin & Etheridge & the Rev. E. C. West.

The Committee adjourned at 11 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> October 1909.

Meeting of the Committee held in the Church House on Wednesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5.45 p.m. the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the chair

20.

The Committee considered Clause 16 of the Compact & decided on the following ~~Committee~~ recommendation

"that the term 'ordinary Church Missions' should be used instead of the phrase 'mission work of the ~~Diocese~~ <sup>Diocese</sup>'."

21.

The Committee considered Clause 17 of the Compact & agreed

"that the Committee understands that Clause 17 refers to the Missions already in existence at the time of the Compact, but that it supplies the principle on which all difficulties arising from proximity should be dealt with."

22

(cf. No 28.)

The Committee considered Clause 18 of the Compact, & in this con-

nection desires to draw ~~the~~ attention to the resolution of the Episcopal Synod of 1904 to the effect that "this Synod is of opinion that it is impossible, owing to the circumstances of the past 4 years & the consequent impossibility of forming the Chapter & Constitution of the Order, to submit to the forthcoming Provincial Synod a scheme securing representation for the Missions of the Order in either the Provincial or the Diocesan Synods," (v. Constitution & Canons p. 85)

23.

The Committee considered Clauses 19 & 20 of the Compact & decided

to record no comment thereupon.

24.

The Committee considered Clause 21 of the Compact, & recommends that the terminology be altered to make it correspond to the alteration suggested by the Committee in clause 16 - minute N<sup>o</sup> 20.

25

The Committee decided to defer till its next meeting the consideration of Clause 22 of the Compact in order to enable the Chairman to confer with the Registrar of the Province on the subject.

26.

The Committee considered Clause 23 of the Compact, & decided to record no comment.

The Committee adjourned at 6.45 p.m.

Arthur Bloomfield.  
Chairman

21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1909.

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Meeting of the Committee held in the Church House on ~~Monday~~ <sup>Thurs</sup> day Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.15 a.m., the Bishop of Bloomfield in the Chair.

27.

The minutes of the previous day's meeting, having been read & confirmed the Committee decided again to defer consideration of Clause 22.

28.

The Committee re-considered clause 18 of the Compact, & decided on the following additional comment: - "that this Committee is of opinion that any scheme for representation of the Missions of the Order in the Provincial Synod should take account of the fact that the ordinary Missions of the Church have no separate representation in the Provincial Synod." The Rev. J.M. Swane dissented.

29.

The Committee discussed certain points in the preamble to the Compact & agreed upon the following comment: "that this Committee is of opinion



"that the Compact provides ~~that the Compact provides~~ that the Order of  
"Ethiopia is Extra-parochial, but not Extra-Diocesan. By these words the  
"Committee means

"(1) that it is exempt from & outside the ordinary jurisdiction  
"of the ~~parish~~ <sup>parochial</sup> & missionary priests, &  
"(2) that it acknowledges <sup>in</sup> all spiritual matters the juris-  
"-diction of the Diocesan Bishop."

30.

The Committee considered the omission in the Compact of all mention of  
the Conference, & decided upon the following as an additional comment  
on clause 9 of the Compact: - "that a Conference appears to have been  
"always held in connection with the Ethiopian Church. The  
"Committee regrets that no reference was made to this Con-  
"ference in the Compact of 1900."

31.

The Committee reconsidered the terminology of Clause 16 of the Compact  
& decided upon the following as an additional comment on that clause:  
"that an 'outstation' is a place where services are held  
"at least weekly."

The Committee adjourned at 11 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup> October.

Meeting of the Committee held in the Church House on Thursday  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 5.45 p.m. The Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair

32.

The Chairman reported that he had consulted the Registrar of the Province  
on clause 22 of the Compact, who stated that this Clause was perfectly  
in order. The Committee therefore decided to make no comment thereupon.

33.

The Committee then proceeded to the second part of its work in accordance  
with a resolution of the Synod to the effect that

"this Synod hereby appoints a Committee to review the national  
"Constitution of the Order of Ethiopia in consultation with the

Chapters of the Order, & to report as soon as possible."

The Committee decided that it would expedite business if it considered the Constitution of itself before conferring with the Chapters, especially in view of the fact that the Chapters were itself largely represented in the Committee.

34.

In Constitution §1 the Committee recommends the omission of the word "chiefly".

35.

(v. 78.)

In Constitution §2 the Committee recommends <sup>(1.)</sup> in (a.) that "members & adherents" be substituted for "members"  
(2) in (b.) that the words "in good standing" be omitted:  
(3.) in the last paragraph that "members or adherents" be read for "members".

36.

(v. 38)

The Bishop of Grahamstown proposed the following amendments to Constitution §3

- (1.) in line 1 to insert "Missioner" after "Minister":  
~~to insert "Catechist in charge"~~
- (2) in par. 2 to insert "or Missioner" after "Minister", instead of "or Catechist in charge".

The Committee adjourned at 6.45 p.m. before any decision on their amendment was arrived at.

Arthur Bloufontein  
Chairman.

22 Oct. 1909.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1909.

Meeting of the Committee held in the Church House on ~~Thursday~~ <sup>Friday</sup> Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.15 a.m., the Bishop of Bloufontein in the Chair.

37.

The minutes of the preceding day's meeting having been read & confirmed, the Secretary presented a draft Report of the Committee's work in the Compact of 1900, & the Committee appointed the Bishop-Coadjutor, Archdeacon Balfour, Father Puller & the Secretary to act as a sub-committee to consider this Report.

38.

The Committee continued its discussion on the Bishop of Grahamstown's amendments to § 33 of the Constitution, & agreed to recommend

- (a) that "or Missioner" be inserted after "Minister" in line 1;
- (b) that par. 2 should read thus: - "By Probationer is meant a Preacher authorized by the Minister in charge of the District, or (in the recommendation of the Catechist in charge) by the Missioner, but not yet licensed." (cf. Report of Commission p. 29).

39  
(§ 4. v. Min. N° 57)

The Committee discussed clauses 4 & 5 of the Constitution, & agreed to recommend to amend § 5 as follows: -

- (a) in line 2 after "Minister" to insert "by the Missioner, or if there be no Missioner";
- (b) in line 9 after "Ministers of the Order" to insert "Missioners, Catechists";
- (c) to add the following paragraph - "At both monthly & quarterly meetings the senior officers of the Order shall ordinarily preside".

The Committee adjourned at 10.45.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909.

The Committee met in the Church House on Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.45 p.m., the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

40.

Rev. J.M. Dwane desired to have it recorded that he withdrew his dissent from the Committee's comment on clause 18 of the Constitution <sup>part</sup> (v. minute N° 28)

41.

The Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown reported that he had shown the proposed Report of the Committee in the Compact to his native members of the Chapter, & <sup>that</sup> they agreed unanimously to all the Committee's comments on the Compact.

42.

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee had approved the Draft Report of the Committee in the Compact, & that he had signed

the same, & that it was hoped that it would be in print in time to present to the Synod on the following day.

43

(v. 80)

The Secretary said that it was the desire of <sup>some members of</sup> the Committee to present to the Synod a Minority Report in the following terms:—

"Since your Committee in its comments upon the Compact has taken into consideration the events of the last 9 years, we think it right to state that in our opinion this has rendered its deliberations academic & involved them in an element of something like insincerity, because those events have shown that the leaders of the Order have, as a rule, neither the love for the Church nor the ministerial capacity which the Bishops expected would be the case when they signed the Compact."

Signed:— "H. R. Woodroffe"  
"E. C. West."

The Chairman said that he hoped that the Signatories would reconsider the matter before they pressed their Minority Report.

44.

The Committee considered §6 of the Constitution, & made no comment.

45.

In Constitution §7 the Committee agreed to recommend that in line 2 the words "to which" be omitted, & the following words inserted:— "A notification of the time & place of the Conference shall be sent beforehand to the Bishop of the Diocese in which it is to be held, & to those Bishops in whose Dioceses the Order is working, such Bishops having the right to attend. To this Conference..."

46.

(v. 51)

In Constitution §20 the Committee agreed to recommend that in line 3 after the words "the said Bishop" be added "& shall previous to the Meeting of each annual Conference submit to the Bishop a list of alterations of appointments which it is proposed to submit to the Conference."

47.  
(v. 55)

In Constitution §8 the Committee agreed to recommend the following changes:-  
in (a.) that the words "during the previous year" be added:-  
in (b.)<sup>in (c.)</sup> that the words "subject to the approval of the Bishops concerned" be added:  
in (g.) that "revise" be substituted for "review".

48.

In Constitution §19 the Committee agreed to recommend that the following clause be added:- "The infliction or removal of Church censures on members or adherents of the Order should be at once notified to the Provincial by the Priest concerned with the case."

49.

In Constitution §9 the Committee agreed to recommend that in line 5 after the words "to be held" be added " & to the Bishops in whose Dioceses the Order is working."

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The Committee considered §§10 - 18 of the Constitution & §19 as amended (v. Minute No 48) & agreed to make no comment thereupon.

51.

(v 46)

In Constitution §20 the Committee agreed to recommend the omission of the clause "If a Priest ..... appeal to the Visitor". The Rev. E.C. West dissented.

52.

The ~~Constitution~~ Committee proceeded to discuss Constitution §21

The Committee adjourned at 9.5 p.m.

Arthur Bloemfontein  
Chairman

23 Oct. 1909.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1909.

The Committee met in the Church House on Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1909 at 9.15 a.m. the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read & confirmed.

53.

In Constitution §21 the Committee agreed to recommend the addition, after the words "if in holy Orders" line 1, of the words " & if licensed by the Bishop to minister".

54.

(on §22 v. 90)

The Committee had under consideration §§22.23.24 of the Constitution & agreed to make no comment thereupon.

55

(v. 47)  
84.

The Committee reverted to Constitution §8 & agreed to recommend the addition to r. iii of the words "or the right of the Provincial to suspend a member from the Order provisionally, i.e. until the next meeting of the Conference".

The Committee adjourned at 10.30 a.m.

Arthur Bloemfontein  
Chairman

25 Oct. 1909.

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The Committee met in the Church House on Monday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1909 at 9.15 a.m., the Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

56.

The Committee considered §25 of the Constitution & agreed to refer to its comment on Compact §9 (v. Minute No 10) & to recommend the addition after ~~the~~ the words "by the Provincial" of the words "after consultation with the Conference".

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64.

\* It shall be his duty to forward the sums received by him from the Mission Stewards, together with a detailed statement of the accounts of his District for the year to the General Treasurer, who shall report to the Chapter.

The Committee agreed to recommend a new §26 in the Constitution as follows:-

- "The Chapter shall meet once a year, at the same time & place as the annual Conference, & at other times, if convened by the Provincial with the assent or on the mandate of the Visitor or on a requisition signed by at least seven members of the Chapter."

The committee considered §26 (new number 27) of the Constitution & agreed to make no comment thereupon.

The committee considered §27 (old number) of the Constitution & agreed to recommend the omission of this clause.

In §§ 28-29 <sup>32</sup> of the Constitution the Committee agreed to make no comment

in Constitution §30 the Committee agreed to recommend after the words "chosen by the Chapter" the addition of the words "at the time of the annual Conference".

In Constitution §31 the Committee agreed to recommend after the words "Mission Stewards" the addition of the words "who must be communicants & members of the Order".

The Committee agreed to recommend a new §35 in the following terms:  
"The outgoing Stewards, whether Mission or District, shall continue in office till the end of the annual Conference following the election of their successors."

In Constitution §33 the Committee agreed to recommend in line 1 after the word "Communicant" the addition of the words "who must be a member of the Order",  
& in line 2 after "District Steward" the omission of the words "who shall forward ..... to the Chapter" & the addition of the following clause: \*  
& in line 5 the substitution of the words "the Christmas Quarterly Meeting" for "a Quarterly Meeting".



65.

(v. 83)

In Constitution §34 (new number 38) the Committee recommends

- in (a) line 3 to read for "Native male Communicants" the words "male Communicants who must be members of the Order";
- in (a) to add the following clause:- "During a vacancy in the Principalship the Provincial shall act for the Principal in respect of the duties mentioned in this clause".
- in (b.) after "the Provincial &" to read "Committees consisting in Each case of two male Communicants who must be members of the Order".

66.

The committee agreed to recommend that Constitution §35 (new number <sup>39</sup>) be restated thus:-

- "The General Treasurers shall produce an annual Balance Sheet of each of the four funds above named + a Summary, which shall be duly audited by an auditor approved by the Visitor".

67.

The committee reverted to Constitution §4 + agreed to recommendation of the word "male" after "elect a lay" in line 3.

68.

(v. 69-71)

The committee considered the following regulations <sup>of the Order</sup> at present in force which were brought forward by the Coadjutor Bishop:-

- (a.) "Every member of the Order of Ethiopia shall pay the local collector 2/8 per month for the funds of the Order".
- (b.) "Each Mission Steward shall fix in a conspicuous place in the Church a true copy of the list of contributors + their contributions + also the receipt of the District Steward for the total amount".
- (c.) "The General Treasurers shall allocate all monies sent in to them to the four funds of the Order in such proportions as they may from time to time see fit".
- (d.) "All Church collections shall be managed by the Minister or Catechist with the Mission Steward who shall render an account of the same to the Quarterly meeting".

The committee adjourned at 10.30 a.m. before any decision was

enind at.

25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909. ~~etc.~~

The Committee met in the Church House on Monday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.45 p.m. The Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

69.  
(v. 82)

The Committee continued the consideration of the matters brought forward by the Coadjutor Bishop & agreed to recommend

as a new §36 "Every member of the Order of Ethiopia shall pay  
"the local collector monthly such amount as shall be de-  
"cided from time to time by the Chapter."

70.

as a new §37 "The General Treasurers shall allocate all mo-  
"nies sent in to them to the five funds of the Order in  
"such proportion as the Chapter may from time to time  
"decide fit."

[Note printed No 34 becomes §38]

71.

as a new §33 "All Church Collections shall be managed by  
"the Minister or Catechist with the Mission Steward, who  
"shall render an account of the same to the Quarterly  
"Meeting. In case of disagreement the matter shall be  
"settled by the Provincial."

72.  
(v. 89)

The Committee considered §36 & agreed to recommend that, as §40,  
it should read as follows:— "Until the Missions of the Order are under  
"the charge of Priests of the Order, each Diocesan Bishop will,  
"after consultation with the Provincial, appoint Missioners, whose  
"duty it shall be to exercise spiritual oversight in, & to visit,  
"the Missions of the Order within his Diocese, to instruct & exa-  
"mine candidates for Baptism & Confirmation in those Missions,  
" & generally to exercise his office therein as Priest-in-charge,  
" & further to report on such Missions from time to time to the  
"Bishop of the Diocese in which they are situated. Further,

"such Missioners may, with the consent of the Bishop, instruct &  
"train candidates for Holy Orders for work in the Order"

73. The Committee agreed to recommend that §15 of the Compact be inserted in the Constitution as §41 with the substitution of "will" for "shall".

74. In Constitution §37 (new §42) the Committee agreed to recommend that "at the Central Mission" be read for "in the Central Mission Church", & that the words in brackets be omitted.

75. In Constitution §38 (new §43) the Committee agreed to recommend the addition of the words " & by the Provincial to the several District Stations".

76. On Constitution §39 (new §44) the Committee agreed to make no comment.

77. The Committee agreed to recommend that §40 (new §45) be amended on the lines suggested & its comment on Compact §16 (v. Minute No 19.20) & that it read as follows:- "No new Mission work shall be begun by the  
"Order within three miles of any Mission Station or Outstation of an  
"ordinary Church Mission without the consent of the Diocesan  
"Bishop, except in municipal areas & town locations where the  
"minimum distance shall be one mile. All difficulties arising  
"from proximity shall be settled by the Diocesan Bishop after con-  
"sultation with the Provincial & with the Priest-in-charge of the  
"ordinary Diocesan Mission"  
& that the words printed in italics be omitted.

78. The Committee agreed to recommend that §41 be omitted, & that in §2 the last sentence "except under ..... concerned" be replaced by the following:- "It shall however be permissible for members of ordinary  
"Church Missions, with the assent of the Bishop, to become  
"members of the Order".

79. The Committee agreed to recommend the following as a new §46:-

"A Member of the Order, wishing to leave the Order, shall give notice  
"of his intention to the Provincial & apply for a letter."

The Committee adjourned at 9.5 p.m.

Arthur Bloomfontein  
Chairman

26 Oct. 1909.

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The Committee met in the Church House on Tuesday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 a.m.  
The Bishop of Bloemfontein in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous day's meetings were read & confirmed.

80.  
(v. 43)

The Secretary reported that, in response to the expressed wish of the  
Chairman, the Signatories of the Minority Report agreed to with-  
draw that Report.

81.

The Committee considered Constitution § 42 (new § 47) & agreed to  
make no comment.

82.  
(v. 69)

The Committee reverted to new § 36 & agreed to recommend the  
following addition:- "No one shall bear office or vote at meetings of  
"the Order, unless he & those dependent upon him have paid  
"in full their contributions to the funds of the Order, if they be  
"judged able to do so".

83  
(v. 65)

The Committee reverted to § 34 (new § 38) b & agreed to recommend  
the addition of the following words:- "N.B. Salaries shall be payable  
"only as funds become available".

84.  
(v. 55)

The Committee reverted to § 8 h. iii & agreed to make an addition-

-al recommendation to that contained in Minute N<sup>o</sup> 55 as follows:-

"Any suspension or ~~removal~~ removal directed by the Conference  
shall be carried into effect by the Provincial."

85.

The Committee discussed the scheme <sup>for the</sup> representation of the Order in the Provincial & Diocesan Synods, standing on the Agenda of the Synod in the name of the Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown, the Acting Provincial of the Order (v. Synod Agenda N<sup>o</sup> 54)

The Coadjutor-Bishop of Cape Town to move :-

That the recommendations of the Synod of Bishops with a view to securing representation for the Missions of the Order of Ethiopia in the Provincial and Diocesan Synods, in accordance with section 18 of the Compact of 1900, be referred to the Committee appointed to review the Provisional Constitution of the Order of Ethiopia.

54

The recommendations are as follows.—

1. That the Order of Ethiopia shall be entitled to send to the Provincial Synod on Clerical representative for every ten (or fraction of ten) Clergy of the Order; and the same number of Lay Representatives as Clerical; those being considered Clergy of the Order, who, at the time when the notice of the meeting of the Provincial Synod is given, are holding the licence of a Bishop of the Province.

2. That the Clerical Representatives of the Order of Ethiopia shall be elected by the Clerical members of the Annual Conference of the Order. They may be priests or deacons, a deacon having a right to speak, but not to vote, in the Provincial Synod.

3. That the Lay Representatives of the Order of Ethiopia shall be communicants of the Church of this Province of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference of the Order, who are themselves communicants of the Church of the Province and of full age.

4. That the Clergy of the Order being already members of the Synods of the several Dioceses in which they are licensed, the question how best to provide for the representation in the Diocesan Synods of the Lay Communicants of the Order be remitted to the Synods of the several Dioceses in which the Order is working, the Synods to report to the Archbishop of Capetown, after their next meeting, the scheme of representation adopted.

5. That members of the Order of Ethiopia shall not have the right of voting for Clerical or Lay Representatives of their Diocese in the Provincial Synod, nor (otherwise than may be provided in pursuance of Section 4 of these Recommendations) for Lay Representatives in their Diocesan Synod.

86.

The Committee agreed to recommend the adoption of the following clause vice the above clauses 1-3, 5:-

"The Provincial of the Order of Ethiopia shall be a member of the Provincial Synod: other members of the Order shall be eligible to be Representatives in the Provincial Synod in the same manner as other members of the Church." [The Rev. E. C. West dissenting]

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The Committee agreed to recommend that the above should stand.

The Committee adjourned at 10.45 a.m.

26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1909.

The Committee met the ~~native~~ Chapter of the Order in the Church House on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 5.45 p.m. The Bishop of Bloemfontein in the chair.

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The Chairman, addressing the native members of the Chapter, said that he was glad that they agreed to nearly all the recommendations made, & ~~that~~ said that the Committee would now consider the points which the native members of the Chapter raised.

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(v.72)

Reverting to Constitution §36 (new §40) the Committee & Chapter agreed to recommend the addition of the words:-

- "Such Missioner shall on his appointment undertake to ob-
- serve the Compact, the Constitution, & the Rules of the Order.
- "Any complaint shall be brought to the Bishop & the Pro-
- vincial."

90.

Reverting to Constitution §22 the Committee & Chapter agreed to recommend the addition after the words "Missions of the Order" the following clause:-

- Before making this recommendation the Provincial shall
- "consult the Quarterly Meeting of the District."

The members of the Chapter adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Arthur Bloemfontein  
Chairman

26 Oct. 1909.

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