

BANTU WELFARE TRUST.

ANNUAL REPORT 1942/43.

1. BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS:

The income of the Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1943, was £1,681, of which sum £1,500 was received in respect of the 100,000 shares in Kinemas Limited donated to the Trust by Colonel James Donaldson. With this limited income the Trustees followed the principle adopted in previous years of making grants of £500 each to the South African Native College and the South African Institute of Race Relations, two institutions capable of making the fullest use of the sums received in the interest of Africans. Of the balance of income available, £100 was voted to the national development of Legal Aid work with which the Trust has been associated in the past, and £310 was granted to various projects which have special significance for the welfare of the Bantu.

A donation of £100 received during the year from the Natal Colliery owners was placed to the Trust's Accumulated Funds, which now stand at £25,700. 0. 0.

2. FURTHER REQUEST BY COLONEL JAMES DONALDSON:

Since the close of the Trust's financial year at 30th June last, Colonel Donaldson has offered the Trust a further 100,000 shares in Kinemas Limited, which magnificent donation has been gratefully accepted by the Trustees. Certain arrangements have also been come to with Colonel Donaldson whereby he has agreed that all dividends accruing on the former 100,000 shares accrue to the Trust instead of a fixed sum of £1,500 which he had guaranteed. This new provision also applies to the shares forming the new gift.

Colonel Donaldson is now retiring from business and is able to devote more time to the affairs of the Trust. At his instigation a Community Centre is being started in the Orlando Native Township adjoining Johannesburg. One object of the Centre is to combat delinquency amongst African youths, who are not in school or at work, especially through recreational and educational

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3. FUTURE OF THE TRUST:

The activities of the Bantu Welfare Trust are restricted to the narrow confines of its financial resources and while, through the generosity of its founder, Colonel Donaldson, it seems likely that its annual income will now enable it to carry out projects for the direct and immediate betterment of a limited number of Africans, funds are required to extend such schemes to other centres when once they have been proved successful in any one locality.

The Trustees therefore invite the help of the public by contributing to the funds of the Trust, and donors can make special stipulations with regard to the handling of their benefactions by the Trustees. Any information regarding the Trust and its activities will be gladly supplied by its Secretaries.

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BANTU WELFARE TRUST  
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The income of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 1943 was £1681, of which sum £1500 was received in respect of the 100,000 shares in Kinemas Limited donated to the Trust by Colonel James Donaldson. With this limited income the Trustees followed the principle adopted in previous years of making grants of £500 each to the South African Native College and the South African Institute of Race Relations, two institutions capable of making the fullest use of the sums received in the interest of Africans. Of the balance of income available £100 was voted to the National Development of Legal Aid, work with which the Trust has been associated in the past, and £310 was granted to various projects which have special significance for the welfare of the Bantu.

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REPORT OF AN INSPECTION OF TWO PROPERTIES OFFERED  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ETHIOPIAN CHURCH OF SOUTH  
AFRICA AS SECURITY AGAINST A LOAN OF £5000 WHICH  
HE WISHES TO RAISE WITH THE BANTU WELFARE TRUST.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH

This Church which is entirely African in composition, was founded in 1892 by Rev. Henry Ngcayiya and was given state recognition in 1896 by the President of the Transvaal Republic and in 1910 by the Union Government. Its constitution provides for the annual election, at a conference, of a President and a Board of Trustees in whom are vested all the properties of the Church. Any business transaction of the Church involving the acquisition, alienation or sale of church properties must be authorised by a resolution of Conference.

CONDITION OF PROPERTIES

(a) Sophiatown Property:— The Sophiatown property held under Title Deed No.F.1657/32, consists of a stand about 50 yards by 30, on which is built a small church and two latrines. The Church which was built some time back already, shows signs of wear. Judging from the prices paid for stands in this area, I estimate the value of this property at £400, at least.

(b) Alexandra Township Property:— The Alexandra Township property held under Title Deed No 4231/1928, consists of a stand, a church which was built at a cost of £1300 and a three-roomed dwelling house. ~~The church~~ which cost £300 to build. Both buildings were built fairly recently and in a very good state of repair. Including the land, this property must be worth about £2000.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the laudable effort of this African Church community who have been able to raise a sum of £5000 towards the erection of a school for their children, and further in view of the fact that the President of the Church, Rev. Magasela, states that they would be able to repay the loan in half yearly instalments of not less than £500 each, I have the pleasure to recommend this application.

*Frank. L. S. ...*  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

## REPORT ON A VIST TO SOPHIATOWN

Consequent upon a report I received about Sophiatown I went out to ascertain what provisions are made in this Township for youth activities. I invited Mr Thabede the Organising Secretary of the Transvaal Association of Non-European Boys' Clubs to accompany me on this inquiry and I have to report as follows:

Sophiatown has no organised youth club activities. On the other hand there are a number of unorganised clubs. They are run by lads who have either been attached to the Transvaal Boys' Club Association through its branches, or have become interested in physical culture through reading American magazines.

In most cases none of the club leaders is qualified, though some of them are taking correspondence courses with one or other of the schools which advertise themselves in the daily press. One lad of twenty whose education does not go beyond standard two, is taking such a course. He has spent already £19/10/- out of his pocket and bought all the equipment for his club. He does not charge his pupils any fees and expects each of them to buy and present the club with a magazine or book on physical culture.

These <sup>clubs</sup> are housed under very unwholesome conditions; while one club rents a hall for £1/10/- a month and uses it only in the evenings, most clubs are housed in single rooms often with house furniture inside. These rooms are 14½ x 12' and have very little provision for ventilation.

The main activities of these clubs are boxing and weight-lifting.

In a conversation with a member of these clubs, he told me that the organisation of these clubs on a satisfactory basis would draw many lads from the streets and the effect on crime would soon be obvious. He told me that as a result of their clubs which laid emphasis on the need of some knowledge of boxing by every lad, a tradition is being created against the use of the knife, and any lad who still resorts to this despicable method of fighting is despised and sent to coventry by the other lads.

It seems to me that not being a municipal location, Sophiatown has received very little attention save by way of grants to the Nursery school run by the Church of England (I am not quite certain about this) yet this is the most condemned Township in Johannesburg.

From the fore-going I have come to the conclusion that Sophiatown requires:

1. Organised youth activities.
2. A central meeting hall for this purpose with provisions for bathing after the physical exercises.

Signed: *W. J. Z. ...*  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
BANTU WELFARE TRUST.

	English	History	South Language	Afrikaans	Psychology	Native Administration	Principles of Education	History of Education	Method	Speech	Teaching	Visual Education	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	Soc. Anthropology	Applied Mathematics	Botany	Languages	Black Board work	Conduct
1. Makwena, J.	47	39	46		39	43															Good
2. Mashego, O.		51	56			55															Good.
3. Mashego, M.					40	31	33	44	60									45	39		Good
4. Makwena, P.												28	20	38							Good
5. Molebe, J.	55				45										54						Satisfactory
6. Molebe, M.	53				33																Satisfactory.
7. Molebe, M.												40	50			60					Satisfactory.
8. Molebe, J.	57	53	66			58															Good.
9. Molebe, I.														61		36					Good

Miss Tooke reports as follows:

These reports may be considered satisfactory on the whole, except that of Mr Makwena, who has been warned that his work must improve.

Very satisfactory reports have been received upon the progress made during the first term by Ernest Dube and Walter Lungu, both of whom are enrolled at the Idwaleni Industrial school.

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