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## ANNUAL REPORT.

During the year 1933, the Bantu Men's Social Centre has passed another milestone of progress. The year was a very busy one, as will be seen by the activities and functions organised during the year. The Secretary, who has now served the Institution for fifteen months, can look back on the year's work with some measure of pleasure and gratitude, for some of the members have not only assisted him with advice, but have made it a real pleasure to be associated with the Institution. The Social side of the Centre has, on the whole, been well maintained. The Guest Nights were so largely attended that, in the end, they became a problem to the staff. They have, however, helped to popularise the Centre.

Last year, it was thought advisable to put notice boards outside the building for the guidance of members and those seeking information about the Institution. We are glad to say that this step has been fully justified, as quite a number of men come in daily to enquire about different subjects and activities.

**The Constitution.**—The Constitution which had been in force since the foundation of the Centre, nearly ten years ago, required the incorporation of amendments passed during that time, as well as general revision. Mr. H. Britten (Ex-Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg and a member of the Executive Committee) kindly undertook the heavy work of preparing a revised draft, which was, after full discussion at two special meetings of the Executive Committee, adopted. The new Constitution will shortly be available in print. In this revised Constitution, provision has been made for several new classes of members, viz., Honorary, Country, and Visiting members. The Country Membership has come as a boon to men outside the Municipality of Johannesburg, while the Centre now has the privilege of inviting to Honorary Membership distinguished men, who have shown an in-

most in its aims. Further, the logical sequence in which the various sections of the Constitution have been placed, will come as a boon to anyone wanting to acquaint himself with any part of the Constitution. We hope members will make a close study of this important document.

**Membership.**—During the year, there were 341 names on the list of membership, of whom 236 are active (217 senior and 19 junior and 27 visiting members). 105 senior and junior failed to renew their membership. The Centre, according to previous records and the observation of the Secretary, suffers from the want of a consistent membership. The membership has ever been a fluctuating one. This we attribute, firstly, to the very bad habit of expecting the Secretary to visit the homes of members, in order to collect subscriptions, which members know should be paid when reminded; and, secondly, not acquainting the Secretary of changes of address. The principle of a collector of fees to our way of thinking is wrong and should not have been encouraged in the beginning. Members should by now have developed such a love for their Institution, that their subscriptions for the B.M.S.C. should be one of the first items to be attended to at the beginning of the year. This at the moment seems still a long way off, and the Secretary and his staff still have to be running round for fees. We hope members will in the future pay up their subscriptions because it is right, and not because a member of the staff asks for them. In the course of the next few weeks, we hope to furnish members with copies of the revised Constitution which makes it obligatory for members to pay their fees, failing which it shall be looked upon as a debt to the Institution. This should help to give us a more consistent membership.

**Honorary Membership.**—The following have been invited to, and have accepted, Honorary Membership of the Centre, under the new clause instituting Honorary Membership in the revised Constitution:—The Hon. Senator Dr. A. W. Roberts; Rev. Canon Anson Phelps-Stokes; Rev. C. M. Jones.

**Joint Membership B.M.S.C. and B.S.C.**—Owing to bookkeeping complications, we are sorry to announce the discontinuance of the joint-membership of the B.M.S.C.

and the Bantu Sports Club. This resolution was taken by the Executive Committee on the 8th of June last. Those members, therefore, who last year paid the reduced rates for joint membership, will this year have to pay the full amounts at both institutions, i.e., 10/- at the B.M.S.C., and 4/- or 5/- at the Sports Club.

**Death.**—Towards the end of the year, the Centre lost one of its most valued members by death, in the person of Mr. Richard William Msimang, one of the only two Bantu Attorneys practising in Johannesburg. The late Mr. Msimang identified himself with the Institution almost from its inception, joining on the 19th of July, 1925. The next year saw Mr. Msimang a member of the Executive Committee, where, in spite of long and continued ill-health, he continued to play an important part in the affairs of the Centre. Educated in England, Mr. Msimang was of a shy and retiring nature, but whenever he stood up to speak, all knew there was wisdom coming. Mr. Msimang was also identified with the Johannesburg Bantu Football Association (of which he was President for a number of years), the B.M.S.C. (Reds) F.C. (of which he was President), the Orlando Advisory Board, and many other organisations. Hereby, the Executive Committee places on record its thanks for his services to humanity, and extends its sincere sympathy to his widow and relatives.

**Resignation.**—We were very sorry during the year to lose the very much valued services of Major H. S. Cooke, who left South Africa to take up residence in England. Major Cooke had always interested himself in the affairs of the Bantu, both during his time as Director of Native Labour, and afterwards. We wish him a happy stay, long life, and continued good health in England.

The Executive put on record its high appreciation of, and gratitude for, the services he had always rendered to the Centre.

**Leave of Absence.**—Ex-Councillor Leake, a father of the Bantu, after whom "The Bantu London," "Orlando," has been named and who for a number of years has been a member of the Executive Committee, asked for leave of absence from meetings of the Execu-

re Committee up to the end of the year. Mr. Leake suggested that Mr. F. Evans be invited to act in his place during his absence. Mr. Evans filled this vacancy so admirably that we are loth to think of a time when Mr. Evans will not be on the Committee. Mr. Frank Evans (son of the late Mr. Herbert Evans) belongs to that set of the younger European generation who are ever out to help and encourage anything making for Bantu progress. We hope the Executive will find a place for both men.

**Bridgman Memorial Day.**—Last year, it had been decided to commemorate the life and work of the late Dr. F. B. Bridgman annually on the 26th October (that being the day on which the Institution was opened by his Excellency, the Earl of Athlone). For this year's Memorial celebration, the Hon. Patrick Duncan, K.C., M.P. (Minister of Mines) was invited to be the principal speaker. Unfortunately, Mr. Duncan took ill three days before, but Senator A. W. Roberts (formerly of Lovedale), a member of the Native Affairs Commission, agreed to take his place. Dr. Roberts expressed his pleasure at having been asked to speak on this occasion, and dwelt at length on the ideals illustrated in the life of the late Dr. Bridgman. Dr. A. B. Xuma and Mr. A. S. Vil-Nkomo suitably replied on behalf of the Executive Committee. Among those present was Mrs. Bridgman, who, at the end, very warmly thanked the Committee for commemorating the life and work of her late husband. The meeting closed with the singing of the Bantu National Anthem and "God Save the King."

**Institute of Race Relations.**—During the year the Bantu Men's Social Centre was affiliated to the S.A. Institute of Race Relations. This affiliation was made possible by Mr. Walter Webber who very kindly undertook to pay the fee for the year. We thank Mr. Webber very warmly for this evidence of continued interest in the Centre. The Executive elected Messrs. S. P. Mqubuli and A. S. Vil-Nkomo to represent the Centre on the Council of the Institute.

**Night School.**—The Night School, under the Superintendence of Rev. C. E. Wilkinson and the Principalship of Mr. S. D. Kekane, continues to be a great asset to the

Centre. At the Centre, only Standards IV, V, and VI are taken, the other Classes, A, B, C, to Standard III, are carried on at the Methodist Men's Institute. The men at the Centre are keen and hungry for learning. The School meets four times a week, but it is no uncommon sight to find men working at arithmetical problems on Saturdays and Sundays. The attendance at the Institute, the Superintendent reports, averages 130, while at the Centre, where the higher classes are taken, the average is 30. During the year, J.C. and Matriculation Classes were organised and Mr. M. Matz, B. A., T.2., very kindly undertook to run them. The Classes are still in their infancy and we hope they will grow during the coming year.

**Bantu School of Arts.**—It will come as a source of pleasure to our readers to know that a Bantu School of Arts was successfully started during the year under the leadership of Mr. S. Sinclair Scott (a past scholar of the Royal Arts School, London). Mr. Scott shows great interest in his class which meets on Wednesdays. Among the scholars is Moses Tladi, jocularly called "Nature's Artist" by his colleagues. Mr. Tladi was a few years ago discovered by Mr. Howard Pim. He is a garden boy in Parktown who has developed a love for drawing and painting. So successful has he been that some of his work has been exhibited at a Public Exhibition, with great credit to the painter. Now that Mr. Tladi is receiving a proper training, we hope his talent will be considerably improved.

**First Aid.**—Two groups of First Aid Classes were organised at the Centre during the year for the Certificate of the South African Red Cross Society. The lecturers and demonstrators in both instances were Dr. Louis Freed, M.B., Ch.B., and Mr. W. Kelly. The first examination was held on the 24th June, 1933, when out of 12 candidates 10 passed. The successful candidates were Messrs. A. Ilale, K. L. Mamakaza, K. L. Dasei, J. H. Ebenur, A. P. Khutlang, J. V. Ngoyi, J. R. Rathebe (advanced), W. Sali, A. P. Phalinye and H. C. C. Rampa. The second examination was held on the 30th November, 1933, when the successful candidates were Messrs. J. R. Lekhothoane, A. S. Vil-Nkomo, A. J. Zondi, A. M. Nkonjane, L. Peete, W. S. Pela, S. R.

Molopyane, S. A. Modise, A. Nkosi, H. Thipe, and P. M. Selokane. Here, again, we have to thank Mr. Howard Pim for paying a half share of the fees in the first instance. These classes have aroused a great deal of interest. At the present time, there are some sixteen men waiting for the formation of another class. Medical knowledge among the Bantu is so scanty, that the spread of First Aid instruction is greatly to be welcomed. One of the men who was successful at the recent examination, has been given a very responsible position in a hospital in Piet Retief.

**Home Nursing.**—For the first time in the history of the Centre, and possibly in the history of the Bantu, men have taken a course in Home Nursing. The lectures and demonstrations were conducted by Dr. S. Ethel Rolfe and Mrs. W. S. Keating, respectively. The aim of our men taking this examination was to qualify for the V.A.D. of the South African Red Cross Society. The lectures were very keenly attended by members. At the end of the series, the S.A. Red Cross Society sent Drs. D. Ordman and W. S. Webb to examine the candidates. Out of 15 candidates presented, 14 were successful. This reflects very great credit on the lecturer and the demonstrator. The following were the successful candidates: Messrs. J. H. Ebenur, A. P. Khutlang, L. Peete, W. S. Pela, A. J. Zondi, A. M. Nkonjane, A. Llale, S. R. Molopyame, A. S. Molise, K. Manakaza, A. P. Philaney, J. R. Lekgothoane, J. R. Rathebe and H. Thipe. We must here mention that three of the candidates passed with distinction, viz.: Messrs. K. Manakaza, A. Llale, and J. R. Rathebe, obtaining 91%, 87%, and 85%, respectively. The examining doctors commented very favourably on the way in which the men answered their questions. We wish to thank both Dr. S. Ethel Rolfe and Mrs. W. S. Keating for the able way in which they taught the men and for the trouble and interest they took.

**Carnegie Lending Library.**—Since the last report, the Centre has had another consignment of books from the Carnegie Lending Library for Non-Europeans. At the last Annual General Meeting of Bantu Members, it was felt that the books sent were not sufficiently interesting



and attractive. The Secretary, thereupon, with the assistance of members, set to work to compile a list of books after the desire of the members. The list was forwarded to the Librarian who sent as many of the books as possible. The reading, therefore, is slightly better than it was last year, but there is still room for improvement. Of the hundred books sent, quite a few have been read by as many members.

**Gamma-Sigma Club.**—The Gamma-Sigma Club continues its activities, in spite of difficulties owing to the meetings of the Club taking place on Fridays, which day also happens to be the "Free Bioscope day" for Kiddies. To avoid clashes, the Executive tried the experiment of running these activities alternately. This, we are sorry to say, has not been as successful as we at first thought it would be, as most of the men preferred to "kill two birds with one stone," i.e., to come to the Bioscope and the Club meeting on the same night. When the two activities were divided, the interests were also divided, and to organise a meeting of the Club was a real strain. We hope the Bioscopes will be reinstated and the times so arranged that the two functions do not clash. During the year, the Club was addressed by the following: (1) Miss Rhoda Fridjohn, A.T.C.L. (Eloc.), subject: "The Development of the Drama"; (2) Mr. H. Selby Msimang, subject, "Mendi Memorial Day"; (3) Rev. Fr. A. Winter, B.A., subject, "My Impressions of Negro America"; (4) Dr. A. B. Xuma, M.D., subject, "Some Lessons from America"; (5) Mr. G. Ballenden (Manager for Municipal Native Affairs), subject, "The Proclamation of Johannesburg"; (6) Bishop D. H. Sims, M.A., D.D., subject, "What the Black Man thinks of the White Man"; (7) Mrs. E. Mahuma-Morake, B.Sc., M.A., subject, "Unity"; (8) Debate, Germiston Gamma-Sigma Club vs. Johannesburg Gamma-Sigma Club, subject, "Polygamy vs. Monogamy"; (9) Debate, B.M.S.C. vs. Ekutuleni, subject, "That Government by a Hereditary Chief is preferable to that by a Representative of the People"; (10) Mr. Howard Pim and Mr. Davis, subject, "Impressions gained in Touring the Transkei"; (11) Debate, The University Bantu Studies Society vs. B.M.S.C., subject, "That Religion is the Best Source of Racial Co-ope-

on"; (12) Miss Trevor and Mr. Zulberg, subject, "Books and Authors"; (13) Dr. William Godfrey, M.B., Ch.B., subject, "The Asiatic Land Tenure Commission"; (14) Messrs. Donald and Bloom, subject, "Books and Authors"; (15) Mr. G. B. Hewlett, subject, "The Use of Business Methods in Everyday Life"; (16) Messrs. Phillips and Unterhalter, subject, "Books and Authors"; (17), Dr. D. Ordman, subject, "Venereal Disease"; (18) Mr. J. McKenna and Mr. Maartens, subject, "Social Education"; (19) Mr. Ginsberg, subject, "The Jury System in South Africa"; (20) Prof. Westerman, subject, "African Languages"; (21) Miss Dorothy Boxall, B.Mus., subject, "Orchestral Music." The most outstanding lecture of the year was that delivered by Prof. Westerman, of the Institute of African Languages and Cultures, London. In spite of the lecture being given on a Thursday, the meeting was well attended and great deal of interest shown in the subject. The next best was that delivered by Miss D. Boxall, whose subject was so interesting and so well put across, that she was plied with many questions at question time.

**Transvaal African Eisteddfod.**—His Worship, the Mayor of Johannesburg opened the Third African Eisteddfod at the Bantu Men's Social Centre on the 11th December, 1933. We feel we should be missing an opportunity if we did not here say a word on the success of the Eisteddfod this year. The competition in the school section was very keen and with the keenness the standard was considerably improved. The adjudicators, when giving their verdict, commented on this improvement over last year. The "Final Night" was very well attended. We must congratulate Mr. Mark S. Radebe and his Committee on the excellent work they put in to make the Eisteddfod the success it was.

**All Bantu Concerts.**—The Centre was responsible for helping to organise three concerts during the year for charity. The first was to help raise funds for the Pathfinders attending the Jamboree; the second, to assist Mrs. Gray to raise funds to rebuild an old mission house in Natal; and the third, to assist in raising funds for the young people of St. George's Church. The programmes on the whole were greatly enjoyed by the audiences. As

far as possible, the items were given in Bantu language and the artists were all Bantu; hence the name.

**Bantu Dramatic Society.**—In our report last year, we mentioned that some of our members had formed a Dramatic Society, and that they were preparing to stage Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer." This was actually performed on the 28th April, 1933, when the Society staged the play with great credit to its members. Some 400 Bantu and Europeans attended and enjoyed a fine night. The success of the play is shown by the remark of one of the local papers, that "Those who came to scoff certainly remained to pray." For days afterwards the Centre had calls from a number of people for a repeat performance, which was eventually given on the 7th October, 1933, with further success. On the previous day, the Society staged their first native play, entitled "Nongquase." This play was moderately successful. At the time of writing, the Society is rehearsing another play, "Abraham Lincoln," by Drinkwater, which they intend to stage some time in 1934. The B.M.S.C. has had much pleasure in placing at the disposal of the disposal of the Society its Hall and Lecture Room.

**Outdoor Games: Cricket.**—During the year, Cricket was organised and enough men joined up to enable the Centre to put two teams in the Saturday League. At the end of the Cricket season, the "A" Team topped the list together with the "Dambuza XI." We wish here to congratulate Mr. D. M. Denalane, the "Skipper," and his men for being joint holders with the team just mentioned. This reflects very great credit on Mr. Denalane's management and on his team for playing the game. The team never lost a single match. The "B" Team, under Mr. M. Wessels, was not quite so lucky, but they also played the game and were pleased the "A" Team won.

**Football.**—The B.M.S.C. (Reds) F.C. this year, under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Xala (Captain), played better football than ever. They actually reached the Semi-finals of the "Herby Taylor Special Cup" in the Saturday League, where they lost to "Transvaal Jumpers." They, however, played such "clean" football that the Association, in recognition of this, awarded

em the "Sportsmen's Shield." When one takes into account the fact that there are some 80 teams in the Association, one can realise that this is no mean tribute to the cleanness of our men's play.

**Tennis.**—This year, in order to give responsibility to members interested in this game, it was decided to entrust the members themselves with the management of the games. A meeting was called early in the year, at which it was resolved to divide into two sections, viz., "A" and "B." The following were then elected to manage the sections. "A" Team: Mr. S. H. Msweli (Captain), J. S. Kokozela (Vice-Captain), F. J. Modibedi (Secretary); "B" Team: Mr. Paul Maketa (Captain) and Mr. H. P. Tatane (Secretary). Messrs. C. Setlogelo, A. P. Khutlang, J. S. Kokozela, the two Captains and the Secretary, were elected to act as a "Selection Committee." Thus far the arrangement has worked with some measure of success. Since the last report, an additional Tennis Court has been added. It was officially opened on the 19th of May, 1933, by a match against a team from the University. At the end of the day, the B.M.S.C. came away the victors. During the year the teams played against the following:—The University, The Bantu Sports Club, The Westerns, Roodepoort, Randfontein, Modderfontein, Carolina, Middleburg (Tvl.), Witbank, The Colleges, etc. Ninety per cent. of the matches were won by the B.M.S.C. teams. Several Europeans visited our Courts to help our men in this truly interesting game, among them Mr. M. A. Blake, and above all Prof. R. F. A. Hoernlé (our Chairman) is to be thanked for bringing teams of University Students. This has taught our men to look to the University for a new spirit and a better relationship in this land of ours.

**Baseball.**—Towards the latter half of the year, Baseball was introduced. Mr. A. McKhune (President of the Transvaal Baseball Association) came and spoke to our men. As a result, a definite beginning was made. Later, Mr. H. Wellbeloved (Adviser to the Chamber of Mines) gave encouragement to this sport by buying the first outfit. The game at the moment is still in its infancy, but we feel it is going to take a firm place in the sporting life of the Bantu in the near future. In fact,

it is hoped that it will become as popular in Summer football is in Winter.

**Indoor Games: Billiards.**—This continues to be the most popular indoor game in the Centre. The Billiards Table has had a very busy time; indeed, the old cloth became so badly worn that an appeal had to be made to the Executive for a new cloth. Mr. Howard Pim very kindly bore the expense for a new cloth, cushions and balls out of private funds. Billiards players have, therefore, good reason to be thankful to Mr. Pim for the gift. The Modebedi Monthly Trophy changed hands many times during the year. The present Champion is Mr. Godfrey Nchee. We were most fortunate in having the privilege of seeing the World's Billiards Champion, Mr. Walter Lindrum, at this truly great game. We were only sorry not more members were present to see what is possible with the Cue. Altogether the standard of Billiards has improved considerably during the year. We divided our members into sections "A," "B," and "C," and throughout the competitions have been keen. During the last couple of months, we encouraged players in the top division "A," to play "Nomination games," and we think this is certainly a way of improving our Billiards. It is to-day no uncommon thing for players to make breaks of 20 and 30. These, we hope, will be further improved upon during the coming year.

**Basket Ball.**—Basket Ball continues to be popular among the Central Schools. The two cups donated by the Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Phillips were again won by the D.R.C. School. This school has a keen set of young players who play the game with great presence of mind. This sport has now been carried to Nancefield where Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Mqubuli, assisted by Mr. Khutlang, have made the game a success.

**Volley Ball.**—Towards the latter half of the year, "Lunch Hour" games in this form of sport were organised. These and other games have proved very popular and from all appearances have come to stay. *Hand Ball, Ping-Pong, Chess, Draughts*, and other indoor games, have been played. The most outstanding Chess

Members at the moment are Messrs. J. S. Kokozela, A. P. Khutlang, W. E. Garson, and H. D. Ludge.

**Boxing.**—This game, under the supervision of Mr. A. P. Khutlang (Asst. Secretary) and Mr. Martin (an old timer), has gained ground and the numbers have increased considerably compared with last year. The B.M.S.C. Team was represented at all the Tournaments organised by the Transvaal Non-European Amateur Boxing Association, and its members always gave a good account of themselves. At the Annual Championships, held at the Centre on the 30th September, 1933, several of our men won titles, viz.:—Messrs. Stephen Mabinda (Light Heavy); "Al" Kaba (Bantam); Thompson Xaba (Welter). The Centre can therefore boast of three Champions. Among the notable boxing fans to visit the Centre during the year were:—Messrs. B. C. Sims (Chairman, Boxing Referees Association); J. St. John Dean (Secretary, Transvaal National Sporting Club); Major Wilkinson (Board of Control); and Irish Eddie Brink (Visiting Boxer from U.S.A.). The latter also refereed a few bouts at the Championships.

**Children's Work.**—The Centre continues to take a very active interest in children's work; children meet for games, etc., on Mondays; for Gymnastics on Tuesdays; and on Thursdays for Basket- and Volley-Ball. The Rev. Ray E. Phillips continues to be very actively identified with this work. On Fridays, it is no uncommon sight to see between five and seven hundred children in the Bioscope. So popular are the Bioscopes that no weather can keep them away. We must here again thank Mr. Phillips for this part of the work.

**Junior Room.**—The Junior Membership of the Centre has been slightly affected by the proclamation of Johannesburg. Many families had to move out of town to the locations which are mostly more than three miles from the Centre, thus making it impossible for the youngsters to come back to the Centre after they get home. The attendance, in spite of this, has been moderate and the room fairly well used.

**Guest Nights.**—Twelve Guest Nights were held during the year. These have become a monthly feature to Bantu Johannesburg which looks forward to these nights

with eagerness. In some cases the staff (four in number) has had to deal with as many as eight to nine hundred people. Owing to this number ever increasing, we have decided to admit members and their friends by ticket only. At these Guest Nights several Europeans and Africans contributed items: among them, the Y.M.C.A. Glee Singers; the Wanderers Badminton Club; Mr. Richard Currie; the Germiston Glee Club; the Bing Boys; the Alexander Mixed Voice Choir; Miss Hetty Davids; Mr. Douglas Narrendes of Durban; the Rev. Ray E. Phillips, and many others.

**General.**—As in previous years, the Bantu Men's Social Centre continues to be the home and meeting place of many Bantu organisations, e.g., the Transvaal African Teachers' Association; the G.P.C. of the T.A.T.A.; the Inter-Denominational Ministers' Association; the Transvaal Cricket Board; the Bantu Dramatic Society; the Mendi Memorial Committee; the Joint Council of Europeans and Africans; the Central Pathfinder Officers; the Paladins (Coloured Boy Scouts); the South African Bantu Football Association; the Transvaal African Football Association, etc. The Hall was used for School Concerts, Charity Concerts, Boxing Tournaments, Weddings, Bioscopes, etc. At the Guest Nights, the programme generally consisted of singing, dancing, recitals, bioscopes. The Visitors' Book shows 201 signatures, but many people visiting the Centre did not sign; else the number would have been doubled.

**Conclusion.**—The year through which the Centre has just passed has not been without its difficulties, the chief of which was the proclamation of Johannesburg. This has slightly affected the membership, as some of the families were ejected with a few days' notice and this made it difficult for the Secretary to keep in touch with the members. Some of the members were good enough to come and give their new addresses; others have up to the time of writing failed to do so. Very gratifying is the fact that, this year, fewer men without work are frequenting the Centre. We think this a definite sign that the depression is lifting, and look forward to a better and brighter membership next year.

We should like, also, to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the new attitude of European youth, among which a very high place must be given to members of the Witwatersrand University for the interest they have shown in, and the help they have given to, various activities of the Centre. The University of the Witwatersrand is one of the youngest of South African Universities, and it is perhaps because of this youthfulness that its members venture to find new fields. They were among the first to form a "Bantu Studies Society," and they were responsible for the motion that the undergraduates of Fort Hare (Native) College be admitted to membership of "NUSAS" (the National Union of S.A. Students). This was a brave attempt, and the Bantu are grateful to the Students of the Witwatersrand for the effort even though the motion did not pass.

The "Bantu Studies Society" of the University of the Witwatersrand has given a further lead in extending a standing invitation to members of our Centre, and especially to the Gamma-Sigma Club, to attend its meetings. The Society rightly realises that it cannot study the Bantu without seeking personal contact with them. Lastly, we appreciate the fact that the University admits Bantu students to its Degree classes. An African member of the Executive will in the coming year (1934) enter on his degree course as a student in the evening classes of the University. May this fine relationship continue to grow and so help to build up the harmony that is so essential for the progress of the country as a whole.

Again we wish to let the public know that, if at any time they wish to visit and inspect the Centre, the Secretary and his staff will be pleased to show them round. For further particulars apply to the Secretary, P.O. Box 4767, or Phone 33-8110.

R. F. ALFRED HOERNLÉ, *Chairman.*

J. RICHARD RATHEBE, *Secretary.*



# Bantu Mens'

## Dr. EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT

"Registered under Charitable

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| To Salaries and Wages  | ... .. | £392 0 6   |
| „ Municipal Rates and Charges  | ... .. | 177 3 3    |
| „ Games  | ... .. | 62 13 2    |
| „ Insurance  | ... .. | 42 7 3     |
| „ Clerical Assistance  | ... .. | 45 19 6    |
| „ Postages, Stationery, Telephones, Bank Charges<br>and Sundry Expenses          | ... .. | 286 0 9    |
| „ Disbursements in respect of Night Schools                                      | ...    | 17 10 0    |
| „ Disbursements in respect of First Aid Classes                                  | ...    | 12 2 0     |
| „ Disbursements in respect of Home Nursing<br>Classes                            | ... .. | 7 15 0     |
| „ Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment  | ...    | 126 19 2   |
| „ Balance—Excess of Revenue over Expenditure<br>transferred to Accumulated Funds | ...    | 201 17 8   |
|  |        | <hr/>      |
|  |        | £1,372 8 3 |
|  |        | <hr/>      |

# Social Centre.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1933.

Cr.

Institutions (Control) Ordinance, 1926."

|   |          |                   |
|---|----------|-------------------|
| By Membership Fees ... ..                     | £84 14 0 |                   |
| „ Subscriptions and Donations ... ..          | 669 13 3 |                   |
| „ Native Recruiting Corporation, Limited ...  | 300 0 0  |                   |
| „ Board of Control—Deferred Pay Interest Fund |          |                   |
| £1 for £1 on Revenue from                     |          |                   |
| Native Sources ... ..                         | £143 8 3 |                   |
| <i>Plus</i> Special Grant ... ..              | 50 0 0   |                   |
|   |          | 193 8 3           |
| „ Night School Fees ... ..                    |          | 17 10 0           |
| „ First Aid Class Fees ... ..                 |          | 8 12 0            |
| „ Home Nursing Class Fees ... ..              |          | 7 15 0            |
| „ Sundry Revenue ... ..                       |          |                   |
| Hire of Hall ... ..                           | £70 11 0 |                   |
| Locker Rents ... ..                           | 0 12 6   |                   |
|   |          | 71 3 6            |
| „ Profit on Kitchen Account ... ..            |          |                   |
| Revenue ... ..                                | £96 1 6  |                   |
| Expenditure ... ..                            | 76 9 3   |                   |
|   |          | 19 12 3           |
|   |          | <u>£1,372 8 3</u> |

# Bantu Mens'

Dr.

BALANCE SHEET,

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| To Creditors                                      | £47 16 7          |
| „ Library Deposits                                | 1 4 6             |
| „ Accumulated Funds                               | 8,317 1 4         |
| Balance 31st December, 1932                       | £8,115 3 8        |
| Add—Balance of Revenue and<br>Expenditure Account | 201 17 8          |
|   | <u>£8,366 2 5</u> |

JOHANNESBURG,

31st January, 1934.

# Social Centre.

31st DECEMBER, 1933.

Cr.

|  |        |        |    |
|--|--------|--------|----|
| By <b>Buildings</b> ... ..                               | £7,125 | 19     | 10 |
| „ <b>Furniture and Equipment</b> ... ..                  | 500    | 0      | 0  |
| Balance, 31st December, 1932...                          | £460   | 0      | 0  |
| <i>Add</i> —Additions during the year                    | 166    | 19     | 2  |
|  |        | 626    | 19 |
| <i>Deduct</i> —Depreciation ... ..                       | 126    | 19     | 2  |
| „ <b>Municipal Deposits</b> ... ..                       |        | 19     | 0  |
| „ <b>Debtors and Kitchen Stock</b> ... ..                |        | 13     | 11 |
| „ <b>Cash</b> ... ..                                     |        | 707    | 11 |
| At Bank ... ..   | £205   | 9      | 7  |
| St. Andrew's Building Society,<br>Current Account ... .. | 500    | 0      | 0  |
| On Hand ... ..   | 2      | 1      | 6  |
|  |        | £8,366 | 2  |
|  |        | 5      |    |

Certified correct.

HOWARD PIM,  
Hon. Treasurer.

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