

place on Sections (8) and (9) of the Secretary's Report and with reference to the absence of detailed report and schedule of proposed work, which had been asked for at the previous meeting of the Executive."

(iii) The question was raised whether the last paragraph of the Minute (No. 372) was a correct record of what had taken place. Mr. Reyneke stated that he considered it a fair representation, and proposed that it be approved. This was agreed.

(iv) Dr Taylor stated that Min. Par. 368 (4) gave the impression that he had resigned from the Bulletin Committee, while in fact he had merely stated his inability to assist further with the distribution of the Bulletin. The Meeting noted this alteration.

(v) Dr Taylor referred to Min. Par. 371 which reported that "he would ask the Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd to write", while in fact "he had already asked the Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd to write." The Meeting noted this alteration.

(iv) Dr Taylor drew attention to the fact that on page three of the Minutes Dr Lennox had been referred to as "Acting Treasurer" while he was actually "Treasurer". The Secretary pointed out that the recent position in the Council had led to such confusion that upon one occasion the Chairman had referred to three offices - "Treasurer", "Acting Treasurer" and "Acting-Acting Treasurer". The Secretary regretted this error, which was forthwith rectified.

(vii) The Secretary apologised for two typing errors in the Minutes, which had been rectified immediately they were noticed, notification of such rectification having been given in his letter of the 10th Instant - (i) the omission of the following line from Min. Par. 366, after the words "to the Executive for consideration.": "Dr J.D. Taylor (Convener), the Rev. H. Ph. Junod, and the Rev. J.H. du Toit (Secretary);" and (ii) The omission of the index letters 1.2.3.4. from the four sub-headings in Min. Par. 369. The Meeting approved the addition.

(viii) The Minutes as amended were confirmed.

(ix) Dr Wilkie proposed that, to simplify the editing of Minutes, they be revised by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairman before circulation. This was agreed.

385. FINANCE: (i) The Treasurer, who was unavoidably absent, had submitted a Statement, amplified by the Secretary, which revealed the following Financial position: There had been transferred from the Natal Bank Branch of Barclays D.C.&O., Johannesburg, to Barclays D.C.&O. Pretoria, the amount of £71:10:1d. The following amounts had subsequently been received and deposited: Finnish Appeal £112:18:6d. Affiliation Fees £150. Book Sales £8:5:4d. and Donations £2:10:--.

(ii) Dr Lennox proposed that the account of £1:10:8 for war risk on the Madras Seven Volume Sets be paid. This was agreed.

(iii) The Executive received a proposal from the Church of the Province of South Africa through the Archbishop of Cape Town offering the Affiliation Fee of £50 from the Church as a whole. It was decided to accept this offer with gratitude, and to ask the Secretary, in consultation with the Rev. A. Cardross Grant, to write this to the Archbishop, drawing attention to the fact that this amount, was, actually much less than the original budgeting by the Council.

(iv) The Secretary requested authorisation of payment of the amount of £7 to Mrs Bridgman, as Convener of the Sectional Committee on Women's Work, in respect of her visit to the Eastern Province over Easter, report of which had been made to the Executive. This payment was authorised.

(v) The List of Affiliation Fees was reviewed by the Executive. The Societies and Churches which had paid for the current year, and those which had not paid, were discussed in detail. It was realised that in certain cases affiliated bodies were waiting for the end of their financial/.....

financial year (which differed in many instances) or for their 1940 Finance Meeting to make the necessary payments. For the Financial Year 1st April, 1940 - 31st March 1941 £225 had been received in Affiliation Fees, and, according to the figures of amounts actually received during the previous year (1939 - 1940) a further £185 might be expected.

386. SECTIONAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL: The report of the Committee on the work of Sectional Committees, which was first presented at the meeting on 18th January (See Minute no 341) was discussed, along with suggestions from Dean Kempe. At the close of this discussion the following motion was submitted by Dr Dexter Taylor and adopted:-

"That there be a Convener for each type of work undertaken by the Executive;

"That such Conveners be authorised to associate with themselves such other persons as they feel will best assist in the carrying out of the work;

"That the members of Executive should offer to these Conveners such practical suggestions as they are able and that the plans of the Conveners submitted to the Executive shall receive all possible consideration and assistance, and the Conveners shall report on the progress of their work at least semi-annually;

"That the Secretary of the Council shall be available for the organisation and execution of the Conveners' plans in the various areas, when desired by the Convener."

387. SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary submitted his report in two parts, and copies were distributed.

388. ADJOURNMENT: At 12.55 p.m. the Meeting decided to adjourn until 2 p.m.

389. RESUMPTION: At 2 p.m. the Executive Committee resumed business.

390. SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Continued from 387 above): The Executive dealt with the paragraphs as follows:

Par. 1: Noted.

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.... 3: It would appear that even Affiliated Bodies were ignorant in many cases of the activities of the Council. The Secretary should ask that invitations be sent to him to attend such meetings as would afford an opportunity for propagandist work. A good deal of informatory work was considered necessary in certain quarters. The Madras subjects should form the basis for such work. Wherever the Secretary was able to conduct a service a collection should be taken for the Council. The Secretary should not take services merely to afford pulpit supply, and his Sundays should be used exclusively for Council work.

.... 4: This would be discussed under "German Missions" on the Agenda.

.... 5: This would be discussed under "Pretoria Conference" on the Agenda.

.... 6: This would be discussed under "Finnish Mission Appeal" on the Agenda.

.... 7: This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

.... 8: Noted.

.... 9: The Committee noted with interest the contact which the Christian Council of South Africa had with other Councils both in South Africa and abroad, and asked for a detailed report at the next Meeting.

... 10: The Bulletin proofs were ready for reading, and Mr. Shepherd handed them to the Meeting. He estimated that the Bulletin would run into 20 pages. The Secretary stated that the Morija quotation for 20 pages was £1:6/-. The Meeting thanked Mr. Shepherd for his valuable assistance. It was decided that 670 copies should be sent to Lovedale

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for distribution to the "Outlook" subscribers that approx. 600 copies should be available for those persons on the Council mailing list who were not subscribers to the "Outlook"; and that further distribution be left to the Bulletin Committee. The Bulletin Committee was also instructed to make recommendations to the next Meeting of the Executive Committee regarding future issues of the Bulletin.

Par. 11: This suggestion was noted and referred to the Bulletin Committee for consideration along with the question of future issues of the Bulletin.

.... 12: This would be discussed under "Finnish Appeal" on the Agenda.

.... 13: Noted.

.... 14: Noted, with the suggestion that arrangements might be made through the Transvaal Interdenominational African Ministers' Association.

.... 15: Noted, with instructions that this matter be considered at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee.

.... 16: Noted, and left to the Finance Committee with power to act in view of the present position of finance.

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the previous Executive Meeting (vide Min. Par. 372) he had conveyed to the Secretary the feelings of that Meeting as expressed during the Secretary's absence from that Meeting. The correspondence which had passed between the Chairman and the Secretary was read. A lengthy discussion followed. The Meeting noted with regret that the personnel of the Executive Meetings changed from meeting to meeting - of the members who had been present at the March Executive Meeting only 4 were present at the April Meeting, while 3 were present at the April Meeting who had not attended the March Meeting. The Meeting also noted that 12 members of the Executive Committee were absent from this Meeting.

It was eventually decided to ask the Secretary to retire. The Meeting rejected the proposal by the Rev. J. Reyneke which read: "The Executive decides not to take any further steps with regard to the Secretaryship but to leave the matter where it is after the open discussion of this afternoon."

The Meeting decided to communicate the following to the Secretary, which was done upon his return to the Meeting: "It was agreed to intimate to Mr du Toit: That it is the consensus of opinion of the members present at this meeting, as it was of the members present at the Pretoria Meeting on 27th March, that the Council will not be able to attain the status desired and to accomplish its mission under the present Secretaryship."

The Secretary asked that note be taken of the figures mentioned earlier in the Meeting regarding Executive Members present at Meetings and absent from this Meeting. Upon his question whether the communication made to him (above) was "the unanimous decision of the Meeting" the Chairman replied "No, it is the consensus of opinion of the Meeting".

391. CHAPLAINS: The Rev. J. Reyneke reported that he had been in touch with the Department of Defence regarding the appointment of Chaplains to possible Native Labour Corps. The Department would be grateful to the Christian Council if it would negotiate with the various Religious Bodies and would recommend the appointment of Chaplains. Dr Lennox explained what has been the procedure during the War 1914-19. In reply to a question Mr Reyneke stated that his remarks applied to the appointment of European Chaplains to the Native Labour Corps. The Meeting desired further particulars, and remitted the matter to a Chaplain Committee consisting of the Rev. J. Reyneke (Convener) and Dr. J. Lennox, with power to act after consultation with the Affiliated Bodies.

392. FINNISH MISSION APPEAL: The Meeting received the Report of the Convener (Dr Taylor regarding the English Printed Appeal. The Secretary reported on the Afrikaans Printed Appeal. The Meeting noted that the Council Treasurer had received £112:18:6d, and decided that a List of Contributions received be sent to the press regularly. The Meeting also decided that contributions should be remitted as soon as received, in sums substantial enough to handle. Mr Junod reported the appreciation of the Finnish Mission in Ovamboland for what was being done. The Secretary reported that the D.R. Church Synod of the Transvaal had decided that a Synodical Collection would be taken in each Congregation for Continental Missions in distress through the war, in which would be included the Finnish Missions in Ovamboland. The suggestion was made that donors be allowed, should they so desire, to specify the destination of their gifts.

393. GERMAN MISSIONS: The Chairman reported that, as instructed by the last Meeting of the Executive, he had given attention to the appeals made by Societies on behalf of their interned pastors as revealed in the correspondence handed to him by the Secretary. He had ascertained that the Official to interview was not the Commissioner of Appeals, but the Chief Control Officer. He had visited Pretoria, but was not able to see this Officer, as he was in Cape Town at the time.

The Chairman drew attention to Par 4 of the Secretary's Report, which stated that the Secretary had personally interviewed (i) The Chief Control Officer (ii) The Director of Internment Camps and (iii) The Camp Commandants and asked the Secretary for what purpose he had visited these officials in view of the fact that the Chairman had been appointed at the last meeting to undertake this duty. The Secretary stated that he had done so in the general interests of the Missions and the interned pastors.

The chairman agreed to take the first opportunity of interviewing the Chief Control Officer and would report thereon to the Executive. The Meeting discussed the question of Appeals, and felt that it could not support any individual appeal. Exception was taken to the recommendations of the Secretary in his Report (Par. 4) that the Executive take special note of the cases of Pastor Leue and Pastor Röder. The Secretary replied that he had not acted out of accordance with the policy of the Council as expressed in Min. Par. 330, 345, 359(1), etc. The Committee on German Missions was instructed to meet and to report to the next Meeting of the Executive.

394. PRETORIA CONFERENCE: A Draft Programme, as drawn up by the Executive members who had attended the Meeting called to discuss the Programme in Pretoria on the 13th April, was submitted. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the speakers, or the leaders of any period of discussion, should give direct lead through questionnaires. It was decided that the President of Council should be chairman of the Public Meeting. The Meeting noted that the Rev. W. Nicol was unable to take the chair at the meetings of the first day, as requested by the Programme Committee. It was thereupon decided that the President would open the Conference, and would be in the chair for at least a portion of the first forenoon. He would, in consultation with the Conference Committee, appoint suitable chairman for the various Sessions. Further arrangements were remitted to the Committee with power. The Committee was asked to consider the following: i) that the evening session commence earlier than 8 p.m., in view of the month of June; ii) that a careful selection be made of speakers to take the place of any who might decline, especially the subject "Education"; iii) that another African speaker be considered.

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/(£. RESIGNATION MRS BRIDGMAN: The Chairman read Mrs Bridgman's resignation as Convener of the Sectional Committee on Women's Work which was accepted with sincere regret. The Meeting expressed its gratitude for all that Mrs Bridgman had done. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Bridgman, conveying the feelings of the Committee, and its sincere thanks and wishes of goodwill. Mrs Bridgman had suggested Mrs Lou Hofmeyr as her successor. The Meeting decided to ask Mrs Hofmeyr to take over the Convenership, and to inform her that i) she would not be expected to attend every meeting, but that ii) she would be co-opted a member of such Executive Meetings as she might be able to attend.

The meeting voted to elect Dr Dexter Taylor to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs Bridgman.

396. NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE: It was decided that the next Meeting of the Executive would be held in Johannesburg on Tuesday, 21st May, 1940, at a place to be intimated by the Secretary. The Meeting would commence at 9.30 a.m. Immediate notice of this Meeting should be given.

397. EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE: The Meeting expressed its sincere gratitude to the Rev. and Mrs J. Roberts for their kindness in allowing the Executive the use of Trinity Hall, and for entertaining the members to tea both during the forenoon and during the afternoon.

398. CLOSE OF MEETING: The Chairman closed the Meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

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152, Nicolson Street,

Brooklyn,

PRETORIA.

7th May 1940.

(N.B. These Minutes have been delayed to fulfil  
Min. Par. 384 (ix).

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Dear Fellow-Members,

- 1.. Your attention is drawn to Min. Par. 372 (i) according to which "the next Meeting has been fixed for Tuesday, 23rd April, 1940, at Johannesburg or Bloemfontein." This decision was taken during my absence from the Meeting, but I understand that the venue would be decided after consultation with the Executive resident elsewhere than in Johannesburg or Pretoria. I have accordingly written to all these members and will communicate with you immediately I receive their replies.
- 2.. In Min. Par. 341 (ii) members of the Executive Committee were asked to prepare an outline of the proposed field of action and activities of the Sectional Committees. As an insufficient number of replies were received the Executive again decided to request members to submit their suggestions regarding the work of the Sectional Committees. (Min. Par. 373). You are hereby urged to submit such criticism, proposals or discussion as will enable the Executive at its next Meeting to discuss to some purpose the work of these Committees and to make suggestions that will be of real assistance to the Conveners in their somewhat difficult task.
- 3.. The Draft Agenda for the next Meeting is as follows, and your suggestions will be appreciated:
  1. Devotions.
  2. Roll Call (usually taken by the Secretary while the Meeting is in progress.)
  3. Minutes of previous Meeting. (Circulated; usually taken as read.)
  4. Finance: Reports and other references from the Treasurer and from the Finance Committee.
  5. Sectional Committees: a) Replies from Executive Members on Min. Par. 341 (ii) and 373.  
b) Reports or correspondence from Conveners of Sectional Committees.
  6. Secretary's Report and Programme. (N.B. This will be posted in Pretoria on Wednesday, 17th April, so that every Member may receive a copy before leaving home. It can therefore report up to the middle of April only.)
  7. Matters referred from previous Executive Meeting:
    - a) Bulletin. (Min. Par. 368 (4).)
    - b) Committee on Contacts (Min. Par. 374 (5).)
    - c) Chaplains. (Min. Par. 368 (1).)
    - d) Statement Affiliation Fees: (Min. Par. 369 (2).)
  7. Finnish Missions in Ovamboland. (Vide Min. Par. 366.)
  8. German Missions. (Vide Min. Par. 367.)
  9. Pretoria Conference. (Vide Min. Par. 375.)
  10. Other Matters.
- 4.. Omission, Exec. Min. Par. 366, third line p.2, to read: Dr J. D. Taylor (Convener), Rev. H. P. Junod, and Rev. J. M. du Toit.
- 5.. Omission index letters Min. Par. 369: The four sub-headings Audited Statement, Affiliation Fees, Treasurer and Administration to be numbered (1) (2) (3) and (4) respectively.
- 6.. Personal contact with Members of Committees has proved it to be almost impossible to call Committees to meet at present. Will members of the various Executive Committees (Finance, Bulletin, German Mission, Finnish Mission, Pretoria Conference) and also any Executive Committee Member able to do so, please meet in the St. Andrew's Hall, behind the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Schoeman Street, Pretoria, on Saturday, 13th April, at 11.30 a.m.

Sincerely yours,

152, Nicolson Street,  
Brooklyn, Pretoria.  
10th April, 1940.

*J. M. du Toit*  
SECRETARY.

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa met in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, 224, Visagie Street, Pretoria, on Wednesday, 27th March, 1940, at 9.30 o'clock a.m., for its 24th Meeting. The following is a Record of Procedure at the said Meeting.

361. PRESENT: The following Members of the Executive Committee were present: The Rev. F. Stakes (President of Council, in the Chair), Mrs C. Bridgman, Dean A. R. Kempe, Pastor H. Ph. Junod, Rev. J. Reyneke, Rev. A. Cardross Grant, Rev. S. S. Tema, Rt. Rev. Bishop W. Parker, Dr J. Lennox (Acting Treasurer of Council), Mr J. P. Jooste (Chairman Finance Committee of Council), and Rev. J. M. du Toit (Secretary of Council). Dr A. Kerr attended the afternoon session. The following also attended the Meeting: Rev. J. Coan (on behalf of Rt. Rev. Bishop R. R. Wright), and Dr J. D. Taylor.

362. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from the following: Rev. W. Nicol, Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, Dr A. W. Wilkie, Rt. Rev. R. R. Wright, Sen. Hon. Dr Edgar Brookes (Co-opted), and Sen. Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones (Convener Sectional Committee).

363. DEVOTIONS: The Chairman read a portion of Scripture (Hebrews 12, verses 14 - 29), after which Rev. H. Ph. Junod led the Meeting in prayer.

364. CHANGE OF VENUE: The Chairman announced that it had been found desirable after correspondence with all Members of the Executive Committee, on the grounds of expense and attendance to change the venue of this Meeting from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. The Meeting noted the following remarks: i) Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd had telegraphed as follows: "Deplore venue Executive", and had written as follows: "Do not wish to change from Bloemfontein. Johannesburg means too long absence." ii) The Secretary pointed out that he had arranged, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee, for various engagements in the Orange Free State at the time of the Executive Meeting. The change of venue had necessitated his cancelling some of these engagements, and travelling down to the Orange Free State to fulfil others in spite of the fact that the Executive Meeting was not being held in Bloemfontein. iii) Rev. J. Reyneke wrote as follows: "I think that, other things being equal, it will be better to hold the Meeting in Bloemfontein to avoid giving the impression that Meetings are always being held in the North and to show the willingness of the Transvaal Members to attend elsewhere, even if they are busy like everybody else." The Executive decided to note (i) that the move to hold Meetings of the Executive Committee in different centres had been made at an unfortunate time with an empty treasury, and (ii) that an error had nevertheless been made in changing the venue from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. The Secretary was instructed to write and explain this position to members resident away from Johannesburg and Pretoria.

365. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive, held in Pretoria on the 20th February, 1940, which had been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

366. FINNISH MISSION: Mr Junod read a letter from Mr Bourquin, Officer-in-Charge, Native Affairs, Oshikango, Ovamboland, to whom he had written. Dr Taylor read a letter from Dr Alho, the Superintendent of the Finnish Mission in Ovamboland, written in reply to a request for information by the Secretary. Bishop Parker undertook to write to the Bishop of Damaraland, to discover what assistance the Church of the Province there was able to afford the Finnish Mission. The Executive Committee decided to issue an appeal through the Churches, and appointed the following Committee with authority to launch an appeal on behalf of the Christian Council of South Africa  
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for the relief of the Finnish Mission in Ovamboland, in accordance with the suggestions submitted to the Executive for consideration.

367. GERMAN MISSIONS: The Secretary submitted correspondence regarding interned pastors, the plight of their families, and the effect of their internment on their mission work. The Secretary proposed that the Council take special note of i) the appeal regarding Dr Leue, who was the Treasurer and Administrator of the Berlin Missionary Society, and whose internment seriously affected the work of that Mission; ii) the appeal regarding Pastor Schlemeyer, who had suffered serious illhealth and for whom there was grave concern; and iii) the appeal regarding Mr Egles, the printer of the Hermannsburg Missionary Society, whose services were required by that Mission. Mr Jooste proposed that the Chairman and the Secretary interview the Appeal Advisory Commissioner with a view to the release of the three internees mentioned above, should it appear that there were no charges against them the nature of which was unknown to the Council and was prohibitive to their release. Bishop Parker submitted the following motion, which was seconded by Dr J. Lennox: "That the President be asked to seek an interview with the Commissioner of Appeal, Advocate de Villiers, and to lay before him the correspondence dealing with the German Missions; and to explain the difficulties of the German Missions, due to the internment of some of their pastors!" This motion was carried.

The Committee appointed under Paragraph 345 Exec. Min. was asked to consider especially the financial position of the German Missions, and to report to the Executive Committee and to the International Missionary Council, having taken into account the report of the President regarding his interview with the Appeal Advisory Commissioner.

368. SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary submitted his report which dealt with the matters he had in hand since the previous Executive Meeting. The following points were discussed: 1) Chaplains: It would appear that, as far as the English speaking Churches were concerned, sufficient provision for the supply of chaplains to the forces had been made. The Afrikaans speaking Churches were making direct representation to the Government for the fulfilment of their requirements. Mr Junod raised the question of chaplains to the proposed Native Labour Corps. The Sectional Committee on Evangelism, to which Dr J. Lennox was co-opted for the purpose, was instructed to investigate this matter, and to submit a Report and definite proposals to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. The Convener, Rev. J. Reyneke, who was present, undertook this commission.

2) Sectional Committees: The section of the Report dealing with Sectional Committees would be considered under that heading on the Agenda.

3) Literature: Matters affecting the work of the Literary Secretary or the Sectional Committee on Literature would be dealt with under that heading on the Agenda.

4) Bulletin: The Secretary, and members of the Committee present, reported on the progress of the Bulletin. The Meeting noted: i) that Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd had agreed to read the proofs; ii) that Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd had offered to circulate 1,200 copies of the Bulletin along with the "Outlook"; iii) that the edition decided upon was 3,000 copies. The Meeting decided to leave the final form of the Bulletin to Mr Shepherd, and to empower the Bulletin Committee to act in any other matters arising, and to decide upon the distribution of the remaining copies. The Meeting noted that Dr Taylor could not continue to serve on the Bulletin Committee. The question of future editions of the Bulletin was raised. This was referred to the next Meeting of the Executive.

(At this stage the Secretary drew the attention of the Meeting to the fact that the lunch hour was approaching, and that the Chairman ... of the ...



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of the Finance Committee was unable to attend during the afternoon, whereupon the Meeting decided to discuss the question of Finance.)

369. FINANCE: Audited Statement: The Acting Treasurer, Dr Lennox, submitted an audited Revenue and Expenditure Account, which showed a Bank Balance on 16th March, 1940, of £71:10:1d. The Meeting passed a vote of thanks to the Chartered Accountant, Mr E. Orr, for his valuable services.

Affiliation Fees: The Acting Treasurer reported that a Statement of Affiliation Fees received would be submitted within a few days. The Meeting accepted this report, agreeing to the postponement of consideration of this Statement until the next Meeting of the Executive.

Treasurer: The Meeting expressed its special thanks to Dr J. Lennox, who intimated his decision to retire, for his services as Acting Treasurer of Council, and proceeded to elect a Treasurer. The only name proposed was that of Mr J. P. Jooste. The Meeting noted that Mr Jooste was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and decided to make the following appointments: (i) Rev. W. Nicol, Vice-President of Council, was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee, and (ii) Mr J. P. Jooste was appointed Treasurer of Council. Mr Jooste (who was present) accepted the appointment on condition that Mr Nicol (who was absent) agreed to accept his appointment as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Administration: In view of the fact that both the Treasurer and the Secretary lived in Pretoria, and to fulfil the requirements of the Bank regarding the appointment of signatories, Dr J.D.Taylor moved, and Rev. H.P.Junod seconded, that (i) the Account of the Christian Council of South Africa be moved to Barclay's Bank, Pretoria, and (ii) the Account of the Christian Council of South Africa to be operated upon by the drawing of cheques, etc., by any two of the following three persons: 1) The Treasurer: Mr. J. P. Jooste.  
2) The Chairman of the Finance Committee: Rev. W. Nicol.  
3) The Secretary: Rev. J. M. du Toit.

370. ADJOURNMENT: At 1.10 p.m. the Executive decided to adjourn, the hour of resumption being fixed for 2.15 p.m.

371. RESUMPTION: At 2.15 p.m. the Executive resumed business, Rev. S. S. Tema leading the Meeting in prayer. The Meeting decided to place Finance early on the Agenda for the next Executive Meeting. The Meeting requested the Finance Committee to submit suggestions regarding the improvement of the Financial position of the Council, and to report to the next Executive Meeting. The draft of a letter to Dr Mott was submitted and approved. Dr Taylor would ask Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd to write a personal letter to Dr Mott explaining that the Financial position of the Council had necessitated the decision of the Executive to ask Dr Mott for the amount of £200 to assist the Council for the present period.

372. SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Continued from Min. Par. 368.) The Meeting expressed its desire to have a more detailed report from the secretary, and also to have a detailed schedule of his work on hand. As part of the secretary's programme consideration should be given to the annual meetings of the Affiliated Bodies.

Mrs Bridgman reported on her visit to the Eastern Province, and discussed the contact she had made there with Affiliated bodies. She thanked the Executive for making possible this visit.

Rev. J. Reyneke submitted the following proposal to assist the Secretary in the drafting of his programme and to maintain contact between the Secretary and the Executive Committee as had been the case when the Advisory Committee had been ... appointed ...

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appointed: "The Secretary is instructed to try to attend all Missionary Conferences and similar Meetings in order to gain inside information and make contacts; and to visit as many Missionary institutions as possible in various parts of the Union, touching at as many stations as he can en route; these visits to take place between Executive Meetings, and to be reported on at each meeting."

Dr Taylor spoke on the large financial outlay the Council was making, and the small return it was receiving. Dr Taylor, seconded by Bishop Parker, proposed that the Secretary withdraw and allow the Meeting to discuss matters in his absence. This proposal was adopted.

The Secretary withdrew for over an hour and upon his return was informed that (i) the next Executive Meeting had been fixed for Tuesday, 23rd April, 1940, at Johannesburg or Bloemfontein; and (ii) the discussions of the Executive during his absence would be communicated to him by one appointed thereto after the close of the meeting. The Secretary expressed his disappointment at the procedure adopted in leaving him ignorant of the discussion which had just taken place, and asked permission to make certain remarks which he wished Minuted in view of the fact that no discussion of these difficulties was being permitted in the open Meeting. Permission was granted. The Secretary thereupon made the following statement: "(i) I must necessarily take a serious view of the procedure which has just been adopted here. (ii) I have not been insensible of a feeling of strain from certain quarters, but I would have preferred discussing the difficult situation frankly with the Executive Committee - this is being denied me. (iii) The feeling has been expressed that the Council is getting small return for large outlay - I have felt this too, and have tried to bring it into discussion by introducing it into my Report. (iv) The past four years have produced a struggle which is not easily reported on paper, but today's procedure, but for the absence of my confidant, Mr Nicol, would necessitate my handing my resignation to this Meeting."

Financial Appeal: (Secretary's Report continued.)

The Executive noted the two proposals made in the Secretary's Report, (i) that the Council should initiate such activity as would appeal to its prospective donors, and (ii) that the Council required a sufficient number of volunteers to cover the whole South African field and to present the case of the Council in each of the divisions that might be made for the purpose of appeal, viz. denominational, geographical, Etc. These proposals were referred to the Finance Committee.

Separatism: Matters referred to the Executive Committee from time to time were again stressed in the Report. The information regarding this had been prepared in order that it might be available for the June Conference in accordance with the decision of the Executive. (Min. Par. 348a). In answer to a question as to whether the subject "Separatism" would be discussed at the June Conference, the Executive decided in the negative.

373. SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: The Secretary reported that two replies had been received to his circular asking for suggestions regarding the function of the Sectional Committees. The Meeting decided to urge every Executive Member to reply, and to place this matter early on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Executive.

374. REPORTS: CONVENERS SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: 1) Social Welfare: Mr Junod submitted his resignation, proposing Dr Ray Phillips as his successor. The Executive accepted the resignation, and asked Mr Junod to serve until Dr Phillips had replied to the invitation, which the Meeting decided to extend to him, to take over the Convenership of this Sectional Committee. The Executive expressed its sincere appreciation for what Mr Junod had accomplished, in spite of the severe difficulties under which he had laboured. Bishop Parker and Mr Stakes conveyed these expressions of appreciation to Mr Junod.

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2) Women's Work: Mrs Bridgman had, while the Secretary's Report was being discussed, reported on her visit to the Eastern Province and the Orange Free State. In view of her departure for overseas Mrs Bridgman would be compelled to hand in her resignation at the next Meeting of the Executive, she said. Mrs Bridgman hoped that Mrs J. W. L. Hofmeyr of Cape Town, Regional Convener of Women's Work in the Western Province, would see her way to take over her work as Sectional Convener and also her place on the Executive.

3) Education: The Convener, Dr Kerr, was present, and spoke on his Report which had been circulated. The Meeting accepted Dr Kerr's Report with appreciation.

4) Youth Work: Mrs Bridgman, who had visited Lovedale, discussed with the Meeting the work which Mr Grant (the Convener) had undertaken and the difficulties he had experienced. The Meeting asked the Secretary to correspond with Mr Grant along certain lines indicated, and to urge Mr Grant, if at all possible, to attend the next Meeting of the Executive.

5) Contacts: The Convener, Rev. J.M. du Toit, stated that the work of forming contact (a) with other Councils in South Africa, and (b) with other National Councils, was progressing. As he wished to go into detail about this phase of the work he asked, in view of the lateness of the hour, that his further report be allowed to stand over to the next meeting. This was granted.

6) Medical Work: The Report submitted by the convener, Sen. Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, which had been circulated, was accepted with thanks.

7) Literature: The Executive noted that nobody had as yet been appointed to act as Convener during the absence of M. Mabillo. Mr Shepherd had been asked, but he had telegraphed as follows: "Cannot accept convenership literature till conditions and duties explained by Council." The Meeting decided that this matter would be discussed in detail at the next Meeting along with the whole question of Sectional Committees.

8) Evangelism: The Convener, Mr Reyneke, was present to discuss his work. References, minuted in Par. 368(1), were undertaken by this Committee.

375. PRETORIA CONFERENCE: The Executive discussed in detail the Conference Programme, copies of which had been circulated. It decided that the general heading for the subject would be "Christianity and African Family Life". As speaker on the subject "Disintegration under Modern Conditions" Dr Dube was suggested. The Conference Committee was instructed to fill any vacancies that might occur on the programme. The Committee was also instructed to advertise as widely as necessary, especially by means of handbills and through the various Church Papers.

376. MOTION OF SYMPATHY: The Executive learnt with deep regret of the sudden death of Dr Wellington, daughter of the Rev. A. A. Wellington, Vice-President of Council. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Wellington, assuring him of the sympathy of the Executive Committee and the Council.

377. EXPRESSION OF THANKS: The Executive wished to record its sincere appreciation to the Dutch Reformed Church for the frequent use of the Voortrekker Gedenksaal.

378. BENEDICTION: The Chairman closed the Meeting with the pronouncement of the Benediction.

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*J. Murray du Toit*  
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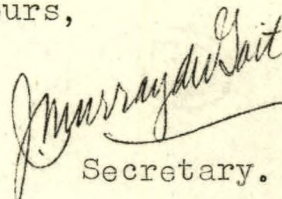
THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 25th EXECUTIVE MEETING.

PART II.

12. Further to Par. 6 in Part I of my Report: The Finnish Appeal has realised over £100 to date. The Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal decided to hold a collection in every congregation in the Transvaal for Continental Missions in South Africa. The money will be handed to the Missions Committee for distribution. (Approx. £400 can be realised by such collection).
13. I have been in touch with each one of our Affiliated Bodies with a view to learning what activities in the form of Conferences, Synods, Missions Committees, &c., they plan for the next few months. A small number of replies have been received. From these I am able to plan for the Natal Missionary Conference on 10/11 July, and the General Assembly of the Bantu Presbyterian Church on 27 September/3 October. I hope that replies during the next fortnight to more letters will enable me to fulfil many more engagements. I have, for example, thought of several days in Durban just before or just after the Natal Missionary Conference, but Durban has already been thoroughly dealt with - more so than any other centre in the Union, with the possible exception of Pretoria. I have also written to Johannesburg for the opportunity of making contact with our Presbyterian friends.
14. I have wondered whether it might not be well to meet with some of those who intend a visit to our Pretoria June Conference, to discuss the Conference programme with individuals or groups beforehand, thereby preparing the way for discussion. It might even be possible to have (on a small scale) a series of Discussions or Conferences prior to Pretoria, so that Pretoria might benefit by the preparatory work.
15. Only one further letter of suggestions regarding the work of the Sectional Committees has been received from Members of the Executive Committee. I hope the Executive will discuss very thoroughly the work of these Committees, so that I, too, may know how better to co-operate with the Conveners in their work. The next step might then be Regional Conferences or Discussion Groups on the work of each of the Sectional Committees, and the Convener, and wherever possible also members of his Committee, might attend with me and take part in leading the discussions.
16. Our Financial Campaign has always been postponed on the grounds that we should wait for the Bulletin. Now that it seems that the Bulletin is soon to appear, we might well outline a detailed Campaign. It will, however, be necessary for each member of the Executive to take a responsible part in this campaign, as it has proved futile for a central Committee to attempt to direct a Union-wide Appeal from Pretoria.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary.

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MINUTES

of the 28th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa held in Darragh House, Johannesburg, on Friday, 23rd Aug. 1940,

430. DEVOTIONS: The Meeting commenced with devotions led by the Rev. F. Stakes who read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. H.P. Junod who lead the Meeting in prayer.

431. PRESENT: The following were present: The Rev. F. Stakes, in the Chair, Dr J. Dexter Taylor, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant, Dean A.R. Kempe, the Rev. D.W. Ross, the Rev. A.A. Wellington, the Rev. H.P. Junod, Dr J. Lennox (co-opted) and the Secretary, the Rev. J. Murray du Toit.

432. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Pretoria and the Rev. J. Reyneke.

433. APPRECIATION: The Rev. F. Stakes assured the Meeting of his appreciation of their love and sympathy during his bereavement. Mr Wellington conveyed his personal condolences, saying that had he known of Mr Stakes' sorrow at the time he would have attended the previous Executive Meeting where neither President nor Vice-Presidents had attended.

434. CO-OPTION: The Executive noted that 21 seats on the Executive were available, while only 12 were filled at present. The Executive co-opted Dr Lennox onto the Executive and would review the question of the vacancies at its next Meeting.

436. DEPUTATION MODERATUUR D.R.C., C.P.: The Secretary explained that Dr Brookes, the only other member of the deputation, had been unable to attend the only Moderatuur Meeting between the time of asking for the interview and the Synod. Dr Wark and Mr Eveleigh, who had been asked to serve on the deputation, and were both in Cape Town at the time, were unable to attend. The Rev. A.F. Louw and Dr G. B.A. Gerdener, both of Stellenbosch, had kindly come over from Stellenbosch as members of the Deputation. The Secretary explained that the position of the Transvaal D.R.C. was the main stumblingblock towards affiliation or satisfactory co-operation of the Cape D.R.C. A Memorandum signed by Mr Louw and Dr Gerdener was read to the Executive, which decided: 1) That Dr Gerdener and Mr Louw be warmly thanked for their assistance; 2) That the Memorandum be translated and be available in both Official Languages for the Executive; 3) That the Secretary draw up a written Report of some 600 words; 4) That due regard be given to the Secretary's expressed conviction that the Transvaal position was the main stumblingblock at present; 5) That the President, the Treasurer and the Rev. A. Cardross Grant wait upon the Rev. Mr Nicol to discuss with him future relationships in Transvaal.

437. DEPUTATION D.R.C., Tvl: The Secretary reported that permission had been received for the Council Deputation to meet the D.R.C. Synodical Commission. This Commission would meet on Oct. 23rd, six days after the commencement of the Synod of the D.R.C., C.P.

438. FINNISH APPEAL: The Treasurer reported that some £1200 had been raised through the Council Appeal for Finnish Missions. Letters of appreciation from Dr Alho were read to the Meeting.

439. APPEAL CONTINENTAL MISSIONS: The Executive discussed the position of Continental Missions in Africa, and read statements from those who had replied to the Council request for information: The Paris Mission, The Swiss Mission, The Norwegian Mission, The Swedish Mission, The Hermannsburg Mission, the Rhenish Mission and the Berlin Mission. A letter from the I.M.C. was read to the Meeting. (Cont.)

440. ADJOURNMENT AND RESUMPTION: The Meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m. and resumed session at 2.15 p.m.

441. Cont. 439 above: The Executive appointed the following Appeal Committee for Continental Missions: The Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Rev. H.P. Junod. This Committee was instructed 1) To thank the public for its support of the Finnish Mission, 2) To tabulate the needs of the Continental Missions, 3) To issue a General Appeal on behalf of Continental Missions, 4) To merge the Finnish Appeal Fund with the Con-

tinental Missions Appeal Fund, 5) To contact the DRC of the Tvl which was willing to co-operate in this respect, 6) To state that donations might be earmarked for any special mission, 7) To state that complete lists of the Finnish receipts had been sent to the press which had not published them, 8) To summarise the Finnish Receipts so as to indicate their source.

443. SECRETARYSHIP: The Secretary reported that he had decided to assume duty as Pastor Loci of his own Church in the Rustenburg Congregation at the end of September. He assured the Executive of his continued interest in the work of the Council, and his conviction that the object of the Council was worth while. The Executive appointed the following members a Committee to arrange for the carrying on of the secretarial work: The Chairman, The Treasurer, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant and Dr J. Lennox. Dr Lennox, upon the request of the Meeting, framed the following appreciation of the work of the Secretary: "The Executive of the Christian Council of South Africa record their appreciation of the services rendered to the Executive and the Council by the Rev. J. Murray du Toit, who has held office as Secretary since the Council was established in 1936. Mr du Toit has shown great diligence in the many duties of this office, and has shown a deep and genuine interest in the work of the Council. As he is now about to enter on ministerial work in his own Church, the Christian Council, through its Executive, wish him all happiness and success in his Master's Service."

444. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: It was decided that the next Executive Meeting would be held in the Small Hall, Darragh House, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1940, at 10 o'clock a.m.

445. CORRESPONDENCE: The Executive attended to the following correspondence:

1. Dr Macvicar had agreed to take on the responsibility for Medical Section.
2. Bishop Parker found it impossible to serve on the Executive, owing to pressure of work. This letter would stand over until the next meeting.
3. The Executive noted that the Council Account had been transferred from Pretoria to the Natal Bank Branch, Johannesburg.
4. The Executive appointed the following persons as signatories on behalf of the Council in matters relating to deposits and withdrawals of the Council Funds: The Treasurer, and either the President or the Rev. A. Cardross Grant. Due notice of this appointment should be given to the Bank.
5. The Executive noted with interest the publication of "Christian Symbols in a World Community" - an effort to encourage meaningful artistic expressions of our Christian Faith among the younger Churches.
6. The Executive noted correspondence on the World Fellowship of Prayer.
7. The Executive noted Mrs Creed's suggestion regarding Continental Missions. These were covered by Min. Par. 439/441. Her suggestion regarding the appointment of a woman on the Executive was welcomed, but the Executive found its hands tied as it might only appoint to its membership members of Council. The only woman ever appointed a member of Council had immediately been appointed to the Executive. At present there was no woman member.
8. Letters from the Congregational Union of S.A. and the South African Sunday School Association, expressing interest in the welfare of the Council, were read and noted with appreciation and gratitude.
9. The Executive noted correspondence from the Holy Apostolic Church in Zion requesting permission for Government Recognition, Registration, and the acquiring of Church Sites in Locations. The Meeting felt that this was not within the scope or power of the Council.
10. Correspondence regarding Refugees was referred to the Affiliated Bodies themselves for their opinion and suggestions.
11. Correspondence regarding Church Union in Nigeria was noted with interest and referred to the Bulletin Committee.
12. The Executive passed for payment the A/c of £1:5/- from Messrs Hortors.

446. INTERNED MISSIONARIES: The Secretary reported on his visit to the 24 interned Missionaries. The Executive spent a while discussing possibilities of assisting the missions affected. A letter from the Rev. J. Jeanjacquet was referred to the Rev. H.P. Junod.

448. CHAPLAINS: The Convener of the Committee on Chaplains to the Native Labour Corps, the Rev. J. Reyneke, was not present, and had submitted no report. The Secretary was instructed to seek information.

449. CLOSE: After Mr Cardross Grant had been thanked for tea supplied, the Meeting closed with the Benediction.

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