and Headmen were not informed and that the meeting was opened by the Rev. Buhr. The Bakwena again objected to this kind of procedure and entreated the Chief to convene a proper Tribal Meeting, in which the resolution passed by the Village Council will be discussed. The Chief refused to comply with the request of the people and gave instructions that the building of amalgamated schools be proceeded with. He threatened to punish those who did not adhere to his instructions.

On the 1st Sept 1938 Rev. Buhr accompanied by Daniel More present acting Chief, Abram Mamogale, Rev Segale, Isaac Poho and others went and pegged the site upon which the new school had to be erected. This action of the Rev. Buhr supported by the acting Chief great annoyed the Bakwena because this was not the decision of the Chief in Council and the Tribe in General. The people expressed their disatisfaction with the action of the Rev. Buhr and those who accompanied him by sending a deputation to the Chief in Council and Headmen to protest againt the attitude adopted by the Rev Buhr. And petitioned the Chief to redress their complaints. But the Chief did nothing to satisfy the people.

The people realising that the Chief had negatived their humble requests of redressing their complaints, and that the action of the Rev. Buhr was a serious violation of their tribal rights demanded that he be ejected. The Chief again declined to do anything to appease the people.

At this juncture a deputation interviewed the additional Native Commissioner Rustenburg in connection with the unstaisfactory state of affairs at Bethanie and asked him to intervene. But the Commissioner took no steps towards bringing about some amelioration.

On the 13th April 1939 a deputation interviewed the Chief Native Commissioner for Northern Areas Pretoria, but with no satisfactory results.

On the 17th September 1939 the woman picketted the Church as a protest against being denied the use of it. And the police officials promised that an enquiry would be made as a means to try and settle the dispute in the best manner possible.

On the 22nd November 1939 the Chief Native Commissioner for Northern Arear accompanied by the Chief Magistrate of Rustenburg, Commandant of police and several othere Government officials came to Bethanie. The Chief Native Commissioner addressed a meeting of the Bakwena. He

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announced that Chief Mamogale (late) was on sick leave and that Daniel More was the acting Chief with Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and that the Rev Buhr was to remain in Bethanie, and that the Church was erected for the Hermansburg Mission. This meeting ended in disorder.

The same day 28 women were arrested and charged with public violence. The acting chief started ruling the tribe with an iron hand. He dismissed all Councillors and Headmen who were opposed to him and the Rev. Buhr. He collected a number of young men whom he termed his police. Some of these men had criminal records. The Chief armed these young men with dangerous weapons.

These so called police assaulted and injured several men and women, who were disatisfied with the Rev. Buhr and the acting Chief. Some of the people assaulted sustained serious injuries such as, fractured limbs. Charges were laid against the acting Chief's police, but they were all discharged by the Native Commissioner and the magistrate at Marikana. Qualified Doctors gave evidence to prove how seriously certain people were injured but that did not help to get them convicted.

The attention of the Senator. R. Jones , R. V. Selope Thema and R. G. Baloyi (Members of the Native Representative Council) was drawn to this sad state of affairs, but they could not do anything. The Native Affairs Department was also approached on several occasions in connection with this matter.

On the 21st July 1940 a group of the acting Chiefs police molested the young men of the opposing section by pointing sticks and throwing stones at them. This incidentoccured at the residence of certain member of the Tribe where people had gathered for the purpose of consolation. The opposing section after tolerating much provocation decided to retaliate. In great fury they rushed at the Chiefs police who ran away. But having been provoked beyond limit they in their fury went and set the Church on fire. As result of this action 46 members of the opposing side have been convicted to 6 and 9 months imprisonment with hard labour.

The Bakwena are today split into two hostile camp. They are very much devided. Approximately 90% of the people are opposed to the Acting Chief and the Rev. Buhr. Yet such an overwhelming majority of the people are denied the right to invite a Minister of their choice to perform the

disorder.

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Relegious and sacred rites.

The Tribe also strongly protest against the action of the Government in appointing a man as a Chief who is far in the line of succession to the throne with out consulting the tribe.

In conclusion we still pray the Government to institute and impartial Commission of enquiry to bring about peaceful settlement of the existing tribal dispute, at Bethanie.

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TRAINING
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P.O. WILBERFORCE,
EVATON, TRANSVAAL,
SOUTH AFRICA.

26th December, 1940.

Dr. A.B. Xuma,
104 End Street, Doornfontein,
Johannesburg,
Tvl.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am sending you the two Cheques Nos. ~~B~~ W 88370 and ~~B~~ W 88371 each of which amount to £5-0-0 drawn on the account of Crogman Community Clinic. They were returned for the endorsement of yourself as well as my own endorsement. I am requesting you that you kindly endorse each of them and post to me again.

Kindly in making Cheques out for the nurses and Petty Cash do not cancel the word "Bearer". In several instances I have had to cancel the word "Order" and rewrite "Bearer" and give my signature. It would be better in the case of these parties to leave the word "Bearer".

Sincerely yours,
J.R. Coan
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P.O.Box2o3,
PRETORIA.
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DR. A. B. Xuma,
I04 End Street,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

Since I got home the other day I placed the matter of the medical bursary before my wife and she and I have decided that I should take the opportunity at once.

As I had already told Senator Rheinalt- Jones that I though that the best thing was that I wait for a year ,I have w ritten to him to inform him that I have now decided to avail myself of the chance of going early next year.

I think that I shall have no difficulty in getting my permission to leave my work.

This letter is written so that you may have definite word to testify that I really desire to enter for the course.

I shall wait on word from you before I approach the T.E.D. re my notice.

I am,

yours faithfully,

W.F.NKOMO.(B.Sc.)

W. F. Nkomo.

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Dr A. B. Xuma

We are well & will be pleased to hear you are the same. I understand Nomaledi will soon get married as she tells us of a young minister who wants to marry her & I understand she complies with the proposal. Dumisa has passed his first-year J.C. I don't know of Makosi yet, will soon hear about him, my mind is that Dumisa should be apprenticed early under an able & successfull business men I cannot be able to push forward the two boys without Nomaledis help, & above all teaching posts are only a strain to health & unprofitable a lot of the B. As have quitted their posts & are going in for business I would not like to waste too much while every body now wants to learn business. Do you know of any body who is running some business like butchery, baking & shop keeping, to whom you could recommend my boy

and ask him to employ him so as to learn ~~practically~~ practicaly the above named branches of business my family is to large, + two boys are in std V, I can see the education of these two, while nomalady is not assisting, will ruin me + thus cause the rest of my children to get no education. Cant the men in your shops take him? please see or advise what I should do. times are too bad + are likely to be worse. Hones is the family, can sisi speak a bit of our language? tell her we are anxious to see her, but you are too far I beg to remain

Yours in the regards

Bentwa

Supt. Elephant

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27 December 1940

Dear Dr. Xuma

Enclosed are few application for post as nurse in the Crogman Community Clinic. I am leaving them with you.

I hope we may have a meeting after I shall have adjusted the affairs of the church. I do not see much of a chance for this meeting before I return from the Rhodesias. I plan to leave either on the 13th. or the 18th. How long I shall be there? God only knows. I understand from the delegation that there is much to do in all of the colonies. This means I must visit the Capitols of all of them and make new arrangements for our church and schools. When I return, I may be able to hold the meeting of the Board of Managers.

Sincerely yours,

J.R. Coan

J.R. Coan

Personal 28/12/40
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Chief Dalubuhle and Mrs Matanzima of the Great Place, Qamata
request the pleasure of

Dr. & Mrs A. B. Xuma's

company at the marriage of the late Chief Mhlobo's eldest son

Kaiser Daliwonga

to

Miss Agracia Dade

daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Xolilizwe Sangoni of
Wesleyville Mission, Qokolweni, at the Mhlobo's
Methodist Church, Qamata
on Saturday, December 28th, 1940
at 9 a.m.

R.S.V.P.
P.O. Qamata

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Joint Councils 31/12/1940

ANNUAL REPORT -- 1940

1. ATTENDANCE:

Eleven ordinary meetings, of which one was an adjournment of the May meeting, were held during the year, the average attendance being (a) members 23, (b) visitors 5.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

Fourteen new members were elected and ~~fixx~~ seven resigned. The membership now stands at 122.

In May, 1940, your Council was regretfully obliged to accept the resignation of Mrs. Bridgman owing to her departure for America. In appreciation of her services your Council made her an Honorary Member and presented her with a small gift in token of the regard in which her services were held.

3. OFFICERS:

The following held office during the year:-

		Attendance P.	A.	R.
Chairman:	Dr. A. B. Xuma	10	7	2
Vice-Chairman: (until October)	Mrs. E. Hellmann	5.	5	-
Vice-Chairman: (from October)	Mr. D. H. Darling	10	9	-
Honorary Treasurer:	Advocate A. Fischer	10	-	3
Honorary Secretary: (until October)	Mr. E. L. Benjamin	5	5	-
Honorary Secretary: (from October)	Mrs. E. Hellmann	4	4	-
Assistant Secretary:	Mr. W. B. Ngakane	10	4	1
Additional Members of the Executive Committee	Mr. D. E. Douglas	1	1	-
	Mr. A. Habedi	10	8	-
	Miss E. Hawarden	10	6	1
	Mr. P. R. B. Lewis	7	6	1
	Miss D. Maud	10	8	2
	Mr. S. P. Mqubuli	10	3	-
	Rev. H. Nawa	10	6	-
	Dr. R. E. Phillips	10	3	3
	Mr. I. Rathebe	10	-	-
	Mr. J. Rathebe	10	3	-
	Father R. Raynes	10	9	-
	Mr. A. L. Saffery	10	6	3
	Dr. J. Dexter Taylor	5	4	1
	Rev. S. S. Tema	10	2	2
	Mr. D. Twala	10	5	-
	Adv. H. J. B. Vieyra	4	-	-
	Mr. B. W. Vilakazi	10	1	-

Attendance at Executive Meetings:

P. indicates number of attendances possible
A. indicates actual attendances
R. indicates apologies for absence.

Mr. E. L. Benjamin resigned from the Executive Committee in October, consequent upon his engaging on full-time war work.

- Mr. D. H. Darling -

Mr. D. H. Darling was elected Vice-Chairman and Mrs. E. Hellmann Honorary Secretary from that date. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor was elected to fill the vacancy thereby caused on the Executive. Mr. D. E. Douglas, who is now on Active Service, was granted leave of absence for the duration of the war and Mr. P. R. B. Lewis was elected to the Executive Committee in his place.

During the absence of the Honorary Secretary on four weeks leave, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. H. Darling, kindly took over the secretarial work.

4. FINANCE OF NATIVE SERVICES IN URBAN AREAS:

Throughout the year which is now under review your Council has devoted considerable time and attention to a study of the financial policy of the City Council in regard to its African population and to the implications which flow therefrom and are reflected in the housing and living conditions of urban Africans, more especially those accommodated in the Municipal townships.

The very able analysis of the Native Revenue Account given by Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, in August served to focus the attention of Council on two facts of major importance;

1. Since 1938 when the Beer Halls were first established, there has been no contribution from General Revenue to the Native Revenue Account, deficits on this account having been carried forward from year to year, thus making the Native Revenue Account self-balancing.

2. It is clear that Beer profits, which amounted to £32,768 in 1939 and are estimated to total £73,241 for the year 1941-1942, are paying for a large proportion of the expenses of the Native Revenue Account.

It was felt that these and other facts should be brought to the notice of the public and a sub-committee was appointed to plan a campaign to arouse public interest. This sub-committee met and decided to print a pamphlet on this subject and that speakers should address other associations. Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, a member of the sub-committee has addressed several associations, but in view of the formation of a new committee, the African Townships Committee, Johannesburg and District, which has a wide and varied membership of individuals and associations, the first part of this plan has been deferred.

Consideration of the Native Revenue Account involved detailed discussion of the Municipalities Beer policy. It had been hoped that the Minister of Native Affairs, as indicated in the Press, would call a conference on beer-hall policy, but, the Minister, in a letter to Council, stated the Government was at the present moment unable to consider the calling of Conferences. Many divergent opinions as to the desirability of total prohibition or otherwise, of domestic brewing or canteens, were expressed by members, but all were agreed that Council "deprecates the use of the profits from the Municipal brewing of beer for the running of permanent services which should be a charge on the General Revenue" and passed a resolution to that effect.

Your Council is still concerned at the lack of many amenities in the Orlando houses, and while it welcomes the improvements in the houses now being constructed, viz. the laying on of individual water taps to every house and the fact that no house will have less than two bedrooms, it still hopes that the future will bring yet more improvements. Members of your Council paid a visit to Atteridgeville, where they were conducted round the new location by Mr. Brent, and were encouraged by and impressed with

with this new scheme in Pretoria.

The question of the insecurity of tenure in the Municipal Townships and the fact that no rights of ownership can vest in the tenant was raised, and your Council now awaits with great interest development of the freehold township which it is proposed to establish.

5. MILK SALES IN NATIVE TOWNSHIPS:

The whole question of the insufficiency of the milk and butter consumption among Africans has concerned your Council for a long time. As early as 1935, your Council communicated with the Dairy Industry Control Board when the scheme for supplying dairy products to necessitous school children was just introduced, urging that urban African children should come under the scheme. As the whole scheme was regarded then as being only experimental, this request was refused. This year, when control of the State aided dairy products distribution scheme, was transferred from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Social Welfare, your Council addressed the Minister of Social Welfare urging the claims of the Native people to be included in the scheme. The reply was that first, the adequacy or otherwise of the supplies available to meet a considerably increased demand requires investigation and, secondly, additional funds for which no provision has been made on the estimates for the current financial year, would have to be made available if the scheme is to be extended as suggested.

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Your Council, however, was well aware of the fact that even if this scheme were accepted, the problem of inducing a demand for these protective foods and of meeting this demand at a price within the reach of a very economically depressed section of the community still had to be faced. As one line of approach, therefore, your Council wrote to the Sub-Committee for the Rationalisation of Consumption drawing attention to the needs, more especially of urban Africans and suggesting that there is scope in South Africa for making skimmed milk of which there are said to be large quantities available in the form of milk powder, which would have the advantages both of being inexpensive and of being convenient to store.

Meanwhile, a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Karlton Johnson and Mr. P. R. B. Lewis, has been actively engaged in studying the present position in regard to milk supplies in Orlando and in drawing up a practical scheme for the more adequate provision of milk in that township. After this sub-committee had submitted to Council both reports on the present milk supply and on the new plans for the erection of four milk depots in Orlando, your Council considered the three alternatives under which such milk depots could be operated: viz. on a subsidised basis, leased out to individual Africans or as municipalised non-subsidised concerns. Finally, your Council decided to support a non-subsidised scheme run by the Native Affairs Department, recommending at the same time that, those Africans now engaged in handling milk should be employed in the new scheme at an economic wage. This proposal is now to be discussed with the Advisory Boards by the Sub-Committee and thereafter to be forwarded to the Manager of the Non-European and Native Affairs Department.

6. ORLANDO TRAINFARES:

In July, 1939, your Council made representations to the Minister of Railways urging a reduction in the Orlando trainfares, but was met with the reply that it would not be possible to reduce these fares as the position would then be that other railway users were subsidising the users of this line, and that the fares were already very low, viz. one fifth of a penny per mile travelled (calculated on the basis of a monthly season ticket). Your

Council thereupon urged the Minister to reduce season tickets to 2/-, to include Sundays in weekly tickets and to make tickets available to the City limits without additional charge. It was at the same time suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of installing machines to issue weekly tickets in order to reduce handling charges. The reply to these proposals was again negative. Copies of Council's proposals and the Ministers reply have now been sent to the Advisory Boards and further action is contemplated in the future.

6. PERMITS IN WESTERN NATIVE TOWNSHIP:

At the last Annual General Meeting the vexed question of lodgers' and visitors' permits to this township was raised. It was alleged that the location regulations requiring any person other than the registered occupier, his wife and unmarried children or dependents residing with him, present in the location between the hours of 9 p.m. and sunrise to produce a permit or to show that his presence was for "good and sufficient reasons", had suddenly been invoked by the Police who were arresting both residents and visitors. A deputation appointed by Council visited the Township and met several members of the Advisory Board. The deputation pointed out various anomalies in the working of the system, such as the facts that the guards had no knowledge of the necessity for visitors to have permits, that no facilities for obtaining permits were available after office hours, and that the majority of location residents were unaware of this regulation. At a meeting of your Council in May 1940, Mr. Ballenden delivered an address in which he stated that he was meeting the four Advisory Boards and was attempting to work out an acceptable scheme. Mr. Ballenden undertook to put up notices in the Native languages at the location gates warning intending visitors that they should obtain permits.

Subsequently it was reported that at the meeting of the four Advisory Boards with Mr. Ballenden, it was decided that the registered occupier of a house must notify the Superintendent of any intending visitors for more than one night: but no permit would be issued. In the absence of such notification, action would be taken against the registered occupier.

Further it was decided that the Municipal Police and not the South African Police should enforce location regulations and that they would be given the power to arrest loiterers in the locations and to take them before the Superintendent for investigation.

Later in the year complaints were again brought to Council that the Police were still arresting people without permits in the Township. Enquiry elicited the information that the new regulations would have to be drafted and pass through various channels before they could be put into operation. This procedure would take about a year. Your Council, therefore, urged that meanwhile the old regulations should be enforced in the spirit of the new ones.

7. MAINTENANCE GRANTS:

Following upon the urgent representations made by the South African National Council for Child Welfare, the Children's Aid Society and your Council during 1939 to revise the policy set out in a circular issued by the Secretary for Social Welfare which stated that maintenance grants for children in rural and urban areas would not be made in future, the circular was amended slightly. The position now is that grants may be made to indigent African mothers residing in urban areas on the same basis as those made to mothers of other races but on a much lower scale with a much lower "ceiling". Your Council communicated this alteration to the Advisory Boards and the Bantu Press in an attempt to bring the provisions of the circular to the notice of an uninformed public.

8. ABOLITION OF SCHOOL FEES:

A deputation appointed by your Council waited on Dr. Eiselen, chief Inspector of Native Education of the Transvaal Education Department, in order to discuss what provision the Department intended making to cover expenditure formerly met out

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of school fees on items such as additional teachers not paid by the Department, school equipment, sanitary fees, and repairs on buildings for which no rent grant was received. In especial the deputation emphasised the necessity for making provision for expansion and expressed the hope that the abolition of school fees would not retard progress in education. Senator J. D. Rheinallt Jones is pursuing this matter further with the relevant authorities.

10. HEALTH FACILITIES:

(a) After-Care in Hospitals:

The Johannesburg General Hospital Board during the year, approved the principle of appointing a special committee to care for patients after their discharge, and your Council made representations to the Hospital Board urging that the sub-committee consider the pressing needs of African patients in this connection.

Your Council directed a request to the Hospital Board pointing out that many Africans who had to report back to the hospital at stated intervals for treatment frequently failed to do so as they could not pay the transport expenses. Your Council therefore urged the Board to consider issuing free transport vouchers in such cases. This suggestion owing to a number of reasons, did not find favour. Meanwhile, in order to assist such out patients, even to a small extent, your Council has suggested to the Manager of the Transport Department that the Rosebank bus be diverted to Hospital Street, thus providing direct transport from the station.

(b) Free Ambulance Transport:

Council is at present considering this question and will shortly wait upon the Medical Officer of Health to draw attention to the difficulty of obtaining the District Surgeon's services, upon whose recommendation alone a free ambulance can be obtained.

11. EMPLOYMENT OF AFRICANS:

(a) In the Police:

The same deputation in which Miss R. Hayman of the Legal Aid Bureau and Mr. Mr. H. M. Basner were co-opted, which met Colonel Horak to discuss certain alleged misdemeanours on the part of the Police towards Africans, raised the question of the employment of Africans in the police force. Colonel Horak stated that the Force was anxious to recruit men with as high educational qualifications as possible, preferably Standard 6, but that recruiting officers found it impossible to get such men. In order to attach educated Africans to the Police your Council decided to make representations to Police Headquarters for increased salaries for African police.

(b) In the Post Office:

In pursuance of a resolution passed in 1939, urging the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs to appoint Africans as Postmasters and other postal officials in urban Native Townships, a Joint Council deputation, with the assistance of Mr. Handel Thompson, sought interviews with the Postmaster and Assistant Postmaster, Johannesburg, and the Post Office Under-Secretary of Staff. Later a deputation of the Parliamentary representatives of the Africans visited the Minister and the Postmaster-General, who gave the deputation a favourable hearing and promised an investigation into the possibility of the further employment of Africans in the Post Office.

- 12. COPPER BELT RIOTS: -

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At the last Annual General Meeting, your Committee sent a resolution to the Chief Secretary for Northern Rhodesia, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Press, deploring the tragic events in Northern Rhodesia and urging the appointment of a Commission to enquire into events leading up to the riots and into the whole question of industrial relations on the Copper Belt. A Commission was subsequently appointed at which Mr. J. Lewin, at the invitation of the Southern African Committee on Industrial Relations gave evidence on behalf of the African workers. Your Council contributed £12. 12. 0. (£7. 7. 0. being donations from Council Members) towards this Committee, which was formed for the purpose of securing representation for Africans before the Commission.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

(a) A communication was addressed to the Chief Pass Officer drawing his attention to the incivility of clerks in the Market Street Pass Office.

(b) Council is at present considering the new Factories Bill, which, though it contains many benefits for workers, will have to be opposed because it places such unrestricted rights in the hands of the Minister and gives him such wide powers on such basis of "discrimination or differentiation as he may think advisable" to exclude any class of employee from the benefits of the act.

(c) Your Council has drawn the attention of the System Manager to the unsatisfactory condition of the public conveniences at Park Station, Orlando, Springs and Benoni stations.

(d) After two members of Council had inspected the new conveniences erected at Noord Street, a request was sent to the Town Clerk asking that as vacancies occur consideration should be given to the possibility of employing Africans as attendants.

14. REPORTS AND ADDRESSES:

During the year your Council was fortunate in hearing the following addresses:-

Mr. J. Lewin gave a report of his visit to the Copper Belt where he gave evidence on behalf of the African workers.

Mrs. Henderson, Welfare Officer to the Johannesburg Non-European and Native Affairs Department, spoke most informatively on her work in the Municipal Townships.

In August, Miss S. E. Smith, of the same Department, presented an interesting account of her work as House-craft and Domestic Science Demonstrator in the Townships.

The following month Miss N. Hayman, Director of the Legal Aid Bureau, ably outlined to Council extensions in the activities of the Bureau.

In December, Captain D. H. Epstein, M.P.C., impressed Council with an authoritative lecture on "Some Aspects of Native Administration in Johannesburg", which was illustrated with a film taken by the lecturer.

15. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS, AT CONFERENCES, ETC:

Your Council continues to be affiliated to the South African Institute of Race Relations on whose Council it is represented by Advocate A. Fischer and Rev. S. S. Tema.

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Your Council was also represented on the South African Committee on Industrial Relations and on the Association of European and African Women.

All members of your Executive Committee were invited to join a committee very recently formed, the African Townships Committee, Johannesburg and District. A number of them responded to this invitation and are now intimately associated with the activities of the new committee.

Your Council is also represented on the Committee of Rotary formed to consider the calling of a Conference on Amalaita Gangs.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AFRICAN WOMEN, NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

BLOEMFONTEIN. DECEMBER 7, 1940.

Resolutions passed.

(A) HEALTH AND TRAINING OF AFRICANS FOR HEALTH SERVICE.

(a) Employment of African Nurses. That all Branches be asked to investigate in their native Wards of their Local Hospitals, and to press the Hospital Boards to employ Native Trained Nurses where this is not already done.

(b) Training of African Nurses.

(1) This conference requests that a Mothercraft training be established for those nurses who have obtained Medical Council General Course or Midwifery Certificates. The need for such nurses is very great, namely :- To help mothers with their babies and to reduce the deplorably high infant mortality rate, and the high rate of maternal morbidity.

(2) This conference requests that arrangements be made for the full training and certification of African male and female mental nurses.

(3) This conference requests that arrangements be made for the training of and certification of African male nurses in general, and surgical nursing.

(B) AVENUES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR AFRICANS.

(a) Postal.

This conference requests that the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs will establish a service of African Postal Clerks, male or female, for those African men and women, who have gained the Junior Certificate. It is requested that these clerks should be given the same training and should be required to take the same qualifications as European Clerks, and to give the necessary guarantees.

Such clerks are necessary in large Urban Locations, at the Native Counters in large Urban Post Offices, and in Native Rural Post Offices.

(b) Police and Prison Officers.

This conference requests the Government to consider the Possibility of establishing a higher grade Police Service for Africans, who possess a suitable educational certificates;and that if possible, special training for such a service be provided in the form of a special service Battalion;conference also requests that prison Warders and Wardresses, be drawn from suitably educated and trained youngmen and women; and that the renumeration of such police or prison officers be commensurate with the education and training required.

(c) Education.

This conference requests the Education Department to train African girls, who are taking domestic science courses, as part or full time teachers of handwork, and the renumeration for such teachers be higher than for tatally unqualified teachers.

(d) LODGERS PERMITS IN URBAN LOCATIONS.

This conference requests the Secretary for Native Affairs, to give very serious consideration to requests for Native Advisery Boards with regard to the abolish~~ment~~ or alteration of regulations with regard to Lodgers Permits.

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- THE JOHANNESBURG AFRICAN CHORAL SOCIETY -

First Annual Report Year Ending 31.12.40.

This report is a brief summary of the main activities of the Society since its inception, viz., the 1st September, 1940. It is made in accordance with a resolution passed at the General Meeting of the Society held at the Ritz Hall on Friday December the 6th, 1940.

-MEMBERSHIP-

During these four months the Society was able to muster a complement of (18) eighteen members, (13) thirteen women and (5) five men. For various reasons all the Secretarial work of the Society and general administration was entrusted to the Founder until such time as it was felt that the Society was well established. On Friday 6th December 1940, at a properly constituted meeting of the Society, an Executive Committee was elected, thus relieving the founder of the duties of the general administration of the affairs of the Society:-

The following constitute this Committee:-

President .	:-	Mr. T. Butelezi.
Vice President	:-	Mr. J. Lekgeta.
Hon. Secretary	:-	Mrs. Salome Masoleng.
Hon. Ass. Secy.	:-	Mrs. Edith Mabela.
Treasurer	:-	Mr. Owen Mlisa.

Additional Committee Members Mrs. Caroline Tsotsobe and Mr. Liphudo.

-GENERAL ACTIVITIES-

One public performance was given by the Society during the period under review, viz., a Recital of Handels Messiah. The thanks of the Society go to Miss. Margaret Crallan who assisted us in preparation of the Programme to the extent of conducting the Choir on Monday the 2nd December, 1940.

-P A T R O N S-

A number of Europeans and Africans were asked to become Patrons of the Society and it is a pleasure to report that most of the people so asked kindly accepted the invitation. Indeed this opportunity cannot be left to go by without acknowledging with grateful appreciation the help given us by our Patrons in making liberal donations to our funds; especially so, that many have decided to subscribe amounts equal to their initial contributions annually at the beginning of every year. Again here one is happy to report that some of these subscriptions have been received already.

-F I N A N C E-

The finances of the Society for this period came from two sources viz., Donations from Patrons and the Proceeds of the Concert of the 2nd December, 1940. From the former £8.17.6, was received while the latter made £17. so that at the close of the year an amount of £25.17.6. was realised. The expenditure for the same period, totalled £20.3s.0. leaving us with a balance of £5.14.6.

The Society feels that for a long time voluntary finincial aid from Patrons will be a major source of its income, and takes this opportunity of appealing to all Patrons who are so able to make annual subscriptions to its funds.

PROGRAMME FOR 1941.

1. Music Classes for members under the direction of a European teacher to be paid from the funds of the Society.

2. Public performances;- (a) A series of concerts in which a Programme of Native Music will be done.

(b) A series of Concerts under the direction of Miss Margaret Crallan in which a programme selected by Miss. Crallan will be done.

(c) A series of Recitals in which Handel's Messiah will be the Programme.

-G E N E R A L-

(a) Finance. Our main and immediate task is to how to augment the funds of the Society. Because of this, an appeal has been made to several institutions for financial assistance.

(b) Acknowledgements. Our success during the year was mainly due to the help given us by various people including our patrons. We again wish to thank these people for their kindness and wish that our association may be a long one. To our patrons we would say, we hope that their confidence in us is not misplaced. Help came from many individuals in various ways. It is impossible to mention all these here, and it would be unfair to single out a few. There is however, just one person whom we cannot omit to mention; and that is Miss Margaret Crallan, without whose help perhaps our Society would have never seen its establishment.

Lastly, our thanks to the individual members of the Society is perhaps better

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felt than said. The founder wishes to record his gratefulness to the sacrifice of time and money made by members and prays that the loyalty so shown by them continues.

All communications relevant to this report to be sent to Conductor:-

J.A.C.S.
756 Matsemela Street,
Western Native Township,
JOHANNESBURG.

and all donations made to our funds to be by cheque and made to the Johannesburg African Choral Society. (Above address)

(Signed) Allan Butelezi President)
S.J. Masoleng Secretary)
O. Mlisa Conductor)

Prof. R.F.A. Hoernle.
Patrons - The Rt. Rev., The Bishop of Johannesburg. The Hon. Mr. Justice Ramsbottom, The Hon. Mr. Justice Millin, Principal H.R. Raikes, Prof. P. Kirby, Mrs. A.L. Reitz, M.P., Mr. F. Handel Thomson M.P.C., Mr. E. Lowe (Director of Native Labour) Mr. H. Wellbeloved, Mr. G. Ballenden, Dr. A.B. Xuma, Mr. Paul Mosaka, Mr. King (Juta & Co.,) Adv. H.J. Vieyra and Mr. H. Britten.

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