

the reasons for overseas printing, source of printing and publication, amounts spent on literature production in South Africa and overseas, etc and was preparing a report to submit to the Executive.

f) Social Welfare: (Convener: The Rev. H. P. Junod). The convener was present to discuss the work of his Committee. It was decided that every effort be made for the holding of the proposed conference on Native Marriages. The convener had been in correspondence with the Rev. J. Rabie of the Federated Council of Dutch Reformed Churches, and further consultation with that body was referred to the Rev. Mr. Nicol.

312. APPRECIATION: Upon adjournment the meeting was entertained to tea by the Rev. A. Cardross Grant. Upon resumption the meeting expressed its sincere appreciation to the Diocese of Johannesburg for the use of the Board Room, and to Mr. Grant for his welcome invitation to tea.

313. FINANCE: The Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditure submitted by the treasurer for the period 1 July to 30 September copies of which were circulated, was approved by the Executive. This statement showed the bank balance on 30 September, 1939, as £119: 8: 7.

It was decided to inform all conveners that, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, their detailed requisition for travelling expenses and incidentals for the remainder of the present financial year would now be welcomed by the Finance Committee.

The Executive noted that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. J. P. Jooste, was not a member of the Executive, and decided to extend to him an invitation to attend every meeting of the Executive similar to that extended to the conveners of the Sectional Committees.

314. ADMINISTRATION: The Secretary briefly outlined the office work and general administration of the Council. This verbal report was accepted by the meeting.

315. BULLETIN: It was decided that:

- i) the Morija Printing Works be asked to print 1,000 copies of a twenty page bulletin as per their quoted price of £15: 2: 6;
- ii) that this edition of 1,000 copies be distributed by the Secretary gratis and postfree according to his discretion;
- iii) that the Rev. A. Cardross Grant and the Secretary prepare the manuscript in hand for the printer;
- iv) that the Rev. G. Mabile be asked to read the proofs;
- v) that this First Issue of the Bulletin contain the information that the Bulletin will be a quarterly publication of the Christian Council of South Africa, with a subscription of 2/6 per annum, postfree.

316. THE 1940 CONFERENCE: The Meeting discussed the desirability of holding the 1940 Conference as provided by the Constitution in Paragraph 9.d. The Meeting instructed the Social Welfare Committee to investigate the possibility of holding such a Conference simultaneously with that on Native Marriages, the date provisionally being fixed for the 26th and 27th June, 1940. The Executive also decided that a decision regarding this Conference be taken by the November Executive Meeting.

317. THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION: The Executive spent much time in the careful consideration of the effect which the International position was having and might have on Mission work in South Africa. Correspondence from various members was read and Drs. Lennox and Wilkie shared their experiences of relief work during the Great War (1914-18). The Christian Council of South Africa was in close touch with the International Missionary Council regarding the situation. The Executive decided to draw the attention of the Prime Minister and the High Commissioner to the fact that during the Great War (1914-18) the Government had welcomed the approach of the

General Missionary Conference with reference to the uninterrupted continuation of the Mission work carried on by German Missionary Societies within the Union of South Africa, and to state that if the Government should at any time consider it necessary to take any action against German Missionaries and their activities, the Christian Council of South Africa, as successors to the General Missionary Conference, would desire the opportunity of discussing the matter with the responsible Government officials so as to ensure that the religious, educational and medical work done by these Missionaries in the interests of the Natives of South Africa should not suffer.

As a Committee to confer and to act should the situation arise the Executive appointed to the following:
The Rev. W. Nicol, The Rev. H. P. Junod, The Rt. Rev. W. Parker, The Rev. J. Reyneke, Dr. J. Lennox and the Secretary (The Rev. J.M. du Toit).

318. POST MADRAS WORK: The Executive decided:

1) to ask Mr. Tema's Committee to release him occasionally so as to enable him, at no extra cost to himself or his Committee, to undertake Post Madras Work;

2) that further Post Madras should be considered when Mrs. Bridgman was able to report to Miss Soga's schedule.

319. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION: The meeting instructed the Secretary to draw up a list of all proposed alterations to the Constitution and to submit this to all members before the next meeting.

320. PAMPHLET: The meeting realised the need for a pamphlet setting out the activities of the Council, and instructed the Bulletin Committee to edit and publish such a pamphlet.

321. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The Executive approved the following appeal issued by the Secretary on behalf of the Executive:

"The Christian Council of South Africa, conscious of the grave challenge during these days to Christ's spirit of justice, love and peace, urges that Sunday October 1, 1939, be observed by all Christians in South Africa as a day of prayer that God's purpose may become clear to rulers and subjects and that His spirit may move individuals and nations to will and to do that which will advance and establish His kingdom upon earth".

The Executive expressed its conviction of the need for a General Day of Prayer, to be decided upon at the November meeting.

322. THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive decided that the next Executive Meeting would be held on Tuesday 21st November, 1939, at 9.30 o'clock a.m. in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, 224 Visagie Street, Pretoria.

323. DEVOTIONS: The Chairman closed the meeting with prayer.

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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 Tuesday, 21st November, 1939, commencing at 9.30 o'clock, a.m.

324. PRESENT: The Rev. A. A. Wellington (in the chair), the Rev. H. P. Junod, Rev. J. Reyneke, Mrs C. Bridgman, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant, the Rev. J. Lennox, Mr J. P. Jooste, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Pretoria, the Rev. S. Tema and the Secretary (the Rev. J. M. du Toit). Notice having been given of the appointment of the Rev. J. Webb as a representative of the Methodist Church, the Executive decided to elect Mr Webb to the vacancy on the Executive Committee. Apologies were received from: Dean A. R. Kempe, the Rev. W. Nicol and the Rev. D. W. Ross. The Rev. A. Cardross Grant opened the Meeting with prayer. The Meeting learnt with sincere regret of the indisposition of the President, the Rev. F. Stakes, and decided to send Mr Stakes a letter of goodwill.

325. MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held in Darragh House, Johannesburg, on Thursday, 12th October, 1939, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

326. THE SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: a) On Education: The Secretary reported to the Executive that he had interviewed the Hon. the Min. of Education, but did not hope for any immediate grant from the Treasury, nor for any steps regarding the control of Native Education. Bishop Parker had hopes of a financial grant, and mentioned the desirability that the general finances of the country contribute to Native Education.

b) On Evangelism: There was no report.

c) On Literature: There was no report.

The Secretary stated that the Convener (the Rev. G. Mabilie) was on the point of being called up for military service, and proposed that the Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd, who had been both Convener of the Committee on Literature and Literary Secretary of Council, be asked to collaborate with Mr Mabilie in the production of the Bulletin, and, if and when Mr Mabilie was called up, to assume responsibility as Acting Convener of this Committee. This was agreed.

d) On Medical Work: There was no report.

Mr Reyneke mentioned that he had seen a letter sent to Superintendents of Medical Missions in the Transvaal, and a Memorandum to be presented to the Transvaal Provincial Commissions on Free Hospitalisation. In the absence of the Convener (Sen. the Hon. J. D. R. Jones) the Meeting decided to take note of the representation being made but not to discuss the matter at the present juncture.

e) On Social Work: The Convener (the Rev. H.P. Junod) asked that a matter which had been referred to his Committee, and which also had been placed separately on the agenda, be discussed. The Meeting agreed. The Meeting considered the 1940 Conference. The proposed dates were 26th and 27th June, 1940. Pretoria was proposed as the venue. The Meeting discussed at length the desirability of holding the conference under present national conditions. Mr Webb proposed that the Conference be not held. The proposal was not seconded. Mr Webb thereupon withdrew his proposal. The Meeting discussed the subjects for the Conference. The idea had been that Native Marriages would form the main theme. The Committee had been in correspondence with the Dutch Reformed Church seeking collaboration should it wish to hold a Conference on this subject, but no definite reply had been received. The Executive decided: (i) that the 1940 Conference would be held; (ii) that the dates be the 26th and 27th June; (iii) that the subject, the wording of which would be decided upon, be Native Christianity in its Social and Economic Aspects; (iv) that the arrangements be in the hands of the Secretary and the Sectional Committee on Social Welfare; and (v) that the January Meeting of the Executive confirm or cancel the Conference arrangements.

f) On Women's Work: The Convener, Mrs C. Bridgman, read the following Report: Miss Soga landed in Cape Town by the Cape Town Castle on Nov. 3rd, having travelled in company with Mrs Haile of Tiger Kloof and with Rev. and Mrs A.W. Blaxall. Miss Soga proceeded by boat to East London and thence direct to her home in Queenstown, where

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where she has been spending the past fortnight. Time for arranging an itinerary has been very short. Moreover these last weeks of the year are the least suitable for a series of Meetings, due to school examinations and the Christmas holidays which fall early this year. However, despite these difficulties the response to the appeal to use Miss Soga has been eager and immediate from several quarters. Pretoria is arranging two Public Meetings, one for Europeans and the other in Dougall Hall on the evenings of Nov. 28th and 29th. It has been suggested that Miss Soga be entertained at Kilnerton, thus giving the students there an opportunity of hearing and knowing our world traveller. A full day and evening is being arranged in Johannesburg on November 30th. On Dec. 1 Miss Soga leaves for Durban where a programme is in hand by Sen. and Mrs Brookes, including Adams College and Inanda Seminary from Dec. 2nd to 7th. Thereafter comes Pietermaritzburg with Edendale, Indaleni and Bulwer until Dec. 13th. Miss Soga writes yesterday that she wishes if possible to attend the National Council of African Women meeting in Kimberley Dec. 14th to 16th. This may be possible but she must be back in Johannesburg by Sunday morning the 17th where plans are on foot for a full week of meetings. There remain Cape Town area and the Eastern Province. Thus far no replies have come from those Committees and it would seem that contacts in those regions will have to be made later. In Johannesburg the Church Council and the Transvaal Missionary Association have been very cordial in their willingness to sponsor these meetings."

g) On Youth Work: There was no report.

327. PROPOSED 1940 SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE: See Par. 326(e).

328. FINANCE: a) Mr J.P. Jooste, who had been Acting Treasurer of Council, handed over the Books to Dr J. Lennox. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Mr Jooste for his valuable services.

b) The Treasurer reported a Bank Balance of £308.

c) The Executive Committee authorised the following three persons to sign Bank cheques on behalf of the Christian Council, any two of the three signatures being sufficient for each cheque:

- 1) The Chairman of the Finance Committee: Mr J. P. Jooste;
- 2) The Treasurer of Council.....: Dr J. Lennox;
- 3) The Secretary of Council.....: Rev. J. M. du Toit.

d) The Executive noted that very little demand had been made on the Financial assistance offered to the Sectional Committees of Council, and appointed the following Committee (i) to enquire into the apparant difficulty experienced by the Sectional Committees to function; and (ii) to make suggestions regarding the greater usefulness of these Sectional Committees: (This Committee would report to the Executive at its January Meeting) Mr J.P. Jooste (Convener), the Rev. H.P. Junod, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Pretoria, the Rev. D.W. Ross, the Rev. J. Reyneke, the Rev. J. Webb, the Rev. W. Nicol, and the Rev. J.M. du Toit (Secretary).

e) The Chairman of the Finance Committee having approved the following payments, the Meeting authorised the expenditure: The S.C.A. Bookroom £12:10/-, The Central Mission Press £4:10/-, the G.P.O. £2:2/3.

f) The Secretary reported on Affiliation Fees received and outstanding. The Meeting instructed the Secretary to write to the Salvation Army with a view to an increase in the amount remitted.

g) The Meeting voted the sum of £7:10/- towards the travelling expenses of Miss Soga.

329. ADDRESS BY MR BRENT: Mr Brent, the Manager of Native and Asiatic Administration Department of the City Council of Pretoria had kindly accepted the invitation of the Secretary and addressed the Executive on the three subjects: (i) Trading in Urban Native Locations; (ii) Sale of Kaffir Beer, and the Illicit Drink Evil in Urban Areas; and (iii) Multiplicity of Native Churches in Urban Native Locations. Supplying the members with copious notes and detailed statistics, Mr Brent supplied valuable information and stimulated discussion on the three subjects mentioned. The Chairman expressed the sincere appreciation of the Executive to Mr Brent.

330. CONTINENTAL MISSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA: The action of the Council on behalf of Continental Missions working in South Africa, which had been undertaken by the Secretary as Convener of the Committee on Contacts, was reported upon and discussed.

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Letters from various Societies were read. The Secretary had interviewed the High Commissioner and the Hon. the Minister of Justice, and reported favourably on the reception afforded him. A Report which had been sent to all persons concerned on November 6 was submitted and received. The Executive felt that there should be more than an expression of goodwill on behalf of the Council towards the Missions affected, and instructed the Secretary (i) to communicate with all Missions concerned and to discover what they desired from the Council, and (ii) to issue a further confidential Report to the Executive containing also the gist of letters received from these Missions. The Executive decided that it was the proper time to inform the public of the attitude of the Christian Council of South Africa in this matter, and instructed the Secretary, in consultation with the Rev. H. P. Junod and the Rev. Wm Nicol, to hand a Statement to the press.

331. PERMISSION FOR MISSIONARIES TO ENTER NATIVE AREAS: The Executive read a letter from Dean A. R. Kempe and one from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of St John's in which attention was drawn to the newly imposed restrictions imposed upon Missionaries regarding their entry into Native Areas for religious purposes. The Meeting instructed the Secretary to communicate with all affiliated bodies to discover to what extent this regulation affected their work, and to report to the January Meeting, so that representation might be made to the Government Department concerned. The Executive felt that Missionaries of affiliated bodies should receive exemption.

332. NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE: It was decided that the Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa would meet for its January meeting in Johannesburg on Thursday, 18th January, 1940, time and place to be intimated later.

333. CLOSING DEVOTIONS: The Chairman closed the Meeting with the pronouncement of the Benediction.

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21st November, 1939.

J. Murraydu Toit
SECRETARY OF COUNCIL.

Addendum to 330 (above): The following Statement was handed to the South African Press Association for immediate release: "Statement by the Christian Council of South Africa regarding its attitude to German Missions in South Africa: The Christian Council of South Africa has decided to make representation to the Government with regard to the internment of German Missionaries and the resulting injury to their work. This decision is in conformity with the generally accepted principle and practice of the International Missionary Council to which the Christian Council of South Africa, along with many other National Councils, is affiliated, whose policy has always been to maintain the supra-nationalism of Christian Missionary work. During the Great War (1914-19) Christian bodies in South Africa took up a similar attitude and were able to a certain extent to prevent the disintegration of Missionary Work done by Germans. An effort is also being made to afford relief for those employed exclusively in Missionary work and at present unable to draw support from their own countries. During the Great War it was found necessary in some countries to second Missionaries from kindred denominations to maintain the work of German Missionaries in cases where their staff was severely depleted. The Christian Council of South Africa is prepared to take similar action to prevent the injury which might be caused to Christian Missions through the development of the political situation or through the financial stress resulting from it."

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