

**Ciskei Missionary Council.**

**SEVENTH MEETING**

AT

***KING WILLIAM'S TOWN***

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# THE CISKEIAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

## MINUTES AND REPORT.

MINUTES of the Seventh Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, November 1st, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m., at the Twemlow Hall, King William's Town.

After prayer by the Reverend W. E. Grant, the Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were approved.

The following representatives were duly accredited by their Constituent bodies, viz. :—

### The Methodist Church—

1. The Reverend A. J. Cook, B.A.
2. „ „ A. A. Wellington
3. „ „ D. Ernest Carr \*
4. „ „ W. C. Teka

### The Church of the Province of South Africa—

1. The Venerable Archdeacon Mather
2. The Reverend A. G. Petros \*
3. „ „ A. E. Jingiso
4. „ „ A. Kuse

### Congregational Union of South Africa—

1. The Reverend M. H. Wilson
2. „ „ Dr. Rubusana *a*
3. „ „ P. Nkonyakazi *a*
4. „ „ N. Kumalo *a*

### Bantu Presbyterian Church—

1. The Reverend J. Lennox, O.B.E., M.A. \*
2. „ „ R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A.
3. „ „ N. Matshikwe *a*
4. „ „ B. A. B. Gasa *a*

### The Dutch Reformed Church—

1. The Reverend J. F. Botha \*
2. „ „ W. S. Conradie \*

### The Lutheran Church—

1. The Reverend Carl Nauhaus \*
2. „ „ H. Xatisa *a*
3. „ „ J. Yibe *a*

The Baptist Union—

1. The Reverend T. Aitken
2. „ „ B. Pape, B.A.

The Moravian Church—

1. The Reverend L. Ngqakayi
2. „ „ P. Hickel \*

The Church Order of Ethiopia—

1. The Reverend W. Yaya *a*
- 2.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church—

1. The Reverend Chalmers Nyombolo *a*
- 2.

The Presbyterian Church of Africa—

1. The Reverend J. S. Katshwa *a*
- 2.

The Presbyterian Church of South Africa—

1. The Reverend J. A. Lister, M.A.
2. „ „ J. N. M. Paterson, M.A.

The Free Church of Scotland—

1. The Reverend A. Dewar

The Associated Heads of Native Institutions—

1. The Reverend A. Cardross Grant, M.A.
2. Miss Macgregor

The S. A. Native College—

1. Principal Alexander Kerr, M.A.

The Students' Christian Association—

1. The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A.

Cape Education Department—

1. Inspector G. H. Welsh, B.A.  
Inspector J. F. Swanepoel, B.A.—Secundus *a*

Native Affairs Department—

1. Major Herbst *a*  
M. G. Aphthorp, Esq., B.A.—Secundus

South African Institute of Race Relations—

1. J. D. Rheinallt-Jones, Esq., M.A. *a*  
The Reverend E. W. Grant—Secundus

The Church of Scotland—

1. The Reverend A. W. Wilkie, D.D.
2. „ „ R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A.

The General Missionary Conference—

1. Dr. M. I. Shannon
2. Mrs. E. W. Grant

\* *Sent an apology* a *Not present.*

The Chief Magistrate of Umtata, Mr. W. T. Welsh, was welcomed by the Chairman and sat as an assessor.

1. The Secretary reported that the Transkei Missionary Association Report had been received, and further correspondence with the Religious Tract Society about publications of Tracts in the vernacular, the Lovedale Bible School, and that the General Missionary Conference had agreed to publish the Education Finance pamphlet in English and Afrikaans. Resolutions I and II of 1931 had been acted upon satisfactorily.

The Standing Committee reported that a Rally of Missionaries seemed impracticable, suggesting Rallies in smaller areas. That Chairman offered to arrange one, and expressed the hope that others would volunteer in the same way.

Apologies as noted in the Roll of Membership were received and the Roll duly called.

The Secretary reported the serious illness of the Reverend Carl Nauhaus, and the Council asked that a letter of sympathy be written to him.

2. *The Union Control of Native Education.* After a general discussion on the possibility of Union Control of Native Education a Committee consisting of Principal Kerr, Mr. G. H. Welsh, the Reverend R. H. W. Shepherd and the Secretary was appointed to draft Resolutions. These were presented after discussion and were unanimously approved by the Council.

This Council in view of the investigation at present being conducted by the Union Commission on Provincial Government and its possible reactions upon the system of Native Education records the following Resolutions :—

I.

(1) That the Education of the Youth of the Country ought not to be regarded from any sectional or racial standpoint.

(2) That the control of Native Education should not be divorced from the control of the education of other races in the Union.

(3) That since Education is a matter of such vital and intimate concern to communities, any system of education must take into consideration historic and regional associations.

(4) That any system of financing education should be based upon contributions from the Union Treasury but should make provision for a certain measure of regional responsibility by way of supplying a proportion of the funds to be expended.

(5) That especially in respect of Native Education, contributions by the Central Government should be based upon the same per caput principle as is applied to any other section of the population and in a definite scale in relation thereto.

It was further agreed that Dr. Wilkie be chosen to give evidence before the Provincial Commission at Cape Town in December, which he agreed to do on the lines of the above Resolutions.

3. *The Report of the Native Economic Commission* was introduced by F. A. W. Lucas, Esq., K.C. who emphasised that :—

(1) The interests of Europeans and Natives lie in the raising of both. There is no Native problem ; only a Native aspect of the South African problems.

The Natives were unable to satisfy their growing needs ; even the Reserves are not self-supporting. Europeans will eventually pay heavily for the absence of men from their homes owing to their being forced into European areas which produces serious social problems.

(2) The Natives are the hope for supplying markets for South African industries which are reaching saturation point as far as Europeans are concerned.

(3) In the better use of the land Missionary Societies can help. The Native owes his education to the missionaries, and notwithstanding the mechanisation of industry there is scope for Native joiners, carpenters and builders. Natives were becoming more and more important in the big towns and learning to operate machines, and they were taking their share in the building trade because of the development of machinery. A

sense of hopelessness about future employment must be dispelled.

At 12.15 Dr. Wilkie conducted a devotional period which was much appreciated.

At 2.15 the discussion on the Economic Commission's Report was resumed, and Mr. Lucas answered many questions, in the course of which he pointed out that the Colour Bar Act does not operate in the case of a Native working for himself and at present if he employed Native labourers, and

That it will require an Act of Parliament to set aside the Bloemfontein award of 3s. 6s. per diem for Native labourers.

The Farms also offered a field for intelligent Natives who are in some cases paid for their intelligence.

With regard to public health it is absurd that the poorest section should be responsible for its own social services.

The great bulk of European farming is very wasteful but there is no chance of legislation to improve Native farm wages.

Finally Mr. Lucas advised missionaries to use their opportunities in the public press, especially the very important Dutch press, and this calls for earnest and persevering efforts.

The Chairman expressed the deep gratitude of the Council to Mr. Lucas for his invaluable services on the Commission and his coming to address the Council.

4. The Reverend E. W. Grant read a short paper on *Economic Hindrances to Evangelisation in Urban Areas*—which showed that the enormous increase in the number of women and men permanent town dwellers in the Native Townships attaching to labour centres must be reckoned with. These town dwellers are absorbed in the task of making their own livelihood in the new and in some cases impossible conditions by regrettable methods, such as the sale of illicit liquor, immorality, the absence of mothers from their homes and the consequent uncared for condition of children.

Many aspects of modern European life are a definite hindrance to Evangelisation and an incentive to materialistic paganism.

Oppressive legislation makes the work of an agitator easy. The struggle to live leads to concentration on the material side of life, and to a tendency for the people to regard this as of more

importance than the utter goodness and Christlikeness of character which only the Gospel can bring.

Missionaries are the inspiring force behind many social activities, but there is a danger lest the Native people come to regard what we call social work as the main function of the Church. Work of this nature will follow inevitably the full acceptance of the principles of the Gospel. Many regard the Church as of value only in so far as it ministers to their material well being.

The Chairman spoke most strongly about the hindrance of the life and witness of a large number of Native teachers in regard to the work of the Church and it was agreed :—

## II.

That the Standing Committee be instructed to investigate the witness of the Mission Schools in the Ciskei to the better service of Christ and the evangelisation of the people, and report to the next Council.

5. Dr. Wilkie made a searching statement of the necessity of providing *Sanitation in Rural Areas* which will necessitate the training of Sanitary Inspectors, and Health Services. The directness of the appeal went home on the basis of a true humanity and the duty of giving every child a chance of a healthy life.

The Reverend A. Dewar proposed the following :—

## III.

### *New Liquor Bill.*

This Annual Meeting of the Ciskeian Missionary Council representing almost the whole of the Christian and Missionary work amongst the Native peoples of the Eastern Cape Province, earnestly appeals to the Government and to the Members of both Houses of Parliament to refuse to pass any provisions in the proposed New Liquor Bill which have for their object the increase of drinking facilities for Natives ; and particularly the proposed extension to the Transvaal of the so-called Tot System, and the establishment of Wine and Beer Shops for Natives in prohibited areas ; as both Native and Missionary opinion is strongly opposed to such proposals as likely to lead to serious consequences to the whole community, and especially to the

large number of Native labourers recruited in these Districts for the Northern Industrial areas.

Passed unanimously.

6. The Audited Accounts were then presented by the Treasurer read and passed, showing a credit balance of £5 12s. Unpaid levy to the amount of £2 was also reported, and it was agreed that a levy of 5s. for 1932-33 should be borne.

It was agreed to remit the levy of the Lutheran Church, 15s., the African Methodist Church £2, the Presbyterian Church of Africa £2, and that the Chairman and the Reverend E. W. Grant should get into touch with the two latter Bodies with a view of retaining their membership in the Council.

7. The following Officers were elected and agreed to act :—

Chairman :

The Venerable Archdeacon J. K. Mather.

Secretary and Treasurer :

The Reverend A. Cardross Grant, M.A.

Standing Committee :

The Reverend D. E. Carr

The Reverend A. J. Cook, B.A.

Principal Kerr, M.A.

The Reverend A. A. Wellington

The Reverend A. W. Wilkie, D.D.

The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A.

8. A vote of thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of King William's Town was passed for the loan of the Twemlow Hall, and to the ladies who so kindly provided tea and refreshment.

After prayer by the Reverend A. A. Wellington the meeting closed.



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