

concession fares might be made available; no decision had yet been reached.

RESOLVED: That in order to shorten the time occupied by travelling, The Secretary was asked to ascertain whether railway buses could be made available between Cathcart and Alice.

The arrangements as outlined were approved.

(f) Special Funds. The Treasurer indicated that an appeal for funds for the Conference had been prepared and would shortly be issued.

(g) Findings. After discussion the following general principles were laid down:

(1) A full record of the Conference would be necessary for the Council itself.

(2) A much more brief report would be more suitable for general circulation.

The Southern Section of the Committee was requested to go into the matter more thoroughly.

#### 592. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reported on the financial position of the Council as follows:-

General Fund: Cr. Balance	£326.1.10.
No.2 a/c (Trust Funds): Cr. Balance	460.16.4.
(including £308 for literature for African troops).	

#### 593. REPORTS OF SECTION CONVENERS.

(a) Evangelism. Dr. Dexter Taylor reported that efforts were being made to extend the use of the "Preacher's Help" published by the Lovedale Bible School. Further plans would be made after the Conference in July.

(b) Medical Work. Dr. Neil Macicar presented a memorandum on Miners' Phthisis prepared for the Johannesburg Joint Council. The desire was expressed that this valuable statement might be circulated to members of the Executive.

(c) Literature. Dr. R.H.W. Shepherd had prepared a full report (attached) of the work of this section. The scheme for the supply of vernacular literature to African troops was noted with sincere gratification, as was the generous grant from the Department of Native Affairs. It was noted that a request would be made for assistance from the proceeds of a street collection in Johannesburg. The urgent need for Gospels in the several vernaculars for distribution among African troops was stressed, and the Secretary undertook to follow up several suggestions.

(e) Women's Work. An interesting report, prepared by Mrs. Creed, was presented. The report, which was received with appreciation, dealt with the activities of the local Cape Town Committee, Coloured Adult Education, the opening of a Nursery School run by Coloured teachers, Commission on Conditions on the Cape Flats, and Study Group activities.

#### 594. CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL.

The advisability of considering certain modifications of the Constitution was discussed. Points mentioned were: the affiliation of additional societies, the approach from Churches in Southern Rhodesia, personal members of Council, reciprocal representation on the Executive of the Institute of Race Relations, and the cultivation of the closest possible relations with the Dutch Reformed Churches.

The following Committee was appointed to consider the whole question and report to the Executive at the next meeting: The President and the Secretary, with Dr. R.H.W. Shepherd, Revs. A.J. Haile, S. Mokitimi, Dr. Dexter Taylor, H.P. Junod, A. Cardross Grant and E.E. Mahabane.

#### 595. NEXT MEETING.

The arrangements were left with the President and the Secretary, it being understood that the Executive would meet at the time and place of the July Conference.

596. "AFRICAN FAMILY LIFE". Agreed that the remaining copies be sold at one shilling, and that the offer be mentioned in the columns of the South African Outlook.

597. THANKS.

(a) The Secretary was requested to write to the Dean of Johannesburg expressing gratitude for the use of the Hall.

(b) The Secretary conveyed its sincere thanks to the Rev. A.W. Blaxall for the arrangements made, to the President for his able conduct of the business and to the ladies who had so kindly provided tea.

After PRAYER :

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman.

Secretary.

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Report of the Honorary Secretary to the Executive, 19th January 1942.

In the face of an Agenda which covers so fully the activities of the Council since the last meeting of the Executive, a very brief report will suffice to record matters of a more general nature.

Membership of the Council.

Correspondence with the Archbishop of Cape Town revealed a growing appreciation on the part of the leaders of the Church of the Province of the aims and purposes of the Christian Council. It was with great thankfulness to God that we eventually received from the Archbishop the news of the decision reached by the Synod of Bishops to re-affiliate. This decision will deepen the fellowship within the Council, and will widen its range of interests and the scope of its activities.

Publicity.

In accord with a very early decision of the Council, the columns of the "South African Outlook" have been effectively used to make known the Council's plans and activities. We are now in touch with the Head office of the South African Press Association, and shall be in a position to appeal to a very wide public.

In addition to press articles, a series of circulars has been issued since the September meeting of the Executive. The first two dealt with the 1942 Conference at different stages of planning. The third goes out to ministers of Churches throughout the country and will prepare the way, we hope, for an encouraging response to our proposals for the organisation of Study Groups within the next few months.

In view of these widespread contacts with interested people, it has been thought advisable to postpone for the present the issue of a regular quarterly "Christian Council News".

Sectional Committees.

Contact with Conveners has been maintained. The appointment of Conveners to the "Social Work" and "Youth Movements" Sections is a matter of urgency, and should be dealt with by this Executive without delay.

Experience supports the view previously expressed, that the calling together of representative committees for meetings is not practicable in this country; and that a Convener should be an inspiring leader in the sphere committed to him, a living link between workers and potential workers everywhere, and a centre for the collecting and passing on of important information, methods, etc; always in close touch with Headquarters and with other Conveners.

General.

The work of the office has steadily increased in volume and in interest. This is largely due to the plans for the Conference on "Christian Reconstruction". While it is essential to build up steadily the work of the Sections, the basis of the regular work of the Council; plans for the Conference are bound to use up much time and energy, especially in view of the Study Group organisation. The marked growth of interest and keenness indicate that the Conference will be, not only a direct contribution to a more Christian order in this country, but also, indirectly, a means of establishing the Council itself by achieving something of that unity of purpose which we all so earnestly desire.

Throughout the period under review the Secretary has been in close touch with the President, to whose accessibility, clear judgment, and breadth of vision he owes more than he can say.

*Edward W. Grant*

Hon. Secretary.

19th January, 1942.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Executive of the Christian Council, held at Cape Town in the Metropolitan Hall, on Monday 19th January, 1942, at 9.a.m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev.Dr.A.W.Wilkie.

569. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Present: Revs. A.A. Wellington (President) in the Chair, Dr. J. Dexter Taylor (Hon. Treasurer), Dr. A. W. Wilkie, K. H. Swensson, E. E. Mahabane, and S. S. Tema, Mrs L. S. Creed; Principal A. Kerr; Revs. R. H. W. Shepherd, Dr. D. Wark (vice F. Stakes), George Parker (vice A. J. Haile), A. Stewart (vice Vernon E. Miller), Dr. F. H. Gow (vice Dr. J. Coan); and the following co-opted members :- His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Revs. R. St. Clair Swanson, William Eveleigh, J. Reyneke, and H. P. Junod; with Rev. E. W. Grant (Honorary Secretary).

Apologies were noted from :- Revs. F. Stakes; A. J. Haile, Vernon E. Miller; Dr. J. Coan; J. B. Webb; and Dr. Neil Macvicar.

The appointment of substitutes (as above) was noted.

The Chairman extended a welcome to new members of the Executive, and to two visitors from outside the Union - the Rev. H. W. Coxill of Angola, and the Rev. - Pugh of Angola.

570. ANNOUNCEMENTS:-

The Secretary announced -

(1) That the Executive would adjourn at 10.45 to meet with ministers of the Churches of Cape Town and District.

(2) That in the evening the Executive would meet a number of leading citizens of Cape Town.

(3) That on the previous day (Sunday), services had been conducted in several Cape Town Churches by members of the Executive, one of these services being broadcast.

(4) That representatives of the Council had met with Senator Rheinallt Jones for preliminary discussion of subjects concerning which an approach was to be made to the Secretary for Native Affairs; and that the meeting with the Secretary for Native Affairs would take place on Tuesday, 20th January.

571. MINUTES of the previous meeting, as circulated, were confirmed.

572. ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(i) African Chaplains.

The Secretary reported correspondence with the Department of Defence; and read a letter from the Secretary for Defence stating that, with effect from 1st November 1941, the pay of married African Chaplains had been increased from £100. to £136. per annum.

Noted with gratification.

Resolved to press for the immediate employment as Chaplains of African ministers already nominated by their Churches, by forwarding the following resolution to the Secretary for Defence :

"In view of the fact that a certain number of African ministers of various congregations have been set apart for Chaplaincy duties with the African troops, and that, although appointed by the Department of Defence, they have not yet been called up :

The Executive of the Christian Council desires to bring this situation to the notice of the Secretary for Defence, with a view to the active employment of the Chaplains concerned".

The Secretary was instructed to keep in touch as far as possible with the Defence Department and the Chaplaincy Boards with respect to this matter.

(ii) Italian Prisoners of War.

On behalf of the appointed Committee, Dr. Dexter Taylor outlined the efforts which had been made, in collaboration with the War Work Committee of the Y.M.C.A., to gain entry into the Prisoner of War Camps for the purpose of initiating social work among Italian prisoners. Unfortunately, contact even with Italian padres had been prohibited. At present it appeared that nothing could be done. The Committee would not lose touch with the situation.

(iii) Goodwill Sunday.

Dr. Dexter Taylor indicated the progress which had been made in the plans for 1942. Goodwill Sunday would be observed on the 15th February; and a week in May would be set aside for the promotion of Goodwill in race relationships. Emphasis would be placed in 1942 on the relations between European and non-European. A Goodwill Council, on which the Christian Council was represented, had been formed in Johannesburg.

573. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary (attached) for the period September 1941 to January 1942 was presented and adopted.

574. THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Executive resolved to record its deep thankfulness to God for the decision reached by the Synod of Bishops, which had resulted in the re-affiliation of the Church of the Province with the Christian Council; and its conviction that this decision would deepen the fellowship within the Council and widen its range of interests and the scope of its activities.

575. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary outlined various correspondence as follows:-  
Inter- Close contact has been maintained with the Officers  
nation of the Council. We have received from both the  
al London and the New York headquarters, not only val-  
Mission- uable Reports, Minutes and other documents, but also  
ary very kind personal letters from Dr. John Mott, and the  
Council. two Secretaries, Dr. Warnshuis and Dr. William Paton.  
It is clear that the rebirth of our Christian  
Council means much to them.

With respect to the proposed visit of Dr. Warnshuis to this country, he notified us that such a visit would not be possible before the end of 1942 at the earliest. We may regretfully assume that the spread of the war since that letter was written will still further postpone such a visit.

A very recent letter from Dr. Paton covers the Minutes of a meeting of the British members of an Ad Interim Committee held in September. A Minute relating to this Council says with respect to the suggested visit: "The matter was regarded to be of such importance that if Dr. Warnshuis should be unable to go, the possibility of a visit from Dr. Paton should be considered!"

Litera- Considerable correspondence on this subject has been  
ture for dealt with in collaboration with Mr. Shepherd, and  
Native will come before the Executive in his report of the  
Troops. Literature Section.

Move- With reference to the item in our last Minutes, we now hear  
ments from Dr. Hynd that difficulties respecting the transfer of  
of Mr. Mischke have been removed, and the transfer has taken  
Mission- place.  
aries.

Release The Rev. B. Kruger, writing with respect to the internment of  
of Mrs Mrs. Fabian in Tanganyika, informs us that the release of  
Fabian. this Moravian Missionary's wife is now on the way.

Reli- Correspondence has been begun with one of the Travelling Sec-  
gious retaries of the S.C.A. (English speaking section) which will  
Instruc- probably lead to exchange of ideas and possibly to common  
tion in action in this urgent matter, as between representatives of  
Schools. European and Native education. We suggest that when a defi-  
nite stage has been reached consultation shall take place  
with the Convener of the Education Section, Dr. Kerr, who is  
already in touch with the situation.

Other Correspondence continues to pass between ourselves and the  
Mission- Evangelical Alliance of Angola; also with the Missionary  
ary Council of the Belgian Congo respecting the training of  
Coun- Evangelists, and Christian literature; as well as with  
cils. leading Missionaries in Rhodesia.

D.R. A letter has been received from the authorities of the  
Church Mission in reply to our letter of greeting sent on the  
Morgen- occasion of the Jubilee of the Mission,  
ster.

576. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

Deep appreciation was expressed of the suggestion that, in the event of a visit from Dr. Warnshuis proving to be impracticable, the possibility of Dr. Paton's visiting this country might be considered by the International Missionary Council. It was felt that such a visit, when conditions render it possible, would be of untold value to the work of this Council and to the strengthening of the Christian forces in South Africa. The Secretary was instructed to intimate that in the opinion of the Executive a special visit to South Africa at this time, by either Secretary of the I.C.M. was not considered practicable, but a visit at a later date as part of a more extended tour, and arranged to coincide with a Conference or a meeting of the Christian Council, would be most warmly welcomed.

The Executive adjourned at 10.45 a.m. to meet with ministers of Cape Town and District

The Executive resumed at 11.30.

577. "CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION" CONFERENCE, JULY 1942.

The Report of the Committee entrusted with the planning of the Conference was presented, and adopted.

The Executive resolved to convey to the Principal and Council of the South African Native College, Fort Hare, sincere appreciation of their generous offer, already accepted by the Committee, to place the accommodation of the College at the disposal of the Conference.

(a) Programme. The Executive approved the programme as presented.

(b) Speakers. It was reported that among those who had already accepted invitations to speak were the following: The Archbishop of Cape Town, Senator Edgar H. Brookes, Principal A. Kerr, Revs. S. Mokitimi, R. H. W. Shepherd and Dr. A. W. Wilkie, and that the Secretary was in communication with others. Several names were added to the list of those to be approached.

(c) Study Groups. The steps to be taken in the organisation

of Study Groups were reported and approved.

It was agreed that material for pamphlets should be printed and circulated in the form in which it should be prepared by the speakers.

The Executive adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

The Executive resumed at 2.15 p.m.

"CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION" CONFERENCE (continued).

(d) Findings of Conference. The following suggestions were referred to the Committee, with power to act :-

1. That two or three members be appointed beforehand with respect to each subject of discussion, to prepare and submit findings in relation to that subject: or
2. That a general Findings Commission be appointed when the Conference opens.

(e) Membership of the Conference. Resolved that invitations be issued to:

- (i) All members of the Christian Council.
- (ii) Other representatives of Churches selected from names submitted by Church authorities.
- (iii) Speakers and other individual members from within and outside the Union of South Africa, chosen for special reasons.

The task of allocating seats in the Conference was referred to the Committee appointed in September, 1941.

(f) Accommodation. The Executive was informed that whilst, naturally, accommodation was limited, up to two hundred members could be accommodated. It would be necessary to charge a boarding fee.

The following were appointed a Committee to take charge of local arrangements :

The President of the Council, Dr.Kerr, Rev.R.H.W.Shepherd, and the Secretary.

(g) Finance. Resolved that, in order to spare the general funds of the Council any undue strain, a special appeal for funds for the Conference be made at a later date

578. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

A Report of the financial position of the Council was presented by the Hon.Treasurer as follows:-

REVENUE & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

<u>Sept 1st.1941.</u>		<u>Dec.31st.1941.</u>	
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	
Book Sales	2. 3. 0.	Administration	89.19. 9
Donations	32.11. 6.	Executive meetings	33. 9. 6.
Affiliations	120. 0. 0.	Bank Charges	2. 6.
Continental Missions	28. 8. 6.	Continental Missions	177. 3. 6.
"African Family Life"	1. 5. 3.	Honorarium	31.10. 0.
<u>Aug.31. 1941.</u>		Suspense account	10.10.
Cash forward	1.15. 0.	Cash Dec. 31, 1941	1. 5. 3.
No.1 Account	262.17. 0.	No.1 Account	26. 15. 8.
No.2 "	436.14. 7.	No.2 "	282.17.10.
	<u>£885.14.10.</u>		<u>£885.14.10.</u>

TRIAL BALANCE.

Dec.31st, 1941.

<u>DEBITS:</u>		<u>CREDITS:</u>	
Cash	1. 5. 3.	Book Sales	2. 9. 6.
No.1 Account	268.15. 8.	Continental Missions	190. 6. 9.
No.2 "	282.17.10.	Finnish Mission	145. 7. 3.
		General Fund	213.15. 3.
		Goodwill Sunday	1. 0. 0.
	<u>£552.18. 9.</u>		<u>£ 552.18. 9.</u>

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

1942, January 13th.

Donations	24.13.10.	Int.Mission Council	24.13.10.
Continental Missions	6. 3. 3.	Administration	20. 0. 0.
Literature for Native Troops	30.12. 6.	Interest left on Deposit	3.15. 1.
Affiliation	70. 0. 0.		
Finnish Mission	6. 9.		
Int: on United Bldg.Soc. Deposit	3.15. 1.		

The Report was accepted by the Executive with sincere thanks to Dr.Dexter Taylor. It was noted with gratification that the financial position of the Council had greatly improved in recent months, and that all affiliation fees for 1941 had been paid.

Resolved: That any local Committee engaged on definite work for the Council shall be entitled to make a local appeal for funds; and that out-of-pocket expenses in this connection may be claimed by Conveners from the Treasurer.

579. SYMPATNY.

The Executive heard tributes to the life and work of the late Sir James Rose-Innes and the late Senator F.S.Malan. The members stood as an expression of sympathy, and the Secretary was instructed to write in suitable terms to Lady Rose-Innes and Mrs.F.S.Malan.

580. SECTIONAL CONVENERS' REPORTS.

(a) Evangelism Dr.Dexter Taylor stated that his section was working on the programme outlined in September. A united Evangelistic Campaign in Mine Compounds was planned.

In the course of discussion, the special needs of educated Africans and of young Coloured students were commended for consideration; and also the desirability of making use of men of outstanding evangelistic gifts in South Africa.

(b) Education. Principal Alexander Kerr outlined a Christian policy for education. His section was concerned with the following matters :-

- (i) The actual type of religious instruction in schools and colleges.
- (ii) The training of teachers in the content and method of religious education. Practical efforts already being made in this direction were mentioned.
- (iii) The general organisation, supply and maintenance of educational opportunity among non-Europeans, including the remarkable developments in urban areas.
- (iv) The varying standards prevailing in the different Provinces with respect to the employment of African teachers.
- (v) Causes of the dissatisfaction with missionary control of native education which had arisen in some areas among the African people.

In the course of discussion, the value of the dual-medium school for Europeans as a contribution to better conditions in South Africa was urged.

Resolved: That the policy of the Council be to ensure the supreme place of Christian teaching and influence in Native Education.

At Dr.Kerr's request, it was resolved :-

That a Joint Conve ner be appointed, representing the Northern Provinces, to act with Dr.Kerr in the work of the section on Education; the nomination to lie with the Northern Section of the Conference Committee.

Dr.Kerr was heartily thanked for his valuable statement.

(c) Medical Work. Dr.Neil Macvicar's report was presented in his absence by the Secretary. It covered the following subjects :



- (i) Government Committee on Economic Conditions of Urban Natives. Copy of a valuable statement submitted to the Committee by Dr. Macvicar was laid before the Executive.
- (ii) Committee on Beer Halls Question. A statement had been put in by Dr. Macvicar.
- (iii) Wage Board Investigation. On behalf of the Christian Council, and in response to an invitation from the Chairman of the Wage Board, Dr. Macvicar in a personal interview had discussed certain aspects of the questions involved.
- (iv) Medical Aid Committee. As agreement on a definite policy by Dr. Macvicar's Committee had proved to be impracticable, he had given evidence before the Committee in his personal capacity.
- (v) The Training and Employment of non-European Nurses.  
The report was discussed, and a message of thanks and greeting sent to Dr. Macvicar.  
Dr. Neil Macvicar was appointed to represent the Christian Council on the National Committee for Health Education.
- (d) Women's Work. Mrs. L. S. Creed reported meetings with women at various centres in the Cape, and correspondence with groups in other areas, by means of which much interest in the work of the Council had been aroused. Flood Relief work in the Cape was reported on; and the possible effects upon land-hungry Coloured people of the Hire Purchase Land Bill were mentioned. Mrs. Creed outlined possible methods of approach to the Churches for united action in the work of the Christian Council.
- (e) Literature. Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd presented a comprehensive scheme for the supply of vernacular literature to African troops in training camps in the Union, and on active service in North Africa (document attached).  
The Executive approved of the scheme with sincere gratification, and rejoiced in the possibility of the Council's being enabled to render such a service to African troops.  
It was reported that funds were already being received in response to an appeal to the public.  
Resolved: That in connection with this scheme, the Secretary for Native Affairs be approached with a view to the securing of a grant to aid in the establishment of vernacular libraries in the camps.  
The Committee was empowered to proceed with the scheme.  
Mr. Shepherd also reported that a request had been made to the authorities for the institution of an educational organisation among African troops; and on progress made with a plan for the translation of English classics.  
Mr. Shepherd was congratulated on the excellent work accomplished.

581. CONVENER, SOCIAL WORK SECTION.

The Executive requested the Conference Committee to nominate a Convener for this section.

582. CONVENER, YOUTH MOVEMENTS SECTION.

The Executive resolved that Mr. Karlton Johnson of Johannesburg, be approached in this matter.

583. NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: That the Executive meet in Johannesburg on the 16th April, 1942.

584. ORPHANED MISSIONS.

Dr. Dexter Taylor reported receipt of a cable from Dr. Warnshuis, International Missionary Council, urging that a further appeal for financial help for Orphaned Missions be made to the South African Churches.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power

to act.

585. THANKS.

The Executive expressed its sincere thanks to :  
The President, for his able and wise conduct of the  
meeting.  
The Trustees of the Metropolitan Hall;  
The Honorary Secretary for the preparation and pre-  
sentation of the business.

After Prayer:

The Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.

HONORARY SECRETARY.

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES of a meeting of the Executive of the Christian Council held at Johannesburg in Darragh Hall, on Thursday, 16th April, 1942, at 9,30 a.m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev.A.W.Blaxall.

586. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Present: Rev.A.A.Wellington (President) in the Chair, Revs A.J. Haile and F.Stakes (Vice-Presidents), Rev.Dr.J.Dexter Taylor, Revs.J.B.Webb, K.H.Svensson, E.E.Mahabane, S.S.Tema, Dr.N.Macvicar, Revs.P.E.Goldie (vice Principal A.Kerr), E.G.Mitchell (vice Vernon E.Miller), with the following co-opted members:- Revs.J.Reyneke, A.Cardross Grant, A.W.Blaxall and H.P.Junod; and the Honorary Secretary, Rev.E.W.Grant.

Apologies were noted from: Principal A.Kerr, Rev.Dr.R.H.W. Shepherd, Mrs.L.S.Creed and Senator J.D.Rheinallt Jones.

The appointment of substitutes (as above) was noted.

The Chairman welcomed those members who were present for the first time.

587. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Secretary announced (1) that the Executive would adjourn at 10.55 a.m. to meet ministers of Johannesburg Churches; (2) that arrangements had been made for him to address meetings of ministers and of representative laymen in Durban during the following week.

588. MINUTES. Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were confirmed.

589. ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:-

(i) African Chaplains. The Secretary reported that whereas fourteen African Chaplains were required by the Department of Defence, only six had been nominated by the Churches. Discussion revealed that terms of service were still regarded as unsatisfactory. The Secretary was instructed to keep in touch with the situation.

(ii) Italian Prisoners of War. Reported that Mr.Dugald Campbell had gained permission to work in the Camps, though not under the auspices of the Christian Council. Rev.H.P.Junod stated that reading matter was urgently needed. The Secretary undertook, whilst in Durban, to interview Mr.Maurice Webb of the Society of Friends, and thereafter, if thought desirable, to press for an interview with the Defence authorities.

(iii) Sectional Conveners. The Rev.A.W.Blaxall consented to become Convenor of the Social Work Section.

No definite reply had yet been received from Mr.Karlton Johnson with respect to the Youth Movements Convenership.

The Rev.P.E.Goldie consented to act as Joint Convenor, with Principal Kerr, of the Education Section.

(iv) Orphaned Missions. Dr.Dexter Taylor presented a letter from Dr.Warnshuis. International Missionary Council, stressing the serious need of such missions and asking for continued help from South Africa. It was resolved that a fresh appeal for funds be made after the July Conference, and the Treasurer, Dr.Dexter Taylor, undertook to suggest plans to the Executive at its next meeting.

(v) Interview with Secretary for Native Affairs. The Secretary reported on a most satisfactory interview with Mr.D.L.Smit on 20th January, when the following subjects were discussed with excellent results: (a) Admission of Missionaries to the Union; (b) General attitude of the Government to Missions and their work; (c) Relations of Native People to Missions in respect of Education; (d) Government Policy with respect to Religious Work in New Native Areas. A full report of the interview had been circulated to members of the Council.

590. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary's report (attached) was presented.

(1) International Missionary Council. It was directed that

letters be sent as follows:

(a) To Dr. John Mott, conveying the Council's affection and its deep appreciation of his magnificent service to the cause of Christian Missions; also the deep regret which is caused by the fact that he has found it necessary to retire from the Chairmanship of the Council; and the satisfaction created by the news that he will continue to serve the Council in an honorary capacity.

(b) To the officers of the I.M.C., welcoming the appointment of Bishop Baker to the Chairmanship, and expressing heartfelt appreciation of the work of Dr. Warnshuis and Dr. Paton.

(ii) United Society for Christian Literature. Sincere gratification was expressed at the prospect of close relations being set up between the Society and the Christian Council.

(iii) Rent-Paying Natives on Mission-owned Farms. The Council heard a statement from the Rev. K.H. Swensson, and appointed the following Committee to seek information from Mr. Rogers of the Department of Native Affairs:- Revs. K.H. Swensson, H.P. Junod, and Dr. Taylor - with power to add.

(iv) Southern Rhodesia. Approaches from Southern Rhodesia for closer fellowship with the Council were noted with pleasure, and the suggestion that the Secretary should visit Rhodesia was warmly approved.

(v) Christian Citizenship. The suggestion that a Primer be prepared was passed to the Sections on Education and Literature for consideration, with the added proposal that the Heads of Education Departments be approached respecting the need for a book on the African people for the use of children in European schools.

(vi) Independent Order of True Templars. Referred to a Committee on Revision of the Constitution, to be appointed.

#### 591. "CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION" CONFERENCE.

The Secretary reported on the work of the Committee as follows:

(a) Speakers. The list of the first speakers on each subject was complete, and several of the second speakers had been secured.

(b) Devotional Services. The Chairman of each day would be responsible for the opening Devotions, and the invitations to preside would be given by the President.

Detailed plans for the Service of Worship and Intercession on the evening preceding the Conference were not yet complete.

#### RESOLVED:-

(1) That the Secretary prepare subjects for prayer for use on the Sunday before the Conference by those who are taking part in study groups.

(2) That if possible the Executive meet for a day of prayer before the Conference opens, and that a "Quiet Day" leader be appointed to lead the prayers. The arrangements were left in the hands of the Southern Section of the Committee.

(c) Study Groups. Reported that between 109 and 120 groups were working, including groups in Universities and African Training Institutions, Toc H., etc; and that many of them were completely inter-denominational in character. The complete series of pamphlets had been printed and issued.

(d) Membership of Conference. Membership would consist of the following:

(i) Members of the Christian Council.

(ii) Selections from lists of further representatives submitted by affiliated Churches and Societies.

(iii) Speakers and other individual members.

(iv) Chosen members of study groups.

(e) Conference arrangements. Reported that meetings had been held with the Fort Hare Principal and Wardens of Hostels, at which the following arrangements had been made:

Accommodation would be provided in the College Hostels at a Boarding fee of £1.5.0. for the whole Conference.

A sufficient number of mattresses would be purchased, and would be re-sold probably at a small loss.

The Conference would meet in the Christian Union Hall at Fort Hare; the Chapels at Beda Hall and the Lovedale Bible School would be used for prayer.

The Railway Authorities had been approached with the request that

concession fares might be made available; no decision had yet been reached.

RESOLVED: That in order to shorten the time occupied by travelling, The Secretary was asked to ascertain whether railway buses could be made available between Cathcart and Alice.

The arrangements as outlined were approved.

(f) Special Funds. The Treasurer indicated that an appeal for funds for the Conference had been prepared and would shortly be issued.

(g) Findings. After discussion the following general principles were laid down:

(1) A full record of the Conference would be necessary for the Council itself.

(2) A much more brief report would be more suitable for general circulation.

The Southern Section of the Committee was requested to go into the matter more thoroughly.

#### 592. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reported on the financial position of the Council as follows:-

General Fund: Cr. Balance	£326.1.10.
No.2 a/c (Trust Funds): Cr. Balance	460.16.4.
(including £300 for literature for African troops).	

#### 593. REPORTS OF SECTION CONVENERS.

(a) Evangelism. Dr. Dexter Taylor reported that efforts were being made to extend the use of the "Preacher's Help" published by the Lovedale Bible School. Further plans would be made after the Conference in July.

(b) Medical Work. Dr. Neil Macicar presented a memorandum on Miners' Phthisis prepared for the Johannesburg Joint Council. The desire was expressed that this valuable statement might be circulated to members of the Executive.

(c) Literature. Dr. R.H.W. Shepherd had prepared a full report (attached) of the work of this section. The scheme for the supply of vernacular literature to African troops was noted with sincere gratification, as was the generous grant from the Department of Native Affairs. It was noted that a request would be made for assistance from the proceeds of a street collection in Johannesburg. The urgent need for Gospels in the several vernaculars for distribution among African troops was stressed, and the Secretary undertook to follow up several suggestions.

(e) Women's Work. An interesting report, prepared by Mrs. Creed, was presented. The report, which was received with appreciation, dealt with the activities of the local Cape Town Committee, Coloured Adult Education, the opening of a Nursery School run by Coloured teachers, Commission on Conditions on the Cape Flats, and Study Group activities.

#### 594. CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL.

The advisability of considering certain modifications of the Constitution was discussed. Points mentioned were: the application of additional societies, the approach from Churches in Southern Rhodesia, personal members of Council, reciprocal representation on the Executive of the Institute of Race Relations, and the cultivation of the closest possible relations with the Dutch Reformed Churches.

The following Committee was appointed to consider the whole question and report to the Executive at the next meeting: The President and the Secretary, with Dr. R.H.W. Shepherd, Revs. A.J. Haile, S. Mokitimi, Dr. Dexter Taylor, H.P. Junod, A. Cardross Grant and E.E. Mahabane.

#### 595. NEXT MEETING.

The arrangements were left with the President and the Secretary, it being understood that the Executive would meet at the time and place of the July Conference.

596. "AFRICAN FAMILY LIFE". Agreed that the remaining copies be sold at one shilling, and that the offer be mentioned in the columns of the South African Outlook.

597. THANKS.

(a) The Secretary was requested to write to the Dean of Johannesburg expressing gratitude for the use of the Hall.

(b) The Secretary conveyed its sincere thanks to the Rev. A.W. Blaxall for the arrangements made, to the President for his able conduct of the business and to the ladies who had so kindly provided tea.

After PRAYER :

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Confirmed:

Chairman.

Secretary.

Senator

CONFIDENTIAL.

20 JUL 1942

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Executive of the Christian Council held at Fort Hare, in the Union Hall, on Friday, July 3rd 1942, at 7.45 p.m.

DEVOTIONS were conducted by the Rev.F.Stakes.

598. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Present: Rev.A.A.Wellington, (President) in the Chair: Rev. Dr.A.W.Wilkie Rev.Dr.R.H.W.Shepherd. Rev.H.P.Junod, Rev.Dr.J.R.Coan, Rev.E.E.Mahabane, Mrs.L.S.Creed, Rev.A.W.Blaxall, Rev.P.E.Goldie, Dr.Alexander Kerr, Rev.A.J.Haile, Rev.Dr.J.Dexter Taylor, Rev.S.S.Tema, and the Honorary Secretary Rev.E.W.Grant.

599. MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were confirmed.

600. CONFERENCE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE. In accordance with the decision reached by the Conference, the Executive proceeded to appoint the following a Continuation Committee to follow up the work accomplished at the Conference, and to put its decisions into practical effect :

Rev.A.A.Wellington (President).  
Rev.E.W.Grant (Secretary).  
Rev.Dr.R.H.W.Shepherd.  
Dr.Alexander Kerr.  
Rev.S.Mokitimi,  
with power to co-opt.

Regional representatives to act as corresponding members :

Johannesburg	Rev.A.W.Blaxall.
Cape Town	Rev.E.Lynn Cragg.
Bloemfontein	Rev.Leslie Hewson
Durban	Rev.Vernon E.Miller
Umtata	Rev.A.C.E.Middicombe.

601. PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT. Resolved : (a) That the Findings and Resolutions of the Conference on CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION be circulated as soon as possible to all members of the Conference and to Study Groups after the form has been determined by consultation with members of the Continuation Committee: (b) that a printed report for wider circulation be prepared to consist of the main addresses delivered at the Conference, the Findings and Resolutions, and such other material as may be considered necessary; the whole to amount to about 80 pp, and an edition of 1,000 to be printed subject to the consent of the Paper Controller; the Report to be prepared by the Secretary in consultation with the Continuation Committee.

602. POLITICAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE. In accordance with the Resolution of the Conference, the following were appointed a Political Emergency Committee to watch legislation and to take such action as may be considered necessary in the name of the Christian Council :

His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town,  
Advocate Douglas M. Buchanan, K.C.  
Senator the Honourable Edgar H.Brookes.  
Rev.F.J.Berning Malan.  
Mr.F.B.Allen, M.P.  
Rev.Dr.F.H.Gow.

603. INFORMATION BUREAU. Resolved to take steps to set up an Information Bureau as determined by the Conference, and to make the fullest possible use of such information as may be available from

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