

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa met in Pretoria on May 15, 1939, at 9.30 o'clock a.m., in the Gedenksaal.

274. Present: The Rev. F. Stakes (in the Chair), Mrs. C. Bridgman, Rev. H. P. Junod, Rev. S.S.Tema, Rev. D.W.Ross, Rev. W. Nicol, Rev. J. Reyncke, Rev. A. C. Grant, Mr J. P. Jooste, and the Secretary, Rev. J. M. du Toit. Apologies were received from: Dean A. R. Kempe, the Rt. Rev. W. Parker, and the Rev. W. Eveleigh. The chairman specially welcomed to the Meeting the four new members: Mrs Bridgman, Mr Jooste, Mr Tema and Mr Ross.

275. Minutes: The meeting decided (i) that Minutes would follow the model of the International Missionary Council Minutes, no discussions being minuted, but merely decisions and resolutions, and, where Reports were not available, the quotation of the relevant sections; (ii) that Minutes of Council and Executive Meetings would be sent to (a) all Members of Council and (b) the Official of each Affiliated body; (iii) that copies of the Presidential Address at the Third Council Meeting be made available, if possible, for the South African public; (iv) that the Rev. H.P. Junod and the Secretary would form a sub-committee to edit and approve for circulation the Minutes of the Third Council Meeting; and (v) that those paragraphs of the Minutes of the Cape Town Executive Meeting which had not been approved by the Executive at Cape Town be read forthwith and approved. The Secretary thereupon read paragraphs 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272 and 273. These were approved.

276. Temporary Finance Committee: The Meeting decided to reappoint the Temporary Finance Committee members present (Mr J.P. Jooste, Rev. J. Reyncke, and the Secretary) with powers to co-opt, and with instructions to submit to the next Executive Meeting a clearly outlined financial policy for the Council with suggestions. Executive members who had suggestions to make to the Temporary Finance Committee were requested to communicate these in writing.

277. Publications: The Meeting appointed the Rev. D.W. Ross and the Secretary as a Temporary Committee on Publications (i) to receive quotations for the printing of a Council Magazine, (ii) to submit in draft a folder advertising the Council, (iii) to submit in manuscript the proposed first issue of a Council Quarterly Bulletin, (iv) to suggest, should it so desire, the name of a Literary Secretary, (v) to suggest the method by which the Presidential Address might be made available, and (vi) to advise on the printing of a further number of copies of the Constitution of Council.

278. Sectional Committees of Council: (i) On Education: It was decided, with registration of one dissentient vote, to send the Resolution taken by the Third Council Meeting regarding Native Education (Par. 37 (a) Section 3) to the Hon. the Minister of Education and the Hon. the Minister of Native Affairs. (Mr H. A. Fagan.) (ii) On Evangelism: The Meeting noted relevant correspondence from the Rev. H. W. Goodwin. (iii) On Social Welfare: The Meeting bore in mind the suggested Conference on Native Marital Unions. (iv) General: The Secretary was instructed to draw up a list of all matters referred to the Sectional Committees.

279. Other matters: (i) The Executive noted that there was a vacancy which it had been empowered to fill. (ii) A letter regarding the World Council of Churches was referred to the next meeting. (iii) Correspondence from the International Missionary Council was referred to the Publicity Committee. (iv) The Meeting did not feel that it could subscribe to the International Peace Council. (v) The Secretary was permitted to travel to Southern Rhodesia during July. (vi) The Meeting agreed to the principle of a Contacts Committee and referred the matter to the next meeting. (vii) The Secretary was permitted to accept an invitation to attend the Executive Meeting of the South African Sunday School Convention Council with a view to being appointed, pro tem., as its secretary. (viii) The next meeting of the Executive Committee would be held in Johannesburg on June 13, 1939, at 9 o'clock.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

List of Affiliations Paid.

	<u>1936.</u>	<u>1937.</u>	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1939.</u>
D.R.Church	70. 0. 0			
Ned. Herv. of Geref, Kerk		35. 0. 0	35. 0. 0	
Church of the Province	140. 0. 0			
Diocese of Pretoria		10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	5. 0. 0
Diocese of Johannesburg		20. 0. 0	20. 0. 0	
Diocese of Natal			2. 2. 0	
Diocese of St. John's			10. 0. 0	
Swiss Mission	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0
Swedish Mission	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 1. 0	10. 1. 0
Berlin Mission	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Methodist Church of S.A.	150. 0. 0	130. 0. 0	130. 0. 0	
Presbyterian Church "	50. 0. 0	50. 0. 0	50. 0. 0	
Rhenish Mission	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0		
Paris Evang. Mission Scy	5. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0
A.M.E. Church	5. 0. 0	20. 0. 0	20. 0. 0	
Church of Scotland	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Moravian Mission	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Norwegian Mission	5. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	
Cong. Union of S.A.	25. 0. 0	25. 0. 0	25. 0. 0	
Hermansburg Mission		5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Natal Missionary Conf.		5. 1. 0	5. 0. 0	
United Free Church of Scotland		10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	
S.A. National S.S. Assn.		1. 1. 0		
Ned. Geref Sending Kerk		5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Methodist Episcopal Ch.		10. 0. 0		
London Missionary Scy		10. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	
Church of the Nazarene		10. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
American Board Mission		20. 0. 0	10. 0. 0	
Free Methodist Miss.		5. 0. 0	5. 0. 0	
Salvation Army			5. 0. 0	
American Lutheran Miss.			5. 0. 0	
S.E. African Methodist Mission			10. 0. 0	

Handwritten signature

DIE CHRISTENRAAD VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

BERAMING

van

INKOMS TE en UITGAWES.

1 April 1939 - 31 Maart 1940.

<u>INKOMS TE.</u>			<u>UITGAWES.</u>		
<u>BALANS</u>			<u>SEKRETARIAAT:</u>		
in Bank ...	310.	13.	Salaris	400.0.0	
			Kantoor	25.0.0	
<u>AFFILIASIE:</u>			Huistoelae	60.0.0	
Foote:			Motertoelae		
Agterstallige	36.1.0		teen 16 2/3		
1939	488.4.0	524. 5. 0	op koopprys		
			moterkar	30.0.0	
<u>DONASIES:</u>			Reistoelae	100.0.0	615. 0. 0
Subskripsies	600.0.0		<u>ADMINISTRASIE:</u>		
Spesiaal ...	£200.0.0	800.0. 0	Skryfbehoef-		
			tes ens ...	100.0.0	
<u>DIWERSE</u>			Diwerse uit-		
<u>ONTVANGS TE</u>	25.0. 0		gawes inges-		
			luit Raads-		
			vergaderinge	50.0.0	150. 0. 0
			<u>REISKOS TE:</u>		
			Afgevaardig-		
			des	400.0.0	400. 0. 0
			<u>AFFILIASIE:</u>		
			Int. Sending-		
			raad	50.0.0	50. 0. 0
			<u>PROPAGANDA:</u>		
			Skriftelik en		
			mondeling,		
			orgaan	100.0.0	100. 0. 0
					1415. 0. 0
			Batig Saldo		244.18.10
					<u>£ 1659.18.10</u>
					<u>£ 1659.18.10</u>

J.P. Jooste,
J. Reyneke
J. Lennox
J.M. du Toit

Pretoria.

5th April, 1939.

Lede Spesiale Komitee oor Finansies.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

152, Nicolson Street,
Brooklyn,
PRETORIA.

9th May, 1939.

- To (1) All Officials of Constituent Bodies (Vide Const. Par. 5);
(2) All Council Members.
(3) All interested.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE URGENT:

- 1... The Council ordered 500 copies of the special popular Madras Report "The World Mission of the Church", selling at the low price of 1/9 post free. These were sold out within a week. We now have another couple of hundred on order. Please order copies IMMEDIATELY. This volume is invaluable! (The North American Council has sold its seventeenth thousand!)
- 2... The following set of books is being prepared by the International Missionary Council and will sell at £1:10/- the set (postage extra). We have received authority to book advance orders of this set at the POST FREE PRICE OF 22/-. Please book your orders for these volumes while the special advance price offer lasts. The set will be comprised of these volumes:
1. The Authority of the Faith.
 2. The Growing Churches.
 3. The Church's Witness.
 4. The Church's Inner Life.
 5. The Economic Basis of the Church.
 6. The Church and the State.
 7. Addresses and other Records of the Tambaram Meeting.
- 3... A Meeting of the Executive Committee of Council will be held in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, 224, Visagie Street, Pretoria, on Monday, 15th May, 1939, at 10 a.m. The following is the agenda:
1. Submission of Council Minutes.
 2. Council Finance and Special Finance Committee.
 3. Council Publications.
 4. The Sectional Committees
 5. Other Matters from Council Minutes &/or Meetings.
 6. Other Matters referred by Members in writing.
- 4... This office has for sale one copy of Dr Hendrik Kraemer's book "The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World" at 10/- postfree.
- 5... Will members and Conveners who have spare copies of Sectional Reports submitted to the Cape Town Council Meeting please post them to this office by return mail? There is urgent request for a number of these and the cost of cutting stencils for these may be avoided if spare copies are available.
- 6... Will those requiring copies of these Sectional Reports please apply in writing to the Secretary not later than Saturday, May 13?
- 7... This office has a few copies of the Minutes of the International Missionary Council and of the Committee of the Council, Tambaram, 1938. (Not to be confused with the "World Mission of the Church".) These will be sent gratis and post free upon application. Please look through your shelf first and see whether you have not already received a copy.
- 8... Each constituent body has the right to appoint its own representatives, but the Constitution lays down that such appointment be registered with the Secretary. This has not always been done, and it is most difficult to keep bodies informed of Council activities. PLEASE NOTIFY ALL ALTERATIONS.

JMdT
Secretary.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Sub-committee of the Executive of the Christian Council of South Africa will meet in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, 224 Visagie Street, Pretoria, on Monday, 12th September, 1938, commencing at 9.15 a.m.

According to the Constitution of this Sub-committee, every member of the Executive who is present at any meeting of the sub-committee is a member of the sub-committee for that meeting, but a quorum of the sub-committee shall consist of any FOUR of the following SEVEN members:

1. Rev. W. Nicol, President of Council, Chairman of Executive;
2. Rt. Rev. W. Parker, Vice-president of Council, or his alternate, Rev. A. Cardross Grant;
3. Rev. J. Reyneke;
4. Rev. H. Ph. Junod;
5. Dr A. W. Wilkie, or his alternate, Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, Literary Secretary of Council;
6. Dr J. Dexter Taylor, Treasurer of Council, or his alternate, Dr J. Lennox, assistant treasurer of Council;
7. Rev. J. M. du Toit, Secretary of Council.

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Opening devotions.
2. Minutes of previous meeting, 8th August, 1938. (Circulated).
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Reports Sectional Committees.
6. South African Delegation to I.M.C. Meeting Tambaram.
7. The 1939 Meeting of the Christian Council of South Africa.
8. Free Advertising of Christian Science on Railway Premises.
9. Censorship of Films.
10. Letter Port Elizabeth Church Council re Council propaganda.
11. Application for membership: The Council for Missionary Co-operation in Southern Rhodesia.
12. Letter: Continental Refugees to South Africa.
13. South African World Convention Council of the World Sunday School Association, and the election of not less than three members.
14. Other matters.
15. Closing devotions.

N.B. 1) Please note that this meeting is called for 9.15 a.m.

2) Please bring or send any spare copies of Executive or Advisory Committee Minutes. THIS IS URGENT, as there is demand for copies.

3) Please bring or send any copies of the 1938 Financial Campaign Appeal which you will not be using.

Offices of Council,
152, Nicolson Street,
Brooklyn,
PRETORIA.

I/T E2 7/9/38

J. M. du Toit
SECRETARY.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Addendum: Minutes Executive Committee Pretoria 8th August, 1939.

REPORT.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEE WOMEN'S WORK: Owing to my absence in Natal during July, the invitation of this Meeting of the Conveners of Sectional Committees was very late in reaching me. The Secretary has asked for our terms of reference and what we conceive to be the scope of our work. I am not prepared to submit an adequate answer to these questions without hearing from the Conveners of our Regional Committees. But there are certain convictions which begin to emerge from these past eighteen months of work with the Regional Committees: 1) It is quite certain that the Women's Work Section would long since have ceased to function had not the huge field been divided and the responsibility shared by Regional Conveners. 2) These months have been a period of foundation-stone laying. Before any definite study or work could be undertaken it was vital that the leaders of the various missionary and church organisations meet, get better acquainted with each other, and have opportunity for the exchange of viewpoints, sharing each others problems and difficulties. 3) Out of this helpful fellowship has already begun to evolve in several of these groups a study of the needs of the community, which will in time result in co-operative effort. 4) It is significant that two of our Regional Committees have as Conveners leaders of the Dutch Reformed Women's Missionary Union (Die Vroue Sending Bond) and that the spirit of understanding and a desire for the advancement of the Kingdom has been marked in all our Regional Committees. 5) If funds can be provided whereby the Sectional as well as the Regional Conveners may be enabled to do a certain amount of propoganda work in the various districts, we feel confident that the efficiency of our Committees will be greatly increased.

It is heartening to report progress from Natal. On July 5th Mrs Edgar Brookes convened a meeting at the Y.W.C.A. in Durban where in addition to some members of the Committee were other missionaries and Christian workers. Nineteen were present, including five non-Europeans. Mrs Bridgman briefly outlined the history of the International Missionary Council and our own South African Council, touching on Tambaram and the work of the other Women's Committees. A sub-committee was appointed to investigate ways and means to provide a Hostel under Christian auspices. The Municipal Hostel for Native Women in Grey Street fails to meet the urgent need of a haven for the many students and teachers passing through and for the better class of girl in service, especially in view of the increasing number of flats. Mrs Brookes has called a Meeting for Aug. 10th to inaugurate the financial campaign for land and building for such a hostel. There is real enthusiasm amongst these Durban and Adams College ladies, and this venture will provide the focus of interest necessary to close co-operation, where Christian workers will pool their energies and experience in a common cause.

From Cape Town came a Report in June of a Regional group convened by Mrs Hofmeyr, where there was discussion on the recently held Council Meeting and the reports from Madras, as well as matters pertaining to the Women's Section. This Committee is already making plans for Miss Soga's return, hoping to have her address some combined Meetings of Women's Auxiliaries.

On June 16th the Johannesburg Group listened to an inspiring address from Rev. S. Tema on his impressions of Tambaram which complimented the very able and comprehensive report by Rev. Mr. du Toit the previous month.

The Sub-Committee on hostels for Native Girls has prepared a panel of speakers who are ready to address Church Women's Associations and Societies throughout the city on the subject of "The Urban Native Girl" with a view to combatting the deeply-rooted prejudice against existing Hostels in residential areas. These Meetings are now being arranged and it is hoped that through systematic education of our Christian women public opinion may gradually be softened and changed. The speakers will emphasise the advantages to the girls, i.e. healthy conditions, space, social intercourse, easy reach of work, personal interest, often better opportunities for Church services and classes; advantages to employers: Knowledge that girls are in healthful surroundings, with opportunities of cleanliness, care in sickness, contact between superintendent and employer, punctuality at work, knowledge that leisure can be restful and happy. Definite evils avoided or lessened. Visiting places where illicit liquor is supplied. (Drunkenness amongst girls is on the increase.) Growing habits ..of immoral..

..page two..

of immoral intercourse. Arising out of these evils the moral conscience weakened, increase of illegitimate births, unfair outlook for such children, economic conditions lowered still further.

The Secretary of the Johannesburg Committee, Miss Agnes Beale, who has prepared the above outline for speakers, attended the Annual Conference of Women Missionaries of the Church of the Province in Grahamstown during July. Some 35 workers were in attendance to whom

Miss Beale read a carefully prepared paper on the subject of Christian Councils, with special reference to the part played by Women's Work in South Africa. Many were interested, and we trust the stimulus may result in still closer co-operation with workers of other denominations as these leaders returned to widely scattered fields of service.

Miss Soga: A letter from Miss Soga, written from Ohio, June 16th, reports attendance at the recent Foreign Missions Conference near Philadelphia. The Conference was sending her to Amsterdam to the Youth Conference "as an expert on Race". She was to sail from New York July 8th and adds that this change of plan will delay her arrival in South Africa as she is returning via India, but she expects to arrive here "one day this year". Letters continue to come from the States, speaking of Miss Soga's wonderful spiritual messages to the Churches.

Estimated Financial Requirements for the Women's Work Committees, as requested by the Secretary:

Sectional Convener: In order to stimulate interest and to correlate the work of the various Regional Committees it seems important that the Convener of the Women's Work Section should visit the five or six Regions into which we are divided. If the whole area could be covered every two years, the Convener would be in a position to draw up a valuable survey of the field and the work to present to the Biennial Conference. £30 for two years seems a conservative figure to cover railway fares (2nd class) to the Cape, Eastern Province, Free State and Basutoland, Natal and parts of the Transvaal. Swaziland is still to be organised. Add £3 for postage and telephone to the £15 for one year, making £18.

Complaints come from Regional Conveners that no fund is provided for their postage or for travel to surrounding districts to organise the work. It seems that £5 a year is not too much to ask for such expenses. For five centres that would be £25.

Annual Budget for Women's Work:

Sectional Convener, including Postage and Travel, &c..	£18
Five other centres for Regional Conveners.....	25
	<u>£13</u>

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Clara Bridgman.

CONVENER
SECTIONAL COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S WORK.

Addendum: Maize Levy, Letter to State and Press:

" In view of the serious hardship which will be inflicted upon the Native population of the Union by the decision of the Maize Control Board to fix the present year's levy at 4/- per bag, the Executive Committee of the Christian Council urgently begs that this decision be modified with a view to lifting the burden from the poorest section of the community."

Ann Maynard
SECRETARY.

Pretoria,
8th August, 1939.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

S-222

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa met in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, 224, Visagie Street, Pretoria, on Tuesday, 8th August, 1939, at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.

290. PRESENT: The Rev. F. Stakes (in the chair), The Rev. H.P. Junod, Mrs C. Bridgman, The Rev. A. Cardross Grant, Bishop W. Parker, The Rev. G. Mabile, The Rev. J. Reyneke, Mr J. P. Jooste, and the Secretary, the Rev. J. Murray du Toit. Apologies were received and accepted from Dean A. R. Kempe, The Rev. D. W. Ross, The Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd, Dr A. Kerr, and the following Conveners of Sectional Committees of Council: Sen. the Hon. J. D. R. Jones, and The Rev. E. W. Grant. It was noted that Conveners of Sectional Committees had been requested to attend this meeting of the Executive Committee.

291. MOTION OF SYMPATHY: The following Motion of Sympathy was proposed by the Rev. J. Murray du Toit, was seconded by The Rt. Rev. W. Parker, and was supported by Mrs C. Bridgman, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant leading in prayer:

"Since last we met as an Executive we have learned with deep grief of the sudden passing of Mrs Nicol, the wife of our beloved and revered colleague and First President, the Rev. W. Nicol.

Our hearts immediately went out in Christian love to Mr Nicol, and now, at this our next Executive Meeting, we wish to express our feelings of grief and sympathy.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Mrs Nicol recognised her as a woman of sterling qualities and ability, and admired her insight, thoroughness, keen interest in Christian matters and unabating zeal for the extension of the Kingdom of her Lord and Master, and especially did we notice the affection and comradeship between her and her husband.

Even those of us who did not have the privilege of knowing Mrs Nicol so well recognised all too clearly that Mr Nicol's fearless leadership and remarkable aptitude and capacity for labour were strengthened and tuned by his helpmate and comrade, and by that atmosphere which she created in his home.

Where it has pleased Almighty God to act in a way mysterious to our reason and foreign to what we might have chosen, we are constrained to pray that God in His infinite Love and Power will reveal Himself to His servant, our brother, and be present to comfort, heal and befriend, and very especially now to inspire, strengthen and guide."

The Meeting, standing, adopted this motion.

292. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held in Johannesburg on 13th June, 1939, were taken as read and approved.

293. SECTIONAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL: (a) The Secretary reported that, earlier in the morning, a meeting of conveners of Sectional Committees had been held, attended by the President and five conveners. The Reports presented by the conveners to that meeting would be repeated to the Executive, but in addition to the Reports the conveners had engaged in necessary and helpful discussion, comparing notes, considering lines of action, and reviewing the work of the Sectional Committees as a whole. The conveners wished the Executive to know that they considered this meeting, the first of its kind, well worth while.

(b) The conveners present spoke on the work of their committees and put forward the financial requirements of their work: 1.. Mrs Bridgman submitted a Report (copies herewith) and stressed three points, viz., (i) that the Women's Work was evolving a technique, was opening its doors to women of other organisations, and was becoming known to the public and the Church; (ii) that the Churches were beginning to consider the women of the Christian Council; and (iii) that God was blessing the work and was ... using...

using the women to unite Christian endeavour in South Africa. 2.. The Rev. H. P. Junod submitted a Report which was discussed. From this emanated the decisions (i) to send the letter submitted in draft to the Constituent bodies of the Christian Council regarding the release of members of these bodies for Council service; and (ii) to send to the Government and to the South African Press Association the Resolution submitted in draft on the Maize Levy. (Copies of these drafts herewith.) 3.. The Rev. G. Mabilie submitted a Report. 4.. The Rev. J. Reyneke submitted a Report. 5.. From Sen. J. D. R. Jones the meeting noted a brief Report telephoned to the Secretary. 6.. From the Rev. E. W. Grant there was a letter expressing his desire to know what was to be done about the work of the Sectional Committees. 7.. Dr A. Kerr submitted the Resolutions of the Race Relations Conference on Vocational Education for Africans. 8.. The Rev. J. M. du Toit reported that the Contacts Committee was already in touch with every Christian Council in Africa, and was formulating its approach towards greater unity and understanding amongst these.

294. FINANCE: 1) The Treasurer submitted his Report, copies of which were supplied to the Executive. It was decided to write to all affiliated bodies enquiring when the Council might remind them of their Affiliation Fees, and also reminding them that the Financial year of the Council ends on 31st March.

2) The Meeting decided to form a Finance Committee. The Meeting expressed its sincere gratitude to Mr J. P. Jooste for his able assistance, and asked him to accept the appointment as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee was composed as follows: Chairman: Mr J. P. Jooste; Secretary: The Rev. J.M. du Toit; Members: The President, the two Vice-Presidents, and the Treasurer.

3) The Temporary Committee on Finance was thanked for its services. Its place would now be taken by the Finance Committee.

295. CORRESPONDENCE: The following letters were considered:

- a) Affiliation: The Church of the Province of South Africa (The Archbishop of Cape Town): The Executive appreciated the tone of the letter and was in agreement with the proposed position, which was virtually the same as the present position in so far as that body was allowed six representatives, elected in the manner prescribed by its own policy or constitution, and in so far as no financial responsibility can be imposed on any affiliated body by the Council.
- b) Travelling Expenses: The Bishop of Lebombo: The Executive learned that it had been impossible for the Bishop of Lebombo to avail himself of any concession facilities to the Cape Town Conference, and authorised the payment of the actual travelling expenditure requested, £13:14:9d. The Meeting regretted that this technical difficulty had delayed the refund of the travelling expenditure to the Bishop.
- c) Resignation Father M. Knight: The Executive would draw the attention of Father M. Knight to the fact that the Constitution required appointments and resignations to be made by the registered official.
- d) Letters from the Director of Religious Films Limited, and the Rev. N. H. Pike, were referred to the Film Committee.
- e) The Executive noted correspondence from the Church Missionary Society on propaganda of the Roman Church.
- f) Correspondence from the Arrangements Committee of the 1940 World Sunday School Convention was received with interest, and the circulars enclosed were distributed by the Council office.
- g) Correspondence from the League of Prayer and Service was received with interest. The Meeting was glad to recommend this activity.
- h) Correspondence with regard to the translation of the Prayer League cards into African languages was referred with power to act to the Sectional Committee on Literature.

296. FINANCES OF SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: The Executive considered the Financial aspect of the Report it had received from the Meeting of Conveners which had been held earlier in the day. While it was impossible for the Committees to estimate their exact requirements, and while it would ...not...

-page three-

not be possible for all the financial requirements to be met immediately, the Executive decided to refer these estimates to the Finance Committee with the following recommendations: 1) That such publicity as might require expenditure be obtained through the Council Bulletin; 2) That travelling expenses of Conveners of Sectional Committees in the interest of their Committee work be met; 3) That such administrative activity as might require expenditure be done by the office of the Council.

297. BOOKS DEPARTMENT: The question of opening a Books Department of Council was referred to the Finance Committee with powers to act and with instructions to report to the Executive.

298. COUNCIL FUNDS: The Executive realised the urgency for the collection of Council Funds, and agreed that the Financial Campaign receive the careful attention of the Council and its Executive. In view of this urgency the Executive referred the matter to the Finance Committee with powers to act.

299. PUBLICITY: The Temporary Committee on Publications reported that it considered the First Issue of a Council Bulletin a matter too important for so small a committee to undertake in view of the fact that distribution, edition, contents, etc., had not been sufficiently considered by the Executive. The Executive decided that a Publicity Committee be appointed, and thanked the Temporary Committee for its investigations and report. The Executive appointed the following members of the Publicity Committee: The President, the Rev. F. Stakes; the Rt. Rev. W. Parker; the Rev. W. Nicol; the Rev. G. Mabile; the Rev. W. Eveleigh; the Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd; and the Secretary (Convenor). To this Committee the Executive recommended: 1) That it correspond with the affiliated bodies to ascertain how many copies of the Bulletin each could use; 2) That it request the Sectional Conveners each to supply some Report or article for publication in the First Issue; 3) That the First Issue be gratis, and the Committee arrange about subsequent issues; 4) That the Committee arrange printing and distribution.

300. POST MADRAS WORK: The Executive approved arrangements for a public meeting in Johannesburg, in the Methodist Central Hall if possible, with the Mayor as Chairman and delegates Marais, du Toit and Tema as speakers, on the 4th September. The Executive instructed the Secretary to communicate with the Afrikaans friends who had suggested an Afrikaans issue of a Madras Report to ascertain what progress had been made.

301. NEXT MEETING: It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive would be held in the Irene Church Hall, Plein Street, Johannesburg, if this be available, on Monday, 4th September, commencing at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

302. DR KAGAWA: Correspondence regarding the proposed visit of Dr Kagawa to South Africa, and the part the Christian Council of South Africa would have in such a visit, was referred to the Chairman and the Secretary in consultation with the Rev. W. Nicol.

303. BOOKS: The Executive decided that the attention of affiliated bodies and others be drawn to the fact that the following books may be ordered from the office of the Council: 1) The Seven Volume Madras Report, £1:2/-; 2) "The World Mission of the Church" (a brief summary of the Madras Conference and its Findings), 1/9d; 3) "The Christian Handbook of South Africa", 4/6d; all post free.

The Meeting closed with prayer.

152, Nicolson Street,
Brooklyn, Pretoria.
8th August, 1939.
JT/E2.

CHAIRMAN.

J. Murray du Toit

SECRETARY.

5-222

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

STATEMENT
of
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

APRIL 1st - JUNE 30th, 1939.

REVENUE

EXPENDITURE

Apr. 1. To Cash in Bank.	310:13:10	By Book Sales.....	47: 2: 7
Book Sales...	33:13: 6	Administration.....	59:11: -
Donations....	29: 2: 3	Expenditure Cape Town Council Meeting.....	95:13: 4
Administration	11:11	Salary Secretary....	100: -: -
Expenditure Council Meeting.....	14: -: -	Motor Allowance.....	32:10: -
Affiliation Fees.....	10: -: -	Sundry Expenditure..	26: -: -
			<u>£360:16:11</u>
		Balance in Bank on 30/6/39.....	37: 4: 7
	<u>£398: 1: 6</u>		<u>£398: 1: 6</u>

Pretoria,
30/6/39.

J. P. Jooste,
ACTING TREASURER.

£££

5-222 M

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Addendum: Minutes Executive Committee Pretoria 8th August, 1939.

REPORT: SECTIONAL COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE: Since the Christian Council Meeting was held in Cape Town in April, 1939, the newly appointed Convener has been busy writing to all the different Regional Conveners in order to get into touch with them and to get from them brief statements of the work of their Committees.

Northern Sotho: (Convener: Dr P. Schwellnus) No Report has been received concerning the activities of this Committee.

Southern Sotho: (Convener: Rev. G. Mabile) This Regional Committee met in January and since then it has been busy dealing with MSS in Sotho submitted with a view to publication.

Zulu: (Convener: Mr D. Mck. Malcolm) No Report has been received concerning the activities of this Committee.

Xhosa: (Convener: Ven. Archdeacon Wyche) This Committee seems not to have met up to this date, and no Report has been received concerning it.

Shangaan-Ronga-Tswa: (Convener: Rev. B. Terrisse) Probably owing to the fact that the Convener of this Committee has been on furlough, this Committee has sent no Report concerning its activities.

Northern Tswana: (Convener: Rev. F. Jensen) No Report has been received concerning the activities of this Committee.

Western Tswana: (Convener: Rev. A. Sandilands) This Committee had a meeting on the 26-7th June at Tiger Kloof and invited the Convener of the Literature Committee to attend. This was a most valuable opportunity for the new Convener to learn a good deal about what is achieved by this Committee. Interesting discussion cleared the way to important decisions on behalf of the Committee concerning gaps to fill, orthography, and co-operation with the O.F.S. Tswana Section. The striking feature of this Committee is that it is mainly composed of Batswana people, thus giving them the lead in their own literature, and getting them interested in authorship.

The Convener of the Literature Committee would gladly accept invitations from Regional Committees to attend some of their meetings on the line set by the Western Tswana Literature Committee. As for the proposed Afrikaans Literature Committee for Coloured people no further step has been taken owing to the fact that the Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape Province is not yet affiliated to the Christian Council. The same thing may be said of the possible Committee to deal with Literature for Moslems.

G. Mabile.
CONVENER.

LETTER TO AFFILIATED BODIES OF COUNCIL: "In view of the difficult conditions under which the organisation of the work of the Christian Council proceeds, especially in what touches Sectional Committees, the Executive Committee of the Christian Council wishes to bring to your notice the following points:

- 1) The unity of the Christian action definitely depends on the willingness of the constituent bodies to consider the work of the Council as one of the priorities in their own task.
- 2) If united Christian planning and action is to be undertaken, some members of the Constituent Bodies will have to be occasionally released for Christian Council work, in the organising and the inspiring of Regional Committees, and so as to base planning and action on accurate information and with the necessary consultation.
- 3) The Honorary Conveners of Sectional Committees have to devote important time to their Council duty - a time which requires from them their being somewhat relieved from their ordinary daily duties. The Executive Committee asks the Constituent Bodies kindly to help Council work by considering the task of the Conveners elected as an integral part of their spiritual calling!
- 4) The Christian Council pays the travelling and other expenses incurred by the Conveners and Honorary Officers in the development of this phase of the Council's work.
- 5) (In this paragraph each Constituent Body would be informed which of its its members had been appointed to a specific Council activity.)

Pretoria,
8th August, 1939.

J. Murray
SECRETARY.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa met in the Board Room, Darragh House, Johannesburg, on Thursday, 12th October, 1939, commencing at 9.30 o'clock, a.m.

309. PRESENT. The Rev. W. Nicol (Vice-President, in the chair), Mrs. C. Bridgman, the Rev. H. P. Junod, Dr A. W. Wilkie, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant, Dean A. R. Kempe, the Rev. S. S. Tema, the Rev. J. Reyneke and the Secretary (The Rev. J. M. du Toit). The following also attended the meeting: Sen. The Hon. J. D. R. Jones (Convener Sectional Committee on Medical Work), The Rev. J. Coan (representing the Rt. Rev. R. R. Wright) and Dr. J. Lennox (acting Treasurer). Apologies were received and accepted from: The Rev. F. Stakes (President of Council), The Rt. Rev. W. Parker, The Rt. Rev. R. R. Wright, The Rev. R. H. W. Shepherd and the Rev. D. W. Ross, and from Mr. J. P. Jooste (Chairman Finance Committee) and The Rev. G. Mabelle and Dr. A. Kerr (Conveners of Sectional Committees).

Dr. Lennox opened the meeting with prayer.

310. MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, Pretoria, on Monday 4th September, 1939, which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

311. THE SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: a) On Women's Work: (Convener: Mrs. C. Bridgman). The report which was circulated was approved by the meeting. Mrs. Bridgman was present to add a verbal report. The Meeting especially appreciated the assurance that Miss Soga, upon her return, would be available for a period of full time work for which the necessary finances had been assured.

b) On Medical Work: (Convener: Sen. The Hon. J. D. R. Jones). A brief report by the convener was circulated, and was approved. After discussion on the question of hospitalization it appeared that there was diversity of experience amongst the members. It was decided to ask Sen. Jones: i) to make investigation; ii) to consult Dean Kempe and Dr. Wilkie; iii) to correspond with the various institutions concerned; iv) to correspond with all the Constituent Bodies of the Council; and v) To draw up a Report for presentation to the next meeting of the Executive before taking action on behalf of the Council. Sen. Jones was also requested, in corresponding with the Constituent Bodies of Council, to urge that they appear on their own before the Hospitalization Committee.

c) On Evangelism: (Convener: The Rev. J. Reyneke). Mr Reyneke deplored the fact that present circumstances would probably necessitate the postponement of the Forward Movement for Evangelism which had been envisaged for 1940. The meeting passed the following resolution:

"The Committee for Evangelism is urged to consider the possibility of stressing the Church's duty to place Evangelism in the forefront of its programme. This may possibly be done by means of articles in the Religious Press and also by calling the attention of Church leaders to the importance of the relevant Tambaram findings, which should be considered by all Church Synods and Conferences".

d) On Education: (Convener: Dr. A. Kerr).

The convener reported that, owing to the change of Government, it was unlikely that the proposals for the Control of Education, against which the Christian Council contended, would be pressed. The Executive, while realising the inevitable delay regarding the question of control, decided to make representation to the Government in two respects:

1) for a special grant from the Treasury to meet the most urgent needs which have been affected by the severe cuts in this year's estimates;

2) for additional funds for the year 1940/1.

e) On Literature: (Convener: The Rev. G. Mabelle). The convener was studying

the production of literature by South African Missions, investigating

Collection Number: AD1715

SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (SAIRR), 1892-1974

PUBLISHER:

Collection Funder:- Atlantic Philanthropies Foundation

Publisher:- Historical Papers Research Archive

Location:- Johannesburg

©2013

LEGAL NOTICES:

Copyright Notice: All materials on the Historical Papers website are protected by South African copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, or otherwise published in any format, without the prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Disclaimer and Terms of Use: Provided that you maintain all copyright and other notices contained therein, you may download material (one machine readable copy and one print copy per page) for your personal and/or educational non-commercial use only.

People using these records relating to the archives of Historical Papers, The Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, are reminded that such records sometimes contain material which is uncorroborated, inaccurate, distorted or untrue. While these digital records are true facsimiles of paper documents and the information contained herein is obtained from sources believed to be accurate and reliable, Historical Papers, University of the Witwatersrand has not independently verified their content. Consequently, the University is not responsible for any errors or omissions and excludes any and all liability for any errors in or omissions from the information on the website or any related information on third party websites accessible from this website.

This document forms part of the archive of the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR), held at the Historical Papers Research Archive at The University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.