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THE CISKEIAN MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

MINUTES AND REPORT.

MINUTES of the Fourth Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. at S. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, King William's Town.

After Prayer by the Reverend M. H. Wilson, the Chairman, the Reverend Carl Nauhaus, welcomed Mr. G. H. Welsh, Chief Inspector of Native Education, and Mr. M. G. Apthorp, Chief Native Commissioner.

The Minutes of the last Meeting as circulated were approved.

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

The Wesleyan Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | T. Stanton | * | |
| 2. | „ | „ | A. A. Wellington | a |
| 3. | „ | „ | D. Ernest Carr | |
| 3. | „ | „ | W. C. Teka | a |

The Church of the Province of South Africa—

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|----|---------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| 1. | The Venerable | Archdeacon | Mather | |
| 2. | The Reverend | A. G. Petros | | a |
| 3. | „ | „ | S. S. Kuze | |
| 4. | „ | „ | E. D. Gregory | |

Congregational Union of S. Africa—

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| 1. | The Reverend | M. H. Wilson | | |
| 2. | „ | „ | Dr. Rubusana | a |
| 3. | „ | „ | J. R. Stavel | a |
| 4. | „ | „ | N. Kumalo | |

Bantu Presbyterian Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | J. Henderson, D.D. | | |
| 2. | „ | „ | J. Lennox, O.B.E., M.A. | |
| 3. | „ | „ | R. H. W. Shepherd, M.A. | |
| 4. | „ | „ | W. Stuart, M.A. | a |

The Dutch Reformed Church—

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| 1. | The Reverend | J. F. van Wyk | | a |
| 2. | „ | „ | J. H. Malherbe | a |

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 F. Hartmann *a*
2. „ „ P. Hickel

The Church Order of Ethiopia—

1. The Reverend F Dongwana
- 2.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church—

1. The Reverend Chalmers Nyombolo
- 2.

The Presbyterian Church of Africa—

1. The Reverend L. N. Mzimba, D.D. *a*
- 2.

The Presbyterian Church of S. Africa—

1. The Reverend J. S. Lister, M.A.
2. Dr. Watt *a*

The Free Church of Scotland—

1. The Reverend A. Dewar *a*

The Associated Heads of Native Institutions—

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

The S. A. Native College—

1. Alexander Kerr, Esq., M.A.

The Students' Christian Association

1. The Reverend Max Yergan, M.A.

Cape Education Department—

1. Inspector G. H. Welsh,
2. Inspector A. Bain, M.A.—Secundus

Native Affairs Department—

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

Native Welfare Association—

1. J. D. Rheinallt-Jones Esq. M.A. *
* *Sent an apology*
a *Not present.*

The Secretary reported correspondence from

Mr. Rheinallt Jones informing the Council of the establishment of the S. African Institute of Race Relations and seeking the co-operation of the Council which was readily accorded.

A Report of a Conference of Missionaries on Rural Missions held at Johannesburg on June 1st was laid upon the table.

The Secretary of Native Affairs and the Superintendent General of Education, Cape, acknowledging the Resolutions of the 1928 Council

Dr. Henderson introduced a discussion on the lowering of the standard of salaries of European Teachers in Native Institutions as entrenched in the Cape Ordinance of 1921.

The following Resolution was proposed by him, seconded by Archdeacon Mather and passed.

- I. "That this Council reaffirms the representations made to the Department of Native Affairs that the lowering of the status and emoluments of European teachers in Native Training Schools brought into operation in April of this year, is seriously reacting upon the progress of Native education, on the one hand by unsettling the teachers at present employed in these schools and causing them to seek employment in other spheres and, on the other, by creating difficulty that is proving nearly unsurmountable in filling vacancies with teachers possessing the qualifications demanded by the work, if Native education is not to be pushed down to lowered levels of efficiency.

The Council deplores the changes wherein the policy reached by the late S. G. E. of embodying and entrenching

Native Education in the General Ordinances of the country has been departed from, and that in consequence the financial support of Native Education has been thrown back into the state of uncertainty and instability which under earlier Superintendent Generals blocked its development and rendered so much of its work ineffective.

The Council further appoints Principal A. Kerr, the Reverend A. Cardross Grant and the Reverend J. Henderson to take advantage of such opportunities as are expected to arise before the end of the year to lay these views before the Secretary for Native Affairs and the members of the Native Affairs Commission individually."

Copies of this resolution to be sent to :—

The Native Affairs Department.

The Native Affairs Commission.

The Superintendent General of Education, Cape.

Dr. Henderson reported on the proposed action of the Research Grant Board appointed to enquire into the Native Social and Economic conditions and its relation to other Surveys.

It was agreed on the proposal of Dr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Max. Yergan that :—

II. "Having learned with great satisfaction of the formation of the Research Grant Board, and pledging our co-operation in the work, this Council reports to the General Missionary Conference Executive that the general survey initiated at the 1928 Meeting should be pursued and the Ciskeian detailed survey be continued under the Standing Committee."

The Reverend R. H. W. Shepherd reported on the Scheme for a Voluntary Board of Management of Native Schools in Victoria East.

Scheme for the Management of State-aided Native Schools, other than those in Native Training Institutions, in the Division of Victoria East, through a Representative Committee.

1. The Committee shall be called the Victoria East Advisory Board for Native Schools.

2. The membership of the Board shall consist of :
 - (a) A Minister of Religion, or his deputy, who shall be appointed to this membership by his Church, in respect of each Mission Station or Circuit of any Church, that is carrying on State-aided Native education in the Division.
 - (b) In the case of a school, or group of schools not controlled by a religious body, the Manager, or his deputy as recognised by the Department of Education.
 - (c) An additional member appointed by his Church in the case of any Mission Station or Circuit controlling four or more State-aided schools.
 - (d) Two members elected by representatives of the parents or guardians of the children attending the schools at a meeting convened for the purposes of the first election by the Native Commissioner and in regard to subsequent elections by an officer appointed by the Board.
 - (e) The Chairman of the Victoria East Local Council *ex officio*.
 - (f) Two members nominated by the Superintendent General of Education of the Cape of Good Hope Province.
 - (g) The Circuit Inspector of Schools *ex officio*, without voting power.
 - (h) Two members appointed by the Victoria East Local Council.
 - (i) One representative of the teachers employed in the schools of the Division, without voting power, elected at a meeting convened by the Circuit Inspector.
3. The functions of the Board shall embrace all those exercised by Managers of Schools, as laid down in the Education Ordinance No. 5 of 1921.
4. Buildings and lands held in trust by a Church shall remain so vested, and the use of such buildings and lands by the Board for educational, industrial and social purposes shall be exercised with due regard for the rights of the said Church

as regards public worship and other religious or ecclesiastical occasions.

5. In appointing a teacher to any school the approval shall be sought of the denomination which has hitherto been managing that school.
6. Religious instruction in all schools shall be secured by the Board in accordance with the tenets of the denomination which had hitherto been managing these schools.
7. The Chairman, who shall act as correspondent with the Department of Education, shall be elected at the first Statutory meeting of the Board in each year, and shall hold office for a year. The appointment may be so made that the several denominations may be represented in rotation.
8. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the first Statutory Meeting of the Board, and shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election. It shall be his function to receive and disburse all salary payments, to deal with requisitions and supplies and generally to discharge the functions of such an office.
9. In the event of any office or seat on the Board falling vacant before the expiry of the period for which it is held, the Board shall make an interim appointment for the unexpired portion of the period.
10. At the first Statutory Meeting in each year the Board shall appoint an Executive of six members, four of whom shall form a quorum, who in consultation with the Circuit Inspector of Schools shall carry on the work of the Board,
11. Statutory Meetings shall be held in the months of February, June and November. Special meetings may be called by the Executive or at the request in writing of five members. For either a Statutory Meeting or a Special Meeting five members shall constitute a quorum.
12. The close co-operation of the Victoria East Local Council shall be sought in respect of industrial developments, agricultural instruction, and the establishment of new schools with the provision of means thereof.

13. The accounts of the Board shall be made up to the 1st of December of each year, and audited: at the Statutory Meeting in November the estimate for the ensuing year shall be framed and adopted.
14. The usual place of meeting shall be the office of the Native Commissioner at Alice.

It was agreed that this should be printed in extenso and reviewed at the next Council in 1930.

At 12.15 the Reverend J. Lennox conducted a devotional period, with a short address on "vicarious faith in intercession."

At the afternoon session the accounts were presented by the Treasurer and passed, showing a deficit of £1 4s. 2d. due for printing and stationery. Levy to the amount of £3 being due from three of the Constituent bodies.

It was agreed that a levy of 5/- per member should be made for the year.

A discussion on the Social Service, Morals and Religion of Mission Schools was introduced by the Reverends D. E. Carr, M. H. Wilson and S. S. Kuze.

The discussion was well sustained and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Carr that:—

- III. "This Council urges the constituent bodies to take steps to enlist the aid of teachers in increased efforts for the social betterment of the people."

On the proposal of Dr. Henderson seconded by Archdeacon Mather it was agreed that:—

- IV. "Teachers on their first appointment should be appointed on probation for their first year."

Mr. Max Yergan made an impressive announcement on the subject of Youth Welfare Work in villages on Y. M. C. A. lines, referring to the establishment of a new Social Training Centre at Fort Hare and other centres.

It was unanimously resolved:—

- V. "Having heard from Mr. Max Yergan of the scheme of Youth Welfare Work, this Council expresses its gratitude to the International Council of the Y. M. C. A. of America

and assures Mr. Yergan and the other promoters of hearty co-operation." .

The following officers were proposed and agreed to act :—

Chairman —

A. Kerr, Esq.

Secretary and Treasurer —

The Reverend A. Cardross Grant.

Standing Committee —

The Reverend J. Henderson, D.D.

The Reverend Carl Nauhaus.

The Reverend M. H. Wilson.

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The Reverend Max Yergan

The Reverend A. A. Wellington

The Venerable Archdeacon Mather.

It was agreed that all the above should be called to the meetings.

A vote of thanks was passed to S. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the loan of the Hall, and to the ladies who so kindly provided hospitality.

And it was resolved :—

“That this Council sends through its secretary an expression of loving sympathy with Mrs William Stuart and family and an assurance of our prayers on their behalf.”

After prayer had been offered by the Reverend S. S. Kuze the Meeting closed.

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