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The year 1936 has just closed, and with the closing of it, we have witnessed also the closing of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the discovery of Gold, that is, 50 years ago, what is to-day known as Johannesburg was bare veld, and yet, in this short space of time we have seen spring up, one of the largest cities in Africa—certainly the largest in the Union. To celebrate the "Golden Jubilee" most fittingly an "Empire Exhibition" was held in the City, and the City itself bedecked with flags, bunting, and at night, illuminated with coloured lights—the sight of which was adequately expressed by an African from outside the Union, when he said that Johannesburg looked like "Paradise."

The Exhibition drew to the City, people from all over the world, and Organisations, both European and African seized this as an excuse to hold their Conferences in Johannesburg. Thus, Johannesburg had the unique opportunity of being inspired by people interested in many aspects of life, and this must have left Johannesburg a richer City from every point of view. The African too, had his share, as Africans visited the City from almost every town in the Union, the Rhodesias, Kenya, Uganda and Portuguese East Africa. In many instances, these visitors took the opportunity of visiting the Centre. We were ourselves very pleasantly surprised at the fame the Centre had acquired in the Union and extra Union Territories. Many visitors expressed the desire to see such an Institution in their own towns. We hope, the time will soon come, when Institutions of this kind will be established in all large industrial Centres of the Union, and hope the inquiries we have had during the year will be brought to fruition in the near future.

The Centre itself, has had an active year; other sections of this Report will indicate to what extent. We

be particularly gratified at the ever increasing popularity the Centre is enjoying. We note with pleasure, the increase in membership and general use of the Centre. Above all, we note also the spirit among members to help in fostering one form of sport or another and begin to feel that they regard the Centre as theirs, and therefore, must do all possible to see to the success of its activities. More and more the Centre is being overwhelmed with requests to hold meetings of one kind or another, stage plays, and carry on educational work. Sometimes, the Secretaries find it impossible to accommodate them all. We are wondering whether the time has not come for the Centre to consider a little expansion. It goes without saying, that the Africans are beginning to look upon the Centre as the one place where they can get entertainment, and think things should be so arranged as to give entertainment of some sort once or twice a week. To do this it would be necessary to re-arrange the structure of the present building so as to make way for a much needed and up-to-date Bantu Theatre. Another need is an additional storey added, to supply Johannesburg's sorest need for African strangers, namely a place to stay, when in Johannesburg. The Secretaries during the year have been inundated with requests to accommodate strangers to Johannesburg, only to be turned away. To meet these needs would involve certain changes of policy as well as alterations to the building. Serious consideration is being given to these matters in order to see to what extent the Centre can further assist the Africans in overcoming some of the difficulties they now experience.

### MEMBERSHIP.

As will be seen from the following comparative table, the membership of the Centre continues to mount despite the fact, that many of the members have moved to outlying townships. One thing to us is clear and it is this, that, a Central Meeting place, is needed for the thousands of Africans who labour in the City and who are divorced by distance from their homes. It is to be hoped that this will be realised more and more by



employers who should encourage their employees to link up with the Centre and thereby spend their time profitably and in healthy surroundings.

The following comparative figures will show the slowly but steadily increasing membership:—

	On Roll	Active	Juniors	Arrears
1934	408	309	2	91
1935	536	417	—	119
1936	584	468	—	116

The number of members in arrears comprise those who through loss of employment fail to renew, those who return to their homes or move to areas too far to enable them to take advantage of the activities the Centre offers.

For the information of those not already associated with the Centre, we think, it is important to let employers, and intending members know, just how to become members. There are for Bantu men four classes of members (a) Life Members: Fees £5 (five pounds), (b) Ordinary Members: fees 10/- per annum, (c) Country Members: Fees 5/- per annum, (d) Junior Members: Fees 2/6 per annum.

N.B. (1) A Country Member is one residing outside the Magisterial District of Johannesburg, (2) A Junior Member is a Bona fide scholar. (e) Visiting Member: Any African visiting Johannesburg may become a Visiting Member on payment of 1/- per month and enjoy full benefits.

#### DEATH.

During the year, we were sorry to record the death of a staunch student member of the Centre, in the person of Mr. B. Magi who passed away after a short illness. Mr. Magi was an Assistant teacher at the Pimville Government School, a keen student, and one who endeared himself to all with whom he came into contact. We herewith wish to record our sincere sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

We were sorry to record the resignation during the year of (1) Mr. H. Wellbeloved, who through ill-

health found it necessary to resign from the Committee. Mr. Wellbeloved throughout his association with the Centre served it well and the Centre is very much poorer for the loss of his services. We hope Mr. Wellbeloved will soon be restored to complete health and strength. Another resignation was that of Mr. R. S. Medford on retiring on pension from the position of Director of Native Labour in which capacity he was a member of the Executive. We herewith wish to record our appreciation of his work among us and wish him many happy years in his retirement.

### PROF. R. F. A. HOERNLÉ.

Early in the year, we were sorry to part with Prof. Hoernlé who went on furlough in June. Prof. Hoernlé had been Chairman of the Bantu Men's Social Centre for nearly five years, during which time, he endeared himself to the Executive Committee, the Staff, and the members of the Centre. Prof. Hoernlé was keenly interested in the development of the Centre and, it is no exaggeration to say that, during the time he served the Centre as its Executive head, the Centre made strides. His, however, has been a well-earned rest, and we hope both he and Mrs. Hoernlé will soon come back to Africa very much refreshed by their well-earned Holiday.

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We were particularly fortunate in filling the vacancies to enlist the services of Mr. P. J. Bennett of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, who, has for years served the Africans in other capacities. Mr. Bennett comes to us with much experience of Africans, and African affairs, and we wish him many long and happy years with us. Yet, another piece of good fortune was the coming of Mr. W. B. Martin (New Director of Native Affairs). Mr. Martin, like Mr. Bennett, came to us with a vast store of knowledge of African affairs, having served in various parts of Natal, Transkei and the Cape, as Native Commissioner, we hope Mr. Martin's term of office will be longer than that of his pre-

decessors and will be blessed with health, to share with us, for years to come, the fruits of his experience.

### **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT THE CENTRE.**

During the year, we had the unique privilege of welcoming to the Centre the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley-Jones, one of the world's most noted preachers and authors. The meeting at the Centre was well attended and the words which fell from this preacher's lips were eagerly received by his audience. Yet, another distinguished visitor during the year was Mrs. Paul Robeson, wife of the world famous Negro tenor and actor, and her son Paul Robeson, Jnr. Though the reception to Mrs. Robeson was private, many Africans came, just to catch a glimpse of her. Her speech in connection with her celebrated husband was loudly applauded. Last but not least, a never-to-be-forgotten welcome-reception was accorded Mr. R. T. Caluza, M.A., B.Sc. (Music) noted African Musician and Head of the School of Music, Adams College, Natal. About 2,000 Europeans and Africans came to welcome the pioneer of what is to-day the first African School of Music, and to wish him every success in his new sphere of labour. We hope Mr. Caluza will long be spared to interpret to the world, what we believe is going to be Africa's greatest contribution.

### **"BRIDGMAN MEMORIAL DAY."**

All Religious, Social and other Institutions, periodically, have occasion to take stock, and measure up the amount of work they have done. We, at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, have good reason annually to go into retreat, and ask ourselves as to whether we were fulfilling the function and objective which the founder of the Institution had in mind for it. This year at "Founder's Day," we had as our Guest of Honour, Mrs. Bridgman—widow of the Founder—with whom he discussed the plans he had in mind for the Centre. In her speech, one could not help feeling that the ideals he had in mind for the Centre were of the highest, centered round the Great Master, and Teacher of Naza-



reth, and the fact, that during the year, a real effort had been made to draw our men closer to this ideal seemed another step in the direction of the founder's purpose. Other speakers were the Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor (Chairman) and successor to Dr. Bridgman who inspired the audience with the objective the Centre had. Messrs. I. H. Rathebe, W. B. Martin (New Director of Native Affairs), A. S. Vil-Nkomo who spoke in praise of the founder and of the good work that was being carried on. Musical items were ably rendered by the Stirtonville Melodians, the B.M.S.C. Quartette and others. A very happy gathering closed with the singing of the National Anthems.

### NIGHT SCHOOL.

As in past years under this head, we again have the privilege of reporting progress. This part of our work could not have been possible without the self-sacrificing services of the Superintendent of the School Rev. J. V. Cantrell, and the real hard work put in by Mr. Samuel D. Kekane, Principal, and his very efficient Staff. It is indeed gratifying to know, that the school is receiving the support of Africans thirsting for knowledge. The attendance at the Centre continues to average 30. This is to be expected, as only the higher classes are taken at the Centre, i.e., Standards IV, V and VI. The other classes A.B.C. to Standard III being taken at the Methodist Men's Institute. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Sadie and the Staff of the Lyceum College for holding classes once a week at the Centre for those wishing to qualify for the J.C. or Matriculation.

### RELIGIOUS TALKS.

Since the beginning of the year, there has been conducted at the Centre, what are known as "Religious Talks" among the members of the Centre. This part of the Centre's activities was in the past found to be sadly neglected and the inauguration of these "Talks," helped to complete the "Four-square Plan" which the founder of the Centre had in mind for it, i.e., to develop the Body, Mind, Spirit and Character. It is as yet diffi-



cult to say, to what extent these "Talks" have benefited members. But, the discussion on religious matters which follows these "Talks" make one feel that they are appreciated and have come to stay. There are however difficulties in getting Ministers to give these "Talks" on Sundays as they themselves have full Sunday-programmes. Nevertheless, the response from busy Ministers has encouraged us to continue the experiment. The average attendance of members at these "talks" was between 20 and 25. This, it must be admitted is small but, it must be borne in mind that we are not trying to take the place of the Churches, but are attempting to cater for those who, for reasons best known to themselves, are losing touch with what someone once chose to call "The things that matter." The following is a list of those who were good enough to speak to members: The Very Rev. Dean W. A. Palmer, L.Th., A.Th.; The Rev. J. Bruce Gardiner, M.A.; The Rev. Rocliffe Mackintosh, M.A.; Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, D.D.; Rev. Dr. Ennals, Rev. A. A. Kidwell, Rev. A. W. Eaton, The Rev. Good, The Rev. J. B. Jack, Commissioner J. Cunningham, The Rev. K. Murray Nkabinde, Rev. S. S. Tema, Rev. Norman Bennett, M.A.; Rev. L. Pearson, Rev. Basil-Brown, Major Christoffer-son, Rev. D. Rakale, Rev. M. M. Cobban, Rev. J. V. Cantrell, Rev. Du Plooy, and the Rev. J. B. Short, M.A.

The following is a list of subjects on which the above clergy spoke to members: (1) "Is there Room for God?" (2) "B.C.—A.D." (3) "Abyssinia: Ethopia Shall Stretch Forth Her Hand." (4) "The Quest of the Ages." (5) "In quest of the truth." (6) "The tale of two Worlds." (7) "What Christianity has meant to me." (8) "Liquour and Modern Life." (9) Christianity's Supreme Rival." (10) An Easter Message." (11) "Can the Bible be trusted?" (12) "If I were a Native." (13) "What Christ has meant to me." (14) "The Battle of Life." (15) "The Question of Christianity." (16) "Has youth lost faith in Christianity?" (17) "What is our justification for taking our Religion to other races and other lands?" (18) "Christian Work in the North-Eastern Transvaal." (19) "All Saints."

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE 5th DIVISION.

### (1st Bantu).

The Division has made steady progress during the year, although to those not in direct touch with its activities it may appear that this year has been less eventful than the previous one.

All the Bantu Football Grounds were well looked after, and many more cases than last year were attended to.

Owing to the tremendous growth of this Movement in the Transvaal it was found impossible for Divisions to demonstrate their work individually at the Annual Inspection, so at this compulsory parade only the inspection of the members of each division and a general march past could be undertaken. The Divisions were inspected by Major-General A. J. E. Brink, D.T.D., D.S.O., Knight of Grace, the Secretary of Defence who also took the salute at the march past. The General was very much impressed with the parade and spoke in high terms of the great voluntary work undertaken by its members. It is indeed gratifying to record that after a few interviews with Mr. F. Jeffreys, the Chief Fire Master of the Johannesburg Municipality, the Corps Superintendent was able to make arrangements for members of the Division to assist on the Municipal Ambulance each Saturday and Sunday nights, as well as in the evening on Public Holidays. Although this duty has been carried out for only a few months results have proved the usefulness of the members also the members are gaining most valuable experience for in this work not only cuts, fractured legs, or arms met with, but also very serious injuries such as bashed-in heads, and deep stab wounds. From the experience gained in this phase of the work it can be safely said that members of the 5th Division (1st Bantu) are capable of rendering expert assistance correctly in the most serious of accidents and they now all *know* the joy that is derived from giving up their time for their fellow-men without seeking reward.

It is with regret that we have to record the resignation of the following members: E. Tati, R. Skakane, I. Josana and H. Lesolang. Mr. Tati was the first member to enrol in the Division and the one who helped and spared no effort in assisting Mr. Horner to form the first class, and we trust that when he ceases to tour the Union and settle once more in Johannesburg he will join up again. It is also hoped that Mr. Hans Lesolang and Mr. Robert Skakane, will join up on their return to the "Golden City," and as for Mr. Isaac Josana, he has faded into "the Blue" perhaps he will turn up like the "bad penny" some day, who knows!

Finally, it is gratifying to record that there are some prospective new members for the coming year. The following members of the Brigade received promotions during the year: P. Ts'epe (Sergeant), S. Molise (Sergeant Supernumary), S. Magubane (Corpral), K. Monethi (Corpral), G. Makuzani (Hon. Sergeant).

### CARNEGIE LENDING LIBRARY.

While the small lots of books sent in boxes to different centres serve a useful purpose, and the Social Centre has a fairly large list of readers who make use of these books, we are of opinion that since the Johannesburg Public Library is not available to non-Europeans there should be created as soon as possible a Central Library for such readers when they will have a larger selection than is possible with the "box" system. The reader's interest wanes when the authors on subjects of his choice are exhausted. If Johannesburg will limit the use of its library to one section of the community it should face the provision of adequate library facilities for non-Europeans. Meanwhile we are glad to learn that a non-European Travelling Librarian is to be appointed to assist in making these make-shift-libraries more effective.

Several of our members are taking advantage of the facilities provided by the University Library of a non-European reading room.



## GAMMA SIGMA CLUB.

The Gamma Sigma Club, this year has not functioned as it ought to have for two reasons, firstly, because the attempt of the Committee of Gamma-Sigma Clubs on the Reef, to organise the clubs as a unit proved abortive. Secondly, the long illness of the Assistant Secretary made it difficult for the Secretary alone to cope with the usual activities of the Club and the Centre. However, the following addressed the Club during the year: Dr. Sacks, the Chief Traffic Officer, (3) Dr. A. B. Xuma, M.D., B.Sc., and Mr. R. V. Selope-Thema, Subject: "The Native Bills," (4) Mr. H. Hallendorff, Subject: "The Constitution and working of Gamma Sigma Clubs", (6) Mr. G. W. Ballinger, Subject: "The International Labour Office," etc.

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## THE BANTU DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

We feel we should be missing an opportunity, if in this Report, we did not congratulate the "Bantu Dramatic Society," and the "Bantu People's Theatre," for the successful performances put on this year. We recall with pleasure, the rendering of "Lady Windermere's Fan," "Max and Co." and "The Hairy Ape." These plays drew crowds, and those who came went away surprised at the ability of the actors. The Centre as in previous years felt proud to have made it possible for the actors and actresses to read and prepare their plays at the Centre. We wish the Societies even greater success in the coming year.

## THE B.M.S.C. QUARTETTE.

The B.M.S.C. Quartette, famous for its rendering of Negro Spirituals sang at several places during the first half of the year. Later, the Quartette lost one of its valued member, in the person of Mr. Mako A. Hlubi who went Overseas to study. We were later gratified to learn that Mr. Hlubi was taking part in the production of the Film "King Solomon's Mines." Mr. G. Nongauza of the Crown Mines and Mr. Peter S. M. Dabula joined the Quartette and helped to keep it together. The Quartette sang at the following places during the year: Yeoville (Methodist), Clifton (Methodist), Rosebank, Rhodean School, the B.M.S.C. (Guest Nights), Brakpan Location, the Central Hall, Helping Hand Club and the Leper Asylum, Pretoria.

## THE B.M.S.C. ROAMER CREW.

The Crew as reported last year, continues to function. Members of the Crew meet regularly every Thursday to discuss problems appertaining to almost everything, go out hiking or biking or help to raise funds and help where help is needed. Mr. Wilfred Litsi (Leader), and Mr. Peter Dabula (Scrawler) and others are to be highly complemented for this branch of Social Work. Mr. J. R. Rathebe—a member of the Crew—was recently awarded the "Order of the Silver Lion"—

the highest distinction in the P/F Movement for long and faithful services. Other members of the Centre, and Pathfinders to receive recognition for services were Messrs. H. W. Shearsmith, I. H. Magang, and S. H. Mbambo, who all received "The Medal of Merit," and last but not least, the Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor (our Chairman), who was awarded the 'Thanks Badge' for past services.

## OUT DOOR GAMES.

Out-Door Games at the Centre continue to flourish. The B.M.S.C. (Reds) F.C. this year under the leadership of Mr. Aaron Nobanda (Captain) once more tried to live up to their former reputation by capturing the League Cup, and finishing second for the "City Cup." The team is to be congratulated for the splendid showing, and hope the much envied "City Cup" will come our way next year.

## TENNIS.

Tennis at the Centre under the leadership of Mr. S. H. Msweli (Captain), Dan Makoe (Vice-Chairman) and a Committee consisting of Messrs. Hoosen Jajbhay (Chairman) and M. Kambule (Secretary) have made strides. Both the Singles and the Doubles Tournament for the Jajbhay Bros.' Trophies were keenly competed for, each time they came round, the number of entrants each time passing the number before. In the "Singles" Tournament, there were no less than 63 entrants, and quite a number of "dark horses" who all succumbed to the invincible Hoosen Jajbhay, holder now, for two years. Towards the latter part of the year, we had the honour of a visit from the South African National European Tennis Champion, Mr. Norman Farquharson, accompanied by Mr. Silson. Mr. Farquharson and his companion treated the audience to some fine tennis, but went away feeling that they had had a good game from our men. Mr. Farquharson hopes to bring a team to the Centre in the New Year, when, we hope, we shall give a better account of ourselves. Our Team played at

Randfontein, Brakpan, West Rand, Westertownship. the Bantu Sports Club and won all their matches. Played three matches at Pimville and lost one.

### IN-DOOR GAMES.

Of all the In-Door Games indulged in at the Centre, Billiards still leads followed by Ping-Pong, Draughts, Chess and Volley-Ball.

### BOXING.

The Transvaal Non-European Amateur Boxing Association held two tournaments during the year, one in November, and later the Championships in December, 1936. In both cases the attendance was moderate but those who came certainly had a night's entertainment. We are glad to record that, three of our men won titles at the Transvaal Championships. They are: Mr. Stephen Mabinda (light heavy), Mr. Thompson Xaba (middle), and Mr. Willie Mbatha (feather). These three men were subsequently selected to represent the Transvaal at the first Non-European "Olympic Games" held in Capetown on the 1st and the 2nd of January, 1937, and we are glad to state here, that, with the exception of the first-named, the other two won South African titles in their respective divisions. These men, are to be congratulated for keeping up Boxing at the Centre. Our thanks are due to the Johannesburg and District Amateur Boxing Association (European) Mr. Ronaldson, Mr. M. M. Martin, Mr. Morene, Dr. Mavogodado, and other European officials, and friends, who have helped to encourage our lads. Also to Mr. A. S. Vil-Nkomo, Mr. D. M. Denalane, Organising Secretary, and Chairman, respectively

### GUEST NIGHT.

Twelve Guest Nights were held during the year, all of them an outstanding success. In fact, members look forward to the Guest Night from month to month, as the management tries to vary the programme each time. We were fortunate during the year to have visitors from Toc H, Rosebank, The Young People's



Guild, and others. In each case, our visitors joined in a game of volley-ball, the spirit of the visitors being very highly appreciated by members, their wives, and friends. Our hearty thanks are due to all those who helped to make our members happy on these occasions. Particularly Mr. H. Hallendorff (for Talkies), Prof. Beale (Weight Lifter and Conjurer), The Orpheum Lads, the "A.O.E.," the Rhythm Kings, The Jazz Maniacs and many others who helped to make these nights worth while.

### MID-DAY MEALS.

Last year we reported that the Bantu members had requested—as they did the year before—that meals be served at the Centre. The Executive Committee was exceedingly reluctant to try this experiment, as a previous one had failed. But, with a second request took courage and tried once more. Up to the end of November the meals were showing a profit. The inauguration, therefore, is supplying a long felt need. The change over however from the Coal Range to a Gas Stove appears to have been ambitious on our part, as we are beginning to feel the strain and unless some scheme can be devised to prevent the heavy consumption of Gas as at present, the meals will soon be run at a loss. If, however, the cost of Gas continues to mount, we shall have no alternative but to reduce the number of "courses" or increase our charges, that is, if we are to come out square. The following figures for 10 months will show the number of meals served per month: February 612, March 629, April 701, May 647, June 931, July 553, August 903, September 781, October 669, November 609, TOTAL: 7,035 meals or an average daily attendance of 23.3. To encourage members to patronise the meals, we printed meal Coupon Book for a week and a month, the value of the Week-Meal Coupon Book is 5/3 and we sell it at 4/6 and the Month Coupon Book at £1, we sell it for 18/-. This experiment has not been a success possibly owing to the fact that members cannot afford to lay out the sums in question at once.

## GENERAL.

In conclusion we are pleased to note that the Centre more and more, is being looked upon as a Centre and a Meeting Place of Africans. Young men never think of marrying without holding their Receptions at the Centre, and Organizztions of all kinds make use of the Centre for their meetings—as the following list will show, viz., The Transvaal African Teachers' Association, The Transvaal Interdenominational Ministers' Association, the Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, the Sons of Basutoland, The Johannesburg Bakgatla Association, The All-African Convention (Executive Committee), The South African Students' Association, The St. John Ambulance Brigade 5th Division (1st Bantu), the Pathfinders Movement, the Paladins, the Johannesburg Bantu Football Association, the Transvaal Bantu Cricket Board, The Transvaal Mine Workers' Association and many others. The Visitors' Book shows nearly two hundred signatures, many not having signed.

## THANKS.

There are hundreds of friends both European and African, whom we would here like to thank and mention by names for the kindly interest they have taken in the Centre, but cannot do this owing to pressure of space. But, would especially like to say thank you to Messrs. Howard Pim and Hardy for clerical assistance, Mrs. O. D. Schrenier, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Palmer for sending us valuable literature, Drs. H. H. Spitz and Meltzer for examining our boys before Tournaments.

Then, if there are Europeans or Africans who would like to see round the Centre, the Secretaries will only be too pleased to show them round. For appointments, please, Ring 33-8110 or Write to THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 4767, JOHANNESBURG.

on behalf of the Executive Committee :—

James Dexter Taylor, Chairman.

J. Richard Rathebe, Secretary.





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 party and... of...

# Bantu Men's

## Dr. EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ACCOUNT

To	Salaries and Wages	£413 9 3
"	Municipal Rates and Charges	138 14 5
"	Games	45 3 0
"	Insurance	33 17 0
"	Clerical Assistance	43 11 10
"	Postages, Stationery, Telephones, Bank Charges and Sundry Expenses	280 11 6
"	Cost of Annual Supper	29 16 8
"	Disbursements in respect of Night Schools	11 0 0
"	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	118 4 7
"	Amount written off Cost Price of Building Fund Investments	141 3 1
"	Balance—Excess of Revenue over Expenditure, transferred to Accumulated Funds	67 5 1
		£1,322 16 5

For auditing the accounts...  
 Mr. J. D. Taylor, Chairman  
 Mr. J. Richard, Secretary

# Social Centre.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936.

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By	Membership Fees	...	...	...	181	7	6
"	Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	...	465	15	9
"	Native Recruiting Corporation, Ltd.	...	...	...	300	0	0
"	Board of Control—Deferred Pay	...	...	...	150	0	0
	Interest Fund—Grant	...	...	...	11	0	0
"	Night School Fees	...	...	...	117	7	6
"	Sundry Revenue	...	...	...	117	7	6
	Hire of Hall	...	...	...	117	0	0
	Locker Rents	...	...	...	0	7	6
"	Profit on Kitchen and Catering	...	...	...	37	9	3
	Revenue	...	...	...	507	9	9
	Less Expenditure	...	...	...	470	0	6
"	Interest received	...	...	...	59	16	5
					<u>£1,322</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

# Bantu Men's

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Dr.

## BALANCE SHEET

To Creditors ... ..				81	17	3
„ Library Deposits ... ..				1	18	6
„ Accumulated Funds ... ..				8,088	7	10
Balance, 31st December, 1935	8,871	2	9			
Add Balance of Expenditure and Revenue Account ... ..				67	5	1
				8,938	7	10
Less Amount transferred to Building Fund ... ..	850	0	0			
„ Building Fund ... ..				850	0	0

£9,022 3 7

Johannesburg,

27th January, 1937.





# Bantu Men's Social Centre.

1936.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

African Consolidated Films Ltd. ....	£26	5	0		
Less—Handed over to Bantu Sports Club and Pathfinders .....	13	2	6		
				13	2 6
African Explosives and Industries Ltd. ....				25	0 0
African Guarantee and Indemnity Co. Ltd. ....				2	2 0
Aiken and Carter, Alex. ....				10	0 0
Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd. ....				10	10 0
Anonymous .....				5	6
Anstey and Co., Norman .....				2	2 0
Barker, A. E. ....				1	1 0
Barnato Group of Mines .....				25	0 0
Barrow (Pty.) Ltd., John .....				1	1 0
Bilbrough, S. B. ....				2	2 0
British Insulated Cables (S.A.) Ltd. ....				2	2 0
Brick and Potteries Co. Ltd. ....				2	2 0
Burlington Printing and Bookbinding Co. ....				1	1 0
Castle Wine and Brandy Co. Ltd. ....				1	1 0
Central Engineering Works Ltd. ....				1	1 0
Central Mining—Rand Mines Group .....				50	0 0
Central News Agency Ltd. ....				5	0 0
Cleghorn's .....				1	1 0
Colonial Motors Ltd. ....				1	1 0
Cotts and Co. (S.A.) Ltd., Mitchell .....				1	1 0
Currie Ltd., Richard R. ....				1	1 0
Denver Machinery Co. Ltd. ....				1	1 0
Dunlop Rubber Co. (S.A.) Ltd. ....				1	1 0
Evans & Co., Herbert .....				2	2 0
Fraser and Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd. ....				2	2 0
Gemmill, W. ....				2	2 0
General Mining and Finance Corporation Ltd. ....				15	0 0

Green and Morison Ltd., E. K. ....	1	1	0
Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson ....	1	1	0
Henwood, Son, Soutter and Co. ....	2	2	0
Hillman Bros. Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Hofmeyr, H. J. ....	1	1	0
Hunt, Leuchars and Hepburn Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Johannesburg, City Council of ....	50	0	0
Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. ....	25	0	0
Jooste and Bryant Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Liddle (Pty.) Ltd., Joseph ....	1	1	0
Mackenzie, Geo. ....	1	1	0
McGregor and Co., Helen ....	10	0	0
Neon Lights (S.A.) Ltd., Claude ....	1	2	4
New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd. ....	20	0	0
Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd. ....	4	12	1
Prices (S.A.) Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Pim and Hardy, Howard, Clerical Assistance ....	43	11	10
Quinn and Co. Ltd., Jno. W. ....	1	1	0
Rand Daily Mails Ltd. ....	10	0	0
Rand Provident Building Society ....	2	2	0
Randles, Bro. and Hudson Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Reckitts (Africa) Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Salvation Army ....	2	0	0
Shell Company of South Africa Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Sive Bros. and Karnovsky Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Smith, James ....	5	0	0
Solomon, Mr. Justice Saul ....	3	3	0
South African and General Investment and Trust Co. Ltd. ....	1	1	0
South British Insurance Co. Ltd. ....	2	2	0
"Star," The ....	25	0	0
Stewarts and Lloyds of South Africa Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Stevenson, J. H. ....	2	2	0



Stokes, F. A. ....	2	2	0
Stuttaford and Co. Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Sunday School Union ....	1	1	0
"Sunday Times" Syndicate Ltd. ....	10	0	0
Thompson (Pty.) Ltd., James ....	1	1	0
Thornton's ....	1	1	0
Thrupp and Co. ....	1	1	0
Troughton, J. J. ....	1	1	0
Union Corporation Ltd. ....	25	0	0
Union Flour Mills Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power Co. Ltd. ....	15	0	0
Woolliams and Co. ....	10	6	
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	£465	15	9
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