

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MINUTES

of meeting held in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, Visagie Street, Pretoria, on Monday, 12th September, 1938, and commencing at 9.15 a.m.

154. OPENING DEVOTIONS: The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.

155. ROLL CALL and APOLOGIES: The following were present: Rev. W. Nicol, (in the chair), Rev. H.P. Junod, Dr J. Lennox, Dr J. D. Taylor, Rev. J. Reyneke, and Rev. J.M. du Toit. Apologies were received from Bishop Parker and Rev. A.C. Grant.

156. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting, held in the Voortrekker Gedenksaal, Pretoria, on Monday, 8th August, 1938, which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

157. ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- (i) Balance Sheet: The Secretary pointed out that the item "Salary £385" did not cover the period mentioned. The meeting instructed the Treasurer and the Secretary to correct the date of entry accordingly.
- (ii) State Lotteries: The Secretary reported that he was assisting the D.R.C. Committee with the circulation of contra-petition forms to affiliated bodies.
- (iii) Adams Report: The Secretary reported that Mr Shepherd was printing a special edition of the "Outlook" of more than the 24 pages at the cost of £30 to the Council, any extra cost being a donation to the Council. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Mr Shepherd, and instructed the Secretary to handle the circulation of the 200 copies.
- (iv) Time of Commencement: It was noted that 9.15 a.m. had not proved the most suitable time for all Committee members.
- (v) Missionaries en route: The Secretary reported that, at the request of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions he had arranged for two missionaries to be met upon arrival at Cape Town and that Rev. James Rodger had kindly acted as Council representative. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Mr Rodger.
- (vi) Handbooks: The Secretary reported the receipt of 228 copies of the "Christian Handbook of South Africa", of which all but 20 had been sold. The Meeting ordered a further 100 copies. The question of further sales was left to Revs Nicol, Reyneke and du Toit. Mr Reyneke drew attention to the misspelt word on the cover, where a "K" had been used instead of a "CH" in "Christen". The Meeting instructed the Secretary to see that this error be corrected in future editions.
- (vii) Duplicator: The Secretary reported the purchase of a Gestetner Ream machine at £25. The Meeting approved, and instructed the payment of this amount.

158. FINANCE: The Treasurer submitted the following Revenue and Expenditure account for the period July 1 till August 6, 1938:

To Balance forward.....	£421: 7: 6	By Gestetner a/c.....	£ :14: 0
Norwegian Mission....	10: 0: 0	Clark a/c.....	9: 9: 7
American Luth. Miss.	5: 0: 0	Wallachs a/c.....	3:15: 9
N.G. Sendingkerk.....	5: 0: 0	Adams Conference....	14: 5: 5
Methodist Church SA.	130: 0: 0	Typing, Hill.....	3: 0: 0
Sale of Report.....	1: 0	Balance.	540: 3: 9
	<u>£571: 8: 6</u>		<u>£571: 8: 6</u>

Balance in hand....	£540: 3: 9
Less due Sec. July.	42: 0: 0
	<u>£498: 3: 9</u>

The Meeting approved the suggestion put forward by the Treasurer and the Secretary that the Secretary be authorised to open a Petty Cash Account in Pretoria to obviate the difficulty and expense of handling small amounts. The Treasurer and the Secretary would arrange the necessary details satisfactorily.

159. SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: (i) Native Welfare: Rev. H.P. Junod was present and reported that he was devoting his attention to the matter of Native Taxation. He felt it wrong to urge for the abolition of the Poll Tax now as Native Services would be the first to suffer. While we all felt the tax iniquitous, the remedy lay not in simple opposition. The Land Act was also being studied, and Mrs J. D. R. Jones was lending assistance. The whole Native Marriage System was being investigated by the Institute of Race Relations, and while the Meeting felt that this was a wide field of study, it remembered that its Committee had already commenced such a study, and it would suggest that in such matters, before the Institute entered upon a definite line of action, there be consultation and co-operation. It would also suggest that it take over this study, as "marriage" concerned the Churches more definitely.
- (ii) Evangelism: Rev. J. Reyneke was present to read the Report of the First Meeting of the Contracted Sub-Committee on Evangelism. An Evangelistic Campaign was being planned, but as yet there was not sufficient keenness and unity of purpose - some Churches felt that evangelistic preaching was desirable, others would strengthen their work in a more restrained way. Nor was there complete agreement on what such an evangelistic attempt should be called. Dr Taylor suggested "The Kingdom of God Movement" along the lines of Kagawa in Japan; there might even be the possibility of Kagawa's leading such work in S.A. in 1940. Mr Nicol suggested that this be submitted as the subject for Pentecostal Prayers in the D.R. Churches.

None of the other Sectional Committees had sent any information.

160. MADRAS: The Meeting noted that the Secretary had written to the Acting Metropolitan Bishop of the Church of the Province, making every attempt to secure an Anglican delegate to Tambaram in accordance with Dr Mott's wishes. Dr Taylor reported that Mrs Bridgman was approaching the Presbyterian Church of S.A. with a view to obtaining financial assistance for Miss Soga. The Secretary reported that Rev. F. Stakes had found it impossible to accept nomination to the delegation; the other members of the delegation having accepted. The allocation therefor stood as follows:
- Four members of "white" churches: Louw, Cruse, Harris. (Stakes falls out)
 - Two missionaries: Grosskopf, Council Secretary.
 - Four natives: Tema, Mvusi, Luthuli, Soga.

(N.B. The above division of Four-Two-Four was made by the I.M.C. JMDT.)

The Meeting now had to fill the vacancy occurring in the "white" churches through Mr Stakes inability to go. A Sub-Committee met for deliberation, and submitted the following Report to the Executive which was accepted:

"The Sub-Committee consisting of Dr J. Lennox, Rev. H.P. Junod and Dr J. Dexter Taylor (Convener) appointed to recommend what course should be followed with regard to the vacancy in the Tambaram delegation due to the withdrawal of Prof. Pellessier and the inability of the alternate to accept the post, unanimously recommended (i) that, as the D.R.C. of Tvl had accepted, at an early stage, the Council's invitation to appoint a representative, and had made provision for his expenses, the D.R.C. of Tvl be asked to appoint another representative in stead of Prof.

Pellissier; and (ii) that, if permissible, the Committee would suggest that Rev. B. J. Marais would be a most acceptable nominee inasmuch as he falls within the category of Youth so much stressed by Dr Mott, and further, because of his relations to University students he would be of the greatest value in presenting the spirit of Tambaram to the coming leaders of Church and State."

The Meeting noted with interest that several persons from South Africa had been co-opted by the I.M.C., including Dr J.D. Taylor, who intended to be present, and Dr Edgar Brookes, who was unable to go.

161. THE 1939 COUNCIL MEETING: The Meeting proposed that the 1939 Council Meeting be held in Cape Town on Wednesday and Thursday, 19th and 20th April, with a Public Meeting on the Wednesday evening. This item would immediately be communicated to the other members of the Executive with the request that they consider this and write their suggestions to the Secretary. As a Sub-Committee to make further suggestions were appointed: The Bishop of Pretoria, Rev. H. P. Junod, Rev. J. Reyneke, and the Secretary (Convener).

162. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: The Meeting considered the Free Advertisement of Christian Science Literature on Railway premises. It felt that it would investigate the matter further, and reconsider it at the next meeting.

163. FILM CENSORSHIP: The Meeting considered the fact that certain undesirable films were passed by the Board of Censors. It decided that (i) The Bishop of Pretoria, accompanied if possible by Rev. Mr Nicol, should interview the Management of the Company concerned so that it might realise that there was a strong section of the public opposed to that type of film; (ii) The Convener of the Sectional Committee on Native Welfare should approach the Minister concerned with a view to the reorganisation of the Board of Censors.

164. PORT ELIZABETH: The Port Elizabeth Evangelical Church Council had invited the Secretary to visit that centre with a view to giving first-hand knowledge of the aims of the Council. The Meeting decided to ask the Literary Secretary to deputise for the Secretary here, as time and distance did not make it possible for him to accept that invitation just immediately.

165. APPLICATION: An application for membership was received from the Council for Missionary Co-operation of Southern Rhodesia. Such applications are considered by the Council in Session. (Vide Constitution Par.5.) The Meeting instructed the Secretary to obtain full details regarding this application.

166. AUSTRIAN REFUGEES: A letter from the I.M.C. requesting the Council to take certain action regarding the arrival of Austrian Refugees was left over for the next meeting.

167. S.A. SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL: The Christian Council has requested to nominate not less than three members to the Convention Council. The Meeting decided to appoint three members. It appointed (i) The Secretary and (ii) The Convener of the Sectional Committee on Youth Movements, Rev. E.W. Grant; as alternate: Rev. Mungo Carrick. It requested the Sectional Committee on Youth Movements to submit two further names so that it might, at its next meeting, appoint the third member. (N.B. Rev. Mr Nicol is an ex-officio member of the Convention Council. JMdT.) No expenses would be borne.

168. INTER-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE: Dr J.D. Taylor announced that he was going on furlough, and asked that a substitute be appointed. The Meeting appointed Mr Junod.

169. I.M.C ASSISTANCE TAMBARAM DELEGATES: The I.M.C. had graciously offered certain assistance to the S.A. delegation, and it was decided to cable the acceptance of this offer and the requisition of \$500. The further contribution would be made at the Conference.

170. CHURCH MARRIAGES: The Meeting noted certain divergent customs amongst Churches and Missionary Societies with regard to the solemnisation of marriages in church when the persons concerned had premarital relations. Many members simply went to the Courts or to the Separatists for marriage. The Meeting instructed the Secretary to investigate current practices and to report to the Executive.

171. THE LAND QUESTION: The Sub-Committee already appointed would find that Mrs J.D.R.Jones had prepared valuable material on this question, and the Meeting suggested that (i) it meet with Mrs Jones in her office to discuss the question, and (ii) co-opt for this purpose Rev. Mr Westphal. As alternate to Rev. H.P. Junod was appointed Rev. I. Leresche.

172. TREASURER: Dr Taylor, the Treasurer, notified the Meeting that, as he was leaving on a year's furlough, he had perforce to relinquish his duties as treasurer. The Chairman expressed the sincere appreciation of the Executive and of the Council for the way in which Dr Taylor had served in this office for the past years. It was a joy to know that he was with the Delegation to Madras, and the Meeting wished him and Mrs Taylor a happy time of rest and refreshing. The Meeting appointed Dr John Lennox as Treasurer acting in Dr Taylor's absence.

173. CLOSING DEVOTIONS: Rev. J. Reyneke closed the meeting with prayer.

(N.B. After the meeting the omission to decide upon the date for the next meeting was discussed by the Chairman and the Secretary. Members are asked to write their suggestions immediately. Failing any suggestions to the contrary the next meeting will be called for Monday, 10th October, 1938.)

CHAIRMAN.

Offices of Council,
152, Nicolson Street,
Brooklyn,
Pretoria.
12th September, 1938.
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J. Murray du Toit

SECRETARY.

SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES

to those of Meeting of Executive Committee held in Pretoria on 20/2/39.

To Min. 200: SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gentlemen, The decisions of the Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa regarding the South African Delegation to the International Missionary Council Meeting and World Missionary Conference at Madras, India, from the 12th to the 29th of December, 1939, were duly communicated to (i) the International Missionary Council and to (ii) the delegates themselves.

Your Secretary reserved accomodation for all delegates (who did not prefer to act independently through their own agents) for both the forward and the return journey, during March of 1938 on board the M. V. "Isipingo" due to sail from Port Natal on 13th November, 1938, thereby enabling the delegates to travel together. It should be mentioned that certain delegates booked independently of the abovementioned party, and experienced some difficulty in obtaining accomodation on board, and were compelled to return on the ship of a different line, at greatly increased cost. The desirability for central bookings should be stressed for any future travel of a similar nature.

On Sunday, 13th November, 1938, there sailed from Port Natal the whole of the South African Delegation of ten members, to wit: Dr H.P. Cruse, Rev. J. M. du Toit, Rev. C. C. Harris, Rev. B. J. Marais, as representing the Churches; Dr J. Astrup, Rev. S. Grosskopf, as representing the Missions; Chief A. J. Lutuli, Rev. J. C. Mvusi, Miss M. Soga, Rev. S.S. Tema, as nationals. With them travelled also the following co-opted members of the Madras Conference: Rev. A.F. Louw, Dr J. D. Taylor. These delegates met daily on board for a brief period of devotions, and for a longer period of study of the sixteen sections of Preparatory Study of Conference. Papers were read on various subjects by various delegates, and these formed the basis for discussion.

There followed on the S.S. "Karanje" another co-opted member, the Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Lebombo. Accomodation had also been reserved for the Rev. J. C. Oosthuysen, whose co-option had been specially cabled by Dr Mott, but Mr Oosthuysen eventually found it impossible to attend the Conference. Some of the delegates attended, during the days prior to the Madras Meetings, an African Conference in Colombo.

The thirteen delegates and co-opted delegates mentioned above duly attended the Madras Conference from Monday, 12th December, until Thursday, 29th December, 1938. They attended, during the first two weeks of Conference, two sections each, where they not only studied the material of these sections, but also made their contribution of information, discussion and compilation of the Sectional Reports. The sectional groups were attended as follows:

1. The Faith by which the Church Lives: Du Toit, Lutuli.
2. The Church: Its Nature and Function: Lebombo, Marais.
3. The Unfinished Evangelistic Task: Lutuli, Harris.
4. The Place of the Church in Evangelism: none.
5. The Witness of the Church in Relation to Non-Christian Faiths and the Cultural Heritage: Grosskopf, Tema.
6. The Witness of the Church - Practical Questions of Method and Policy: Astrup, Harris, Mvusi.
7. The Inner Life of the Church - Worship, The Christian Home, and Religious Education: Louw, Soga.
8. The Indigenous Ministry of the Church, both Ordained and Lay: Mvusi, Soga.
9. The Relation of Christian Education, Medical and Social Reconstruction Work, to the Christian Missionary Purpose: Cruse, Taylor.
10. The Place, Work and Training of the Future Missionary: Louw.
11. An Adequate Literary Programme: Cruse, Lebombo.
12. The Economic Basis of the Church: none. (Visited by Tema).
13. The Church and the Changing Social and Economic Order: Astrup, Grosskopf, Tema.
14. The Church and the International Order: Du Toit.
15. The Problem of Church and State: Marais.
16. Co-operation and Unity: Taylor.

A summary of the above Sectional Attendances would be:

Astrup, Dr J. ... 6, 13.
Cruse, Dr H.P. ... 9, 11.
Du Toit, Rev. J.M.. 1, 14.

Grosskopf/.....

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Grosshopf, Rev. S. ...	5,	13.
Harris, Rev. C.C. ...	6,	3.
Lebombo, Bishop of ...	2,	11.
Louw, Rev. A.F. ...	7,	10.
Lutuli, Chief A. J. ...	1,	3.
Marais, Rev. B. J. ...	2,	15.
Mvusi, Rev. J. C. ...	6,	8.
Soga, Miss M. ...	7,	8.
Taylor, Dr. J. D. ...	9,	16.
Tema, Rev. S. S. ...	5,	13.

It is regretted that all sixteen sections were not covered by delegates. The choice of attendance was left to the delegates themselves.

During the first week of Conference eight of the Sections met under a duly appointed Chairman and Secretary for Group Study and the compilation of its Report; during the second week the other eight Sections met similarly. During the third week these sixteen Reports were reviewed, rejected, revised or received by the Plenary Session. Throughout the three weeks of Conference there was a daily devotional programme, and addresses were given on popular and specialised subjects by various speakers. In all group study and plenary meetings opportunity was given for discussion by delegates, and the South African delegates took their part and made their contribution, which was sympathetically considered and appreciated. The following addresses to the Plenary Sessions should be specially mentioned: Dr T. Kagawa: "The Cross".

The Bishop of Dornakal: "The Church and Its Mission".

The Rev. C. F. Andrews: "International and Inter-racial Reconciliation".

The Bishop of Winchester: "Church and State".

The Rev. W. Paton: "The Church and the World Community".

Dr E. Stanley Jones: "Christmas".

Throughout the Conference special Groups, national, geographical, professional or subjective, met for discussion, many of these submitting Reports to the Plenary Session. The South African Delegation met upon various occasions to discuss matters of interest to South Africa.

In addition to any other Reports of the Madras Conference which may be published by or under the auspices of the International Missionary Council or National Councils, the Conference was promised a popular Report to sell at 1/- per copy, for which a wide sale should be arranged.

In accordance with the Executive decision (Par. 129 Exec. Min.) your Secretary served as a member of the International Council Committee, which met upon various occasions during the Conference, and again immediately afterwards. Amongst others the following matters were treated by this Committee and were reported to the Plenary Session:

1. The resignation of Dr J. H. Oldham and Miss M. M. Underhill.

2. The nomination of Officers of Council:

Chairman ... : Dr John R. Mott.

Vice-Chairmen : Baroness van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Winchester.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Dornakal.

Dr Yi-Fang Wu. (A woman.)

The Rev. Bishop J. C. Baker.

Dr Knut B. Westman.

Secretaries : The Rev. William Paton.

The Rev. A. L. Warnshuis.

Assistant) : Miss D. D. Gibson.

Secretaries) Miss D. H. Standley.

Miss E. B. Strong.

Treasurer ... : S. Fredrick Telleen.

3. Finance, Banking arrangements, an annual budget of \$36,500 for each of the three years 1939, 1940, 1941, and affiliation fees.

4. Extension of the activities of the Department of Social and Industrial Research and Counsel, undertaking researches in promoting and improving missionary methods and activities.

5. The World Council of Churches, and its relation towards the I.M.C.

The South African delegation realized the necessity for an adequate Post-Madras campaign, and noted with interest the elaborate arrangements made for similar campaigns in other countries, even to the invitation/.....

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invitation of delegates from different parts of the world to spend some months along with the home delegation in Post-Madras campaigning. It is urged that the following points be considered by each South African Delegate and by the Christian Council of South Africa:

1. Individual delegates have opportunities of interesting their personal contacts through discussion or correspondence in the work of the I.M.C., the C.C.S.A., and the Madras Conference in particular; these opportunities should be used to the utmost.
2. Individual delegates should also use wherever possible the opportunity of presenting the Madras picture when invited to address or to lecture to audiences, and also in pulpit work.
3. Individual delegates should take responsibility for the sphere, denominational, professional or geographic, in which they move; they should suggest to the C.C.S.A. such campaigning as they consider desirable, and they should be prepared to assist such campaigning as is decided upon.
4. Individual delegates should be prepared to serve on a team along with other delegates in campaigning in their own or in other spheres, especially where a number of delegates might be able to devote time to a tour of institutions, churches, towns, missions, or the like.
5. All delegates should attend the 1939 Conference and Council Meeting in Cape Town during April, and should be prepared to share their experiences and to make such contributions as would assist the Council in the presentation of the world-wide missionary appeal as stressed at Madras.
6. All delegates should, wherever possible, write and publish articles in the secular and in church papers on aspects of the Madras Conference and especially on those aspects they feel require special emphasis.
7. All delegates should be prepared to contribute articles to any publications the C.C.S.A. may decide to undertake.

Both before and after the Conference it was possible for delegates to visit various mission stations. These visits made a great impression on the delegates, each of whom learnt as much as possible of the work in India of his own church or mission as well as of mission work in general. The kindness and Christian love shown to the South Africans by the officers and staff of the I.M.C., and by missionaries in India, has been overwhelming, and will long be remembered with gratitude.

For the return journey on the M. V. "Isipingo" which sailed from Madras on Sunday, 8th January, 1939, accomodation was secured for the following delegates, all of whom met for devotions and discussion during the voyage: (Names alphabetical by sections): 1. Du Toit, Rev. J.M., Harris, Rev. C.C., Marais, Rev. B.J.; 2. Astrup, Dr J., Grosskopf, Rev.S.; 3. Lutuli, Chief A.J., Mvusi, Rev. J.C., Tema, Rev. S.S.

Dr H.P.Cruse, accompanied by Mrs Cruse, remained in India for a month's touring. He expressed his intention of attending the 1939 Council Meeting. Miss Soga was invited to join the American Post-Madras team. Up to the time of our departure from Madras she had not yet received replies to her cablegrams to (i) the S.A.Institute of Race Relations which had been asked to arrange her passport, or (ii) her School Board. The Bishop of Lebombo, being unable to obtain accomodation on the "Isipingo", returned to South Africa by the S.S."Tairea". The Rev. A.F.Louw, accompanied by Mrs Louw, being unable to obtain accomodation on the "Isipingo", returned to South Africa by the "La Plata Maru". Dr J.D.Taylor, accompanied by Mrs Taylor, proceeded to the U.S.A. on furlough.

The South African delegation enjoyed fellowship and established contact with Christians from many countries. Especially did it appreciate the company of the following fellow-travellers and friends from various parts of Africa: The Rev. I. V. Alho, Superintendent of the Finnish Mission in Ovamboland; The Rev. A.A.Louw, Jr., of the Mission of the Dutch Reformed Church in Mashonaland; The Rev. J. G. Soulsby, Superintendent of the Methodist Missions of Northern Rhodesia; The Rev. T. D. Samkange, etc.

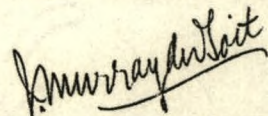
Your Secretary wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Executive for giving him the opportunity of attending that unique and important gathering at Madras. Important lessons were learnt there, a brief summary of which may be appended as follows:

1. South Africa has tremendous opportunities - consider her historical background, State assistance, Religious freedom, natural good-will.
2. South Africa has tremendous responsibilities - she has not availed herself of these; she has not realized her responsibilities toward (i) her church-folk, so-called, who are allowed to continue in formal worship/.....

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- ship, and (ii) her non-church-going-folk, which usually means those who make no great profession of religion. There are also (iii) the unevangelised masses of both colours, and (iv) the world, both as represented in this country, and that part outside it over which our country exercises considerable influence by trade, representation, &c.
3. South Africa is scared of co-operation. She will hold conferences and pass resolutions, but as soon as it comes to actual and active co-operation amongst churches, someone jibs; either he hasn't sufficient authority from his church, or he would like to refer the matter to some council of his church which meets at some distant future date. If we don't want to co-operate, is the honest thing not to say so?
 4. South Africa is realizing, I believe, what the Christian Council wants, yet there are those who fail to see the difference between uniformity (a cold, outward thing) and unity. Co-operation does not mean converting the other man to your point of view; it means the realization of some common objective as important enough to demand the ruthless slaughter of hatred, jealousy, selfishness and selfrighteousness.
 5. The Christian Council must be the co-ordinating force, not merely to draw the Christian Churches into united activity, which itself is a colossal task, and may be described as the object of the Council, but to stir the individual churches and church members to a realization of their opportunities and their responsibilities.
 6. The existence of so many separatist churches, something unique in mission work, is a disgrace, and must be remedied. It would seem that separatism is an exhibition of dissatisfaction, a groping after what some are led to call independence, and a conception of reality.
 7. The Christian Council, if it is to do its work efficiently, must have funds. It might be well to think along the lines of a strong central fund to which each Council member has a certain responsibility, and provision either from it or in some other way for a fund for each of the sectional committees. Someone not sufficiently interested in mission work to contribute to the central fund might be inclined to make a contribution to, say, Native Welfare or Women's Work.
 8. The Conference called by the Council should do more than merely get consensus of opinion. It should, by definite study and the carefully prepared contributions of representatives (not experts!) in various fields, train and educate (i) the churches themselves, (ii) the lay forces, (iii) the press, (iv) public opinion, (v) our enemies, which usually means those who are interested enough to note our actions, clearsighted enough to see our mistakes, and honest enough to point out our folly, thereby incurring our displeasure.
 9. South Africa should not be afraid of making her own peculiar contribution, the result of her independent development along her own religious and cultural lines, thereby building up a united and responsible nation, carrying out God's Will in this country.
 10. South Africa needs to realize afresh what she seems to have forgotten, that "the battle is not your's, but God's" (2 Chron. 20:15). Churches as well as individuals must be brought to seek God's Will and His Direction, and the Christian Council of South Africa will not be departing from its God-given task, but will rather be fulfilling it, if it leads South Africa to become a God-guided country.

Sincerely yours,



Pretoria, 31st January, 1939.

SECRETARY OF COUNCIL.

To Min. 205. SECTIONAL COMMITTEES: REPORTS.

On Evangelism: In a previous Report the suggestion was made that some special Evangelistic effort be made by individual churches, each in its own way and according to local circumstances. It was also proposed that a United Evangelistic Campaign be conducted in connection with the World Sunday School Convention of 1940. These proposals were approved by the Executive. The Methodist and the Dutch Reformed Church will hold such special services during Ascension tide. It is hoped that the other churches will undertake such campaigns also.

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With regard to the United Evangelistic Campaign in 1940, Dr Hopkins, the Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, undertook to send the names of suitable speakers who will be available for the Campaign. It is understood that also Dr Kagawa will be able to remain in South Africa for a while after the Convention as leader of a United Campaign.

The Convener of the Sectional Committee on Evangelism asks the approval of the Executive for a formal invitation to Dr Kagawa, and would welcome suggestions as to the scope of such a Campaign - how long should it last? at which centres should Dr Kagawa be asked to speak? how could he work through Training Institutions, Workers' Conferences, Mass Meetings, &c? and what financial guarantees should be made?

(Sgd.) J. Reyneke.
CONVENER, COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

To Min. 205. SECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On Literature: (i) Southern Sotho (Convener: Rev. G. Mabile)

This Committee has had several meetings, the last of which was held at Morija on 8th February. The Committee has prepared a Bibliography of the existing literature, has been considering the gaps in literature waiting to be filled, the unpublished MSS available, etc. In the Committee we have an active body, and in the Morija Press, which it recommends as the press of the area, a printing and publishing house which accomplishes much.

(ii) Northern Sotho (Convener: Dr P. Schwellnus) The Committee is fortunate in having as its Convener Dr Schwellnus who has been specially set aside for literature work by the Berlin Missionary Society. His translation of the Venda Bible is an acknowledged masterpiece. The Committee works through the Language Board of the Transvaal Education Department, which Dr Schwellnus states works in a missionary and Christian spirit and does excellent service so far as school literature is concerned. The Committee has prepared a survey of the existing literature in Northern Sotho and this has been published. Co-operation of various Churches is active in the revision of the Northern Sotho Bible, The Church of the Province, The Methodist Church, The Dutch Reformed Church and the Berlin Mission having appointed a revisor and co-revisors. The Literature Book Depot of the Berlin Mission is an active publishing and distributing agency.

(iii) Zulu (Convener: Mr D. McK. Malcolm)
This Committee has undertaken to survey all literature available in Zulu in order to discover the gaps that should be filled in the near future. A sub-Committee was appointed to deal with MSS in Zulu submitted with a view to publication. Several books have been published with the approval of the Committee. In future no books in Zulu will be approved for use in schools which have not been approved by this Committee. One of the objects of the Committee is to preserve Zulu in as pure a form as possible.

(iv) Xhosa (Convener: Ven. Archdeacon Wynche)
There are more publications in Xhosa than in any other African vernacular language, Swahili alone excepted.

(v) Shangaan-Ronga-Tswa (Convener: Rev. B. Terrisse) This Committee has met, and it is expected that a full report will be available at the April Meeting.

(vi) Northern Tswana (Convener: Rev. F. Jensen) This Committee functions through a joint Committee of the Hermannsburg Mission, the Berlin Mission and the Dutch Reformed Church in the Transvaal. It has recently been responsible for a translation of the Psalms.

(vii) Western Tswana (Convener: Rev. A. Sandilands) This Committee has prepared a survey of the existing literature, and has helpfully discussed questions of unpublished MSS, the distribution and sale of Christian Literature, the new literature most needed, &c. A big step forward has been taken in the acceptance of a new Tswana orthography.

(viii) Afrikaans Literature for Coloured People: It seems necessary to get the fullest/.....

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fullest co-operation of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Cape if this Committee is to work successfully.

(ix) Literature for Moslems: It was proposed that a Committee should be appointed to deal with such literature, but the view of Cape Town representatives of the Church of the Province and the Dutch Reformed Church is that the provision of such literature should be part of the function of the Committee dealing with Afrikaans literature for coloured people.

(x) General: The attention being given today to the provision of literature compares more favourably with that of even a few years ago. An exhibition of the literature of South African Mission Presses would come as a revelation to many, and I propose that such an exhibition be held either in Cape Town during the Council Meetings in April, or later in a centre like Johannesburg.

(Sgd.) Robert H.W. Shepherd.
CONVENER.

To Min 205. SECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On Native Welfare. (i) The organisation of regional Committees is proceeding rapidly. The Durban and Zululand Committee is constituted under chairmanship of the Bishop of Zululand. In the Transkei the Rev. J. C. Oosthuysen is canvassing possible members of a Committee and has already written practical suggestions. In the Western Province Advocate Douglas Buchanan, K.C., has agreed to organise our Regional Committee.

(ii) I have interviewed the Hon. the Minister of the Interior on the question of Film Censorship, with a view to obtaining the addition to the Board of Censors of one or two members representing the interests of the Church and of the Non-European community. The Hon. Minister replied that he considered the work of the Board as satisfactory, and that the Church would render useful assistance by bringing to his notice any remarks on films passed by the Board which were deemed unsuitable.

(iii) The Rev. J. Reyneke and I interviewed the Hon. the Minister of Native affairs and put before him the resolution passed by the Executive on Native Education, Trading Rights in Locations, and Imprisonment for Statutory Offences. The Hon. Minister replied as follows: On the matter of Native Education the whole matter is a question of additional funds, and the Hon. the Minister of Finance is not prepared to grant such additional funds. On the matter of Trading Rights for Natives the Government had shown its opinion, but the matter rested with Provincial authorities. There was however an indication that things would be improved. On the matter of Statutory Offences, especially non-payment of taxes, the whole matter was under review and there would soon be alleviation of the present situation.

(iv) I wrote a letter to the Hon. the Minister of Justice about the protection of non-Europeans at the time of the Voortrekker Celebrations. This letter was favourably received, and we wish to acknowledge the very efficient organisation set out by the Police during the celebrations and to express our thanks for this.

(v) Important investigations are being carried out on the subject of Marital Unions of the Natives and on Native Land Legislation as affecting Bantu Social Life. Two very valuable memoranda were prepared and circulated, one by Mrs Henderson Ramseyer, Social Welfare Officer of the Johannesburg Municipality, and one by Mrs J.D.R. Jones, Honorary Organiser of the Women's Section of the Institute of Race Relations. The Committee is keeping in close touch with Father Shropshire who is carrying on extensive research work on Native Marital Unions, under the auspices of the Institute of Race Relations.

(vi) We wish to propose that there be more definite propaganda work of the Council, possibly in the form of pamphlets on the social problems and the social need. These pamphlets might be issued along with a quarterly Council Bulletin.

(Sgd.) H.P. Junod.
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To Min. 205. SECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

On Women's Work: Since the Adams Conference last July there has been considerable activity in some of the Regional Committees of the Sectional Committee on Women's Work.

Pretoria has called several meetings. A Sub-Committee has been making a thorough study of the need for a hostel for Native Girls in the Eastern Suburbs, as well as for an Inter-denominational Mission Hall and Recreational Centre. Members of the Committee interviewed the City Council and were sympathetically received. Arrangements are under weigh for United Mothers' and Temperance Meetings in the locations. The need for a Bantu creche is under discussion.

In the Eastern Province we gladly report that Mrs E.W. Grant of Lovedale has consented to constitute the Committee which has had such a succession of resignations.

For the Committee for the Free State & Basutoland we look forward to the fulfilment of the promise of long ago, by Mrs Oswin Bull who has returned from overseas, to form the Committee.

From Natal Mrs Edgar Brookes reported a pleasant little gathering in Durban last November to bid farewell to the African Woman Delegate to the Madras Conference. The Natal Committee and the Pretoria Committee each raised £3 towards Miss Soga's expenses. From various reports it would seem that Miss Soga made a rather outstanding contribution at Tambaram. The leaders of the British and American Delegations insisted on her joining the Post-Madras Campaign in Canada and the Northern States, offering to pay her expenses. Difficulties as to passport and permission from the Education Department seem to have been overcome. Miss Soga plans to return to South Africa in June.

From the Western Province Regional Committee no report of progress has been made, but we believe that good work is being done by that strong and representative group.

The Johannesburg Committee, at its first quarterly meeting this year, received a report from the sub-Committees on Moral Welfare. A number of talks on sex-hygiene had been given by Mrs Phillips and others to groups of mothers and girls in clubs and schools. The Red Cross Society is preparing a film dealing in story form with venereal disease with African characters. Following the Report of our hostel Committee to the effect that a Municipal Hostel is soon to be erected in the city to accomodate 500 native girls, a deputation waited on the Manager for Native Affairs. The urgent need was stressed for adequate supervision at this new hostel by women of Christian Character and long experience with native girls. Careful discrimination was also urged in arranging accomodation for the various types of girls, possibly by means of the block system. The Native Affairs Department seems genuinely anxious to provide suitable housing arrangements, to include domestic training and recreational facilities. But we cannot but view with grave concern the herding together of so many girls. The Johannesburg Committee has been gratified that one of its members has been invited to join the Native Affairs section under the Rev. Mr Junod. Through her work under the Municipality as Social Welfare Officer and Inspector in the locations Mrs Henderson is having special opportunity to study the question of marriages and domestic matters as adjudicated by the Native Affairs officials.

I may add that the World Day of Prayer for African women is now under the aegis of the Johannesburg Committee.

This report seems me gre when one considers the many problems as yet untouched by our women workers throughout South Africa, but at least a beginning has been made and there have been rewarding experiences of fellowship and an attempt at a closer understanding of each others work and viewpoint.

(Sgd.) Clara Bridgman.
CONVENER.

End of Supplementary Minutes, Executive Meeting 20th February, 1939.

Pretoria, 20th February, 1939.

CHAIRMAN.

J. Murray du Toit
SECRETARY.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON NATIVE WELFARE HELD AT THE HOME OF THE REV. H.P. JUNOD, 376 VON WEILLIGH STREET, PRETORIA, ON 31ST JANUARY, 1939, AT 10. A.M.

PRESENT: The Rev. H.P. Junod, Convenor (in the chair),
Mrs. Rheinallt Jones, Mrs. H. Henderson, Rev. J. Hallendorff, Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield, Rev. Ray E. Phillips.
By invitation:
Miss M. Janisch, Rev. Father D. Shropshire.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Rev. H.P. Junod reported on two Deputations.

- (1) To the Minister of the Interior on the question of Film Censorship.

The Rev. Junod interviewed the Minister alone on the question of film censorship and the problem of unsuitable films being shown to Natives.

On the Committee's recommendation he suggested additions to the Board.

The Minister regretted that nothing could be done at the moment, but suggested that the line to take would be to examine films passed and to report to the Minister personally those that seem unsuitable and the reasons for their unsuitability.

It was pointed out by the Rev. Ray E. Phillips that there was not a representative of the Native interests on the Censorship Board and the Act provides for such a member.

IT WAS DECIDED

that the matter be left until after the Executive Meetings in April.

The report led to a discussion on the necessity for informing Church members of the actual position in regard to Native affairs, in order to build up a positive body of church opinion.

The Rev. Ray E. Phillips indicated the method employed by his Church in the United States of America, where a publication "Social Action" dealing with social problems is distributed to Church members for their information.

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