

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

R E P O R T

ON THE COUNCIL DEPUTATION TO THE MODERATUUR OF THE D.R.C., C.P.

By the Secretary, Rev. J.M. du Toit.

This Report was submitted to the Executive Committee at its 29th meeting in Johannesburg on 25th. September, 1940, but was not read to the meeting. - As I feel it should be in the hands of every member I am sending you a copy. J.M. du T. 25/9/40 .

The Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa decided to request the Moderatuur (the officers of Synod, that is the Moderator, the Assessor, the Scriba and the Actuarius) of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape Province to meet a Council Deputation on the possibility of closer coöperation or affiliation. The Executive appointed as its Deputation : (i) Sen. Hon. Dr. Edgar Brookes and (ii) the Council Secretary, the Rev. J.M. du Toit (Convener).

The Convener immediately requested the scriba for an interview, which was granted. Arrangements had to be made regarding the place, date and time for the interview. The Moderatuur was meeting only once between the Executive Meeting which appointed the Deputation, and the Synod, and this meeting was in Cape Town on Tuesday, 6th. August, 1940.

Unfortunately Dr. Brookes was unable to be in Cape Town on that day. The Secretary, realizing the desirability for (i) someone else to attend the interview along with him, and (ii) someone belonging to a Church other than the D.R.C. to represent the Council, telephoned the President, urging that (i) he, (ii) the Treasurer, (iii) the Rev. H.P. Junod, or (iv) another representative of the Council, travel with him (the Secretary) to Cape Town. When this proved impossible, the Secretary telegraphed to Dr. Wark urging that he and Mr. Eveleigh join the Deputation as members. Dr. Wark replied that it was impossible for Mr. Eveleigh and inconvenient for himself. Convinced that the Deputation should consist not merely of himself, and having failed to secure the assistance of any representative of the Council belonging to a Church other than the D.R., the Secretary telegraphed to the Rev. A.F. Louw (the Chairman of the 1934-6 Mott Continuation Committee) and Dr. G.B.A. Gerdener (who had addressed the Pretoria 1940 Conference) both of Stellenbosch, requesting them to attend the interview as members of the Deputation. Both readily agreed. Accordingly, on Tuesday, 6th. August, 1940, Dr. Gerdener, Mr. Louw and the Secretary met the Moderatuur.

The Secretary spoke for 40 minutes, outlining the history of coöperative missionary work, and of the International Missionary Council and the various National Councils. He then set forth the reasons which had urged the promoters to work for the launching of the Christian Council of South Africa, and the history of the Council during the past four years. (N.B.- A copy of the Secretary's notes is available.- J.M. du T.)

It was obvious that the main stumblingblock to coöperation or affiliation would necessarily be the attitude of the Transvaal Committee of the Dutch Reformed Church. So it proved. The first statement made by a member of the Moderatuur was : "I admire your coming here to plead for coöperation when you and your Church have withdrawn from the Council."

This, in fact, raises not only the all-important question of the Transvaal attitude, regarding which there must be clarity before progress can be made, but it also raises an unfortunate question which we may as well state honestly and face frankly. This is the question of the resignation of the Secretary - a resignation entirely different from that of the Rev. Mr. Nicol and Mr. Jooste. The Secretary did, in actual fact, not "resign". The Executive Minutes will show clearly that it was a question as to whether (i) the Secretary should take his departure or whether (ii) the Secretary should be asked to take his departure. We are viewing this matter entirely objectively, without for a moment questioning the desirability of a change in Council modus operandus or Secretariat. The point is that the impression has been created, and that entirely erroneously, that the Secretary had lost hope for the Council's future or vision for its purpose. This impression necessarily undermines any work the Secretary may be doing for the Council. In view of this impression the Secretary handed the following statement to the Press, which was published :

"I have resigned as Secretary of the Christian Council of South Africa for the following reasons :

- (i) Present circumstances in the existence of the Council indicate that a change of Secretariat will be healthy.
- (ii) The finances of the Council to-day do not warrant a full-time Secretary.
- (iii) For five years I have borne the responsibility for Council matters, and now I feel that I would like to work more closely in connection with my own Church.

I wish to add, however, what I assured the Executive of in my Letter of Resignation : I am as convinced to-day, as I was five years ago when I undertook the work, that the object of the Council is desirable and should be put into practice, but I feel that the indicated change is desirable at this stage."

The attitude of the Transvaal Church, and the Secretary's resignation, were obviously the main difficulties before the moderatuur.

Mr. Louw reminded the Moderatuur that the previous Synod had decided regarding the Council as follows : "The Synod has not the liberty at the present stage to affiliate officially, but is inclined towards coöperation, and leaves it to the Moderatuur to act." Continuing, Mr. Louw pointed out that here was a golden opportunity for the Church to throw in its weight and to make its influence felt on behalf of the Kingdom of God. His own Church had a real contribution to make, said Mr. Louw, and he appealed to it to make it. There would be no thought of loss of identity. It was not a matter of "English" versus "Afrikaans" but rather of a gathering of a varied and often entirely different group of societies, each and all, whatever their differences, united by the urge to bring Christ to the heathen.

Dr. Gerdener also urged affiliation, or at least hearty coöperation. In view of the decision of the Previous Synod, he said, the way had been left open. The Council had made many advances towards his Church, but the response had been tardy. Upon only one occasion, as far as he knew, were representatives present at a council gathering, and then they had come with certain demands, all of which had been granted. He did not think the language barrier was vital enough to estrange Christians, and in any case the way to gain more ground for Afrikaans was for Afrikaansspeaking bodies to affiliate and send Afrikaansspeaking representatives.

The Secretary read portions of a letter written by the Director of an American Society working in South Africa indicating that the Afrikaans-speaking Churches were by no means the only who found coöperation with the wrongly so called "English Churches" difficult - there were grave differences of policy and method between many other bodies affiliated to the Council, but they found this opportunity for coöperation invaluable in their work for the Master.

The Moderatuur gave no immediate reply, but indicated that it would consider the reintroduction of the question of Council Affiliation as an apple of discord, and that it would favour the formation of a Dutch Reformed Board of Missions between the various Synods.

The Secretary replied that the Council and such a Board of Missions were by no means contradictory, but rather complementary. The Board would fulfil a necessary task of coördinating the various departments of work within the Missions of the Dutch Reformed Churches, but this did not in any way remove the need for coöperation on a wider scale - rather did it point directly towards that as a necessary step.

Upon his return to Pretoria the Secretary noticed to his surprise that the "South African Outlook" had given full publicity to the Transvaal attitude - a matter which might well be considered subjudice. The Afrikaans Press had endeavoured unsuccessfully to gain "copy" from various sources within the Council. The "Outlook" article, however, gave it all it desired, and the matter was thrown into unnecessary headline.

The following memorandum was subsequently submitted by Mr. Louw and Dr. Gerdener :

"Our Impressions of the Discussion with the Moderatuur of the Cape D.R. Church at the request of the Rev. J.M. du Toit conveyed to the Rev. F. Stakes, Chairman of the Christian Council of S.A.

- (1) The Secretary, the Rev. J.M. du Toit, used approx. 20 minutes to explain the whole situation, and he quitted himself admirably of his task. The undersigned added a few points. After a meeting which lasted some 45 minutes we departed, and the Moderatuur further

considered the matter - they will probably submit a proposal to the Synod.

- (ii) The resignation of the Rev. W. Nicol and the neglect of the Transvaal D.R. Church (the Motherchurch) to appoint representatives on the Christian Council will certainly render the matter more difficult for the Cape Synod. This was obvious immediately our discussion started - it would be an insurmountable obstacle that the Transvaal Church had for years coöperated with the Council, and that its present detached attitude could serve as proof that the D.R. Churches could not work with the Council.
- (iii) We were under the impression that the Transvaal Synodical Commissions would still meet this month, and that it would be possible and even probable that representatives might be appointed, so that the present attitude of the Transvaal Mother Church would then not be considered final. Unfortunately, we learn, the Synodical Committee in question meets only on 23rd. October, when the Cape Synod will have been in progress for six days already, and the Report of the Moderatuur will in all probability have been dealt with.
- (iv) The question was asked: "What advantage is there in affiliation?", to which we attempted to reply that the greatest benefit was dependent on the wholehearted affiliation of all Churches which had a contribution to make.
- (v) The discussion was a pleasant one, but the whole matter is rendered extremely difficult by the uncertain attitude of the Transvaal Church, so that the impressions of any tangible results of the discussion are extremely vague.

STELLENBOSCH,
20th. August, 1940.

(Sgd.) A.F. LOUW.
" G.B.A. GERDENER.

(The following paragraph, typed along with the rest, was struck through with ink; personally I regret the erasure as I consider it a necessary and integral part of the Memorandum: "There still appears to be an impression that the D.R. Churches, at any rate the Cape Church, were not sufficiently consulted at the inception of the Council." (J.M. du Toit).

The Scriba Synodi has submitted the following official reply:

"On 6th. August, 1940, the Moderatuur met a Deputation from the Christian Council of S.A. with the request that the Moderatuur plead for Affiliation at the next Synod.

After the departure of the Deputation the Moderatuur decided to reply to the Christian Council that, in view of the formation of an Interchurch Missions Board of the Federated Churches, it did not feel at liberty to recommend more than the present coöperation for the meanwhile."

(Sgd.) J.S. MURRAY.
Scriba Synodi.

In view of the above your Secretary would briefly suggest the following:

- (i) The Transvaal D.R.C., possibly Mr. Nicol himself, should clearly state the true position of the Transvaal D.R.C., which, to my mind, is that the Transvaal Church and Mr. Nicol in particular, has been rather isolated in its coöperation with the Council and considers it desirable and essential that there should be more of coöperation and also of affiliation on the part of the other branches of the D.R.C.
- (ii) It should be clearly pointed out that the formation of an Inter-church Board of Missions in no way hinders coöperation or affiliation with the Council, but rather opens the way to it.
- (iii) It must be emphasised and re-emphasised with all the wisdom and grace and patience and insistence necessary, that differences of policy are exactly the reason for the round table of the Christian Council, in South Africa as in so many other lands, and may never be made the excuse for any unchristian attitude of isolation or exclusiveness.
- (iv) It should be as clearly put that while language difficulties obviously do exist, these are all too easily allowed to take priority and outweigh matters of greater gravity.
- (v) The Council has every reason, in various respects, to bring its own house into order before inviting coöperation and affiliation. The most admirable attempt in this direction was made at the Pretoria Council meeting by Dr. Brookes - an attempt which was sincerely respected and appreciated.
- Respectfully submitted, cordially yours,
J. MURRAY DU TOIT - SECRETARY.
- PRETORIA, 11.9.40.

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES

of the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Christian Council of South Africa, held in Darragh House, Plein Street, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, 25th September, 1940, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m.

450. DEVOTIONS: The Chairman opened the Meeting with prayer.

451. PRESENT: The Rev. F. Stakes, President in the chair; Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, Treasurer; The Rev. A. Cardross Grant; Dean A.R. Kempe; The Rev. J.B. Webb; Dr. J. Lennox; The Rev. H.P. Junod; and the Secretary, the Rev. J. Murray du Toit. Mr. J. Coan also attended the Meeting as a representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

452. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from :
The Rev. F.H.W. Jensen; The Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd;
Dr. A. Wilkie; The Rev. E.W. Grant; Dr. A.A. Wellington and Dr. A. Kerr.

453. MINUTES: The minutes of the 28th Executive Meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

454. DEPUTATION D.R.C.: The Secretary had submitted to the President a 16 page Report on the Deputation to the D.R.C., C.P. This was before the meeting but was not read.

455. LETTER REV. JEAN JACQUET: Mr. Junod reported that he had investigated this matter and was satisfied that there was no interference of missionary work; a young missionary, Mr. Jacquet was asked to reside at a place where he would not be entirely on his own.

456. CHAPLAINS: A Report had been received from the Convener. The Executive decided to ask that The Rev. H.P. Junod and Dr. J. Dexter Taylor be included on the Chaplains Board. The Executive Sub-Committee was subsequently discharged.

457. RESIGNATIONS: (i) Bishop Parker's resignation was before the Meeting. It was decided that the Chairman write to Bishop Parker asking him to continue his services on the Executive Committee.
(ii) The Rev. D.W. Ross who was now a chaplain found it necessary to resign. The meeting accepted Mr. Ross' resignation with sincere appreciation for his services, and decided to ask the Rev. Basil Brown to serve on the Executive as a co-opted member until his appointment as a representative of his Church was received.

458. FINANCE: The Treasurer submitted the following statement:

TENTATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA, SEPT. 24, 1940.

Aug. 28 Horters	1. 5. 0.	Aug. 20 Bank Bal. Trans.	138.11. 6.
Sep. 9 Rev. Alho	150. 0. 0.	" 23 Deposit	64.13. 0.
" Wallachs	2.15. 0.	" 29 "	57.12. 6.
" 10 A.W. Diepering	2.10. 0.	" 28 "	4. 4. 0.
" Chris. Pub.	4. 2. 0.	Sep. 11 "	42. 1. 0.
" Gestetner	1.13. 0.	" 25 "	64. 1. 7.
" 19 Postmaster	3.15. 4.		
	<u>£162. 2. 6.</u>		
To Balance	209. 1. 1.		
	<u>£371. 3. 7.</u>		<u>£371. 3. 7.</u>

FINNISH MISSIONS.

To sent Rev. Alho	150. 0. 0.	By Balance July 1	17.19. 0.
" balance	<u>157.15. 9.</u>	" Contributions	289.16. 9.
	307.15. 9.		<u>307.15. 9.</u>
		" total balance	209. 1. 1.
Due Finnish Missions	157.15. 9.		
To balance	51. 5. 4.		
	<u>£209. 1. 1.</u>		<u>£209. 1. 1.</u>

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Financial Statement Contd.: (Finnish Missions)

Council balance consists of:

Loan by Dr. Lennox	£20. 0. 0.
3 years advance fees	
A.B. Mission.	30. 0. 0.
Miscellaneous	1. 5. 4.
	£ 51. 5. 4.

The Meeting discussed the List of Affiliation Fees both paid and outstanding. Mr. Junod agreed to approach the Native Affairs Department with the request that it undertake to settle the account of £52. for "African Family Life". The Executive expressed its sincere appreciation to Dr. Taylor for his labours in connection with the drawing up of the statement.

Dr. Taylor proposed a letter to all constituent bodies, urging their support of the Council, and embodying the Resolution from the Natal Missionary Conference. Mr. Webb, in seconding this, asked that Affiliated Bodies should also receive a List of Affiliation fees both paid and unpaid. This was agreed. Dr. Taylor asked that a word of sincere appreciation be added to the Methodist Church for its valuable and important assistance in the regular payments of the fees of that church, even when other bodies reduced their payments.

The Meeting confirmed the action of the Sub Committee in raising the special loans it had already obtained and hoped to obtain. There would be a separate account for all Trust Monies received.

459. FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Executive appointed the following Finance Committee: The President, The Treasurer, The Rev. A. Cardross Grant and Dr. J. Lennox (Convener). The Finance Committee would investigate the possibility of getting Personal Members, as Private Donors, of Council.

460. CONTINENTAL APPEAL: The Appeal was in the Press. The International Missionary Council had sent a cheque for \$1,000 towards this Fund. Dr. Warnshin's letter was read to the Executive. The Meeting passed a vote of very warm appreciation to the I.N.C. for its continued valuable assistance, and especially for this donation.

461. COMMITTEE MEETING MR. NICOL: The Chairman reported that the members of the Committee met Mr. Nicol in Pretoria, and set forth the position as the Executive saw it. Mr. Nicol put the onus on the Cape D.R.C. which had never really thrown in its weight with the Council. If the Cape D.R.C. was willing to reconsider its attitude to the Council, the Transvaal D.R.C. would immediately reconsider its attitude. The other members of the Committee also gave their impression of the interview. The Executive decided that Mr. Stakes, as President, would also attend the Deputation to the Tvl. D.R.C. In the event of Mr. Stakes' inability to attend, Dean Kempe would take his place. The Secretary would no longer be a member of the Deputation. The Deputation would consist of the following members: The Rev. H.P. Junod, Convener; The Rev. G.P. Stegmann, The Rev. A. Cardross Grant and the Rev. F. Stakes, and/or Dean A.R. Kempe. If Mr. Reyneke could accompany the Deputation, that would be appreciated.

462. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL: Dr. Taylor read correspondence he had been having with the Executive Members living in the Lovedale Area.

463. ADJOURNMENT AND RESUMPTION: At 12.45 p.m. the Meeting adjourned, the hour of resumption being fixed for 2 o'clock.

464. CONT. OF NO. 462: (i) The Treasurer was authorised to open an account at the United Building Society, the signatories on that account being any two of the following three persons:

- (a) The President, The Rev. F. Stakes,
- (b) The Treasurer, The Rev. J. Dexter Taylor,
- (c) Committee Member, the Rev. A. Cardross Grant.

(ii) The Chairman reported that the Secretary had been on a fortnight's leave during September.

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(iii) The Meeting authorised the sale of the Council desk at the original purchase price of £3.0.0.

(iv) An inventory would be drawn up and submitted to the Executive.

(v) All Council equipment would be left with the Rev. J.B. Webb at his office in Pretoria.

(vi) The Treasurer was authorised to seek assistance in the interpretation of Afrikaans correspondence.

(vii) The Treasurer asked that the following accounts be paid when funds are available:

Rev. A.J. Haile	£2. 7. 6.
Rev. A. Wellington	£4.13. 9.
Do.	£4.13. 9.
Mrs. Krige	£7. 9. 3.
African Family Life	£52.15.9.
Secretarial Assistance	£1.1.0.
Rev. S. Tuna	7.0.
Miss Jackson	£2. 15.0.
and the Secretary's Salary.	

465. SECRETARYSHIP: The Executive proceeded to discuss the question of the Secretaryship, as the Rev. J. Murray du Toit was leaving the Council at the end of the month to take up a ministerial charge in the Rustenburg (Transvaal) Congregation, of his own (the Dutch Reformed) Church. The President, on behalf of the Executive and the Council, thanked the Secretary for his services during the past five years, and wished the Secretary well in the new work he was undertaking. The Meeting appreciated the assurances of continued interest and assistance on the part of Mr. du Toit.

466. NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: It was decided that the President would be empowered to call a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon as that might prove necessary.

467. CLOSE OF MEETING: The Meeting was closed with prayer.

J. MURRAY DU TOIT,
Secretary of Council.

The Dutch Reformed Parsonage,
P.O. Box 58,
Rustenburg,
Transvaal.

26th September, 1940.

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MAY 1941

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Minutes of Executive Meeting
30th April, 1941.

The Executive Committee met at Darragh Hall at 10 a.m. on Wednesday April 30th.

PRESENT: Rev. F. Stakes, Rev. A.A. Wellington, Rev. F.H.W. Jensen, Prof. J.R. Coan, Rev. A. Cardross Grant, Rev. B.H.M. Brown, Rev. J.B. Webb, Rev. A.W. Blaxall, Rev. J. Dexter Taylor, Rev. B. Terrisse substituting for Rev. H.P. Junod.

The Chairman, Rev. F. Stakes constituted the Meeting with the reading of Scripture and Prayer.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd, Rev. Dean A.R. Kempe, Rev. H.P. Junod.

531. THE MINUTES of the Meeting of March 4th were confirmed.

532. CHAPLAINCY BOARD: It was reported authoritatively that it is not the policy of the Defence Department to appoint Native chaplains to the Native Service Corps, and it was agreed that the matter be now dropped.

533. STATEMENT TO COUNCIL: Questions had been raised with reference to the matter of co-options to the Executive as suggested in the Statement. After discussion Mr. Wellington moved and Mr. Webb seconded and it was Agreed That the recommendation of Executive be amended to read that co-options be limited to five persons and that such co-opted members have no vote.

534. COUNCIL MEETING: After careful scrutiny of the replies received to the Secretary's Questionnaire regarding place and time of the June Meeting of Council it was Agreed That the Council Meeting be held in Johannesburg on Thursday, 26th June.

535. PROGRAMME: It was Agreed that no other programme be prepared except a business Agenda, which will require all the time available, inasmuch as the whole future of the Council and its programme of activities will be the business to be dealt with. But it was also Agreed:

536. CONFERENCE: That the Executive recommend to the Council that a Conference on Post-war Reconstruction be called under the auspices of the Council to meet as early as possible in the months following the June meeting of Council. This Conference would consist of representatives of all the churches. The Secretary was authorized to inform the Editor of the "South African Outlook" of this proposal, with a view to early announcement in the "Outlook".

537. CONTINENTAL MISSIONS APPEAL FUND: The Treasurer reported that he had sent out a new Questionnaire to those Missions that have been receiving aid from this Fund, asking them to report on their present financial position and the likelihood of their needing further aid in the months just ahead. Only one reply had been received to date, which indicated that the Norwegian Mission was secure for the present, provided its present source of income continued to be available, but in view of uncertainty on that point would urge that the Fund be kept open. It was Agreed that the Treasurer be authorized

to place at interest in a Building Society current account at his discretion any funds not needed for immediate distribution.

(N.B. Since the Meeting a reply had been received from the Barotseland Mission of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society, which indicates that a contribution of £200 or £150 per month would be very great relief to the head-office in Great Britain which is finding great difficulty in raising funds.)

538. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS: The Secretary reported that instead of the deputation on this matter which had been contemplated, Senator Rheinallt Jones proposed to bring together at a later date a small conference of missionaries to discuss with certain Ministers the broader question of closer relations between the Government and Missions, as there appeared to be developing a position not as satisfactory as had been the case heretofore. Noted.

539. LIVINGSTONE CENTENARY: The Secretary reported that the response to the Council's appeal for general recognition of this Centenary had been very satisfactory. The Press had given prominence to the matter throughout the country and there had been reports of successful meetings at many centres. In Johannesburg the Africana Museum had co-operated by arranging a special Livingstone exhibit, the Twentieth Century Fox Coy. had arranged special showings of the Stanley-Livingstone film and a public meeting had been held, besides addresses in the churches. A school broadcast was given in all schools using the S.A.B.C. school broadcasts.

540. CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE: The Secretary reported a letter from the Archbishop, in which His Lordship undertook to bring the matter of renewing affiliation to the Council before the Bishops at their next conference in November. Noted.

541. GOODWILL SUNDAY: The Secretary stated that the country wide appeal for the Observance of Goodwill Sunday had gone out in the name of the Christian Council and had for the most part met with a favourable response. The exception was Die Transvaaler and a certain section of the Dutch Reformed Church which seemed to follow its lead. On the other hand other Afrikaans papers had given their cooperation and some Afrikaans ministers had given full recognition to the day. The response on the part of the English press and from all other sections of the European community had been most appreciative.

The somewhat confused attitude of the Committee in the matter of asking for financial contributions toward the pamphlet was due to the fact that, the date having been fixed by the Cape Peninsula Church Council before the matter came to the attention of this Council such haste was required in the preparation of the pamphlet that due consideration could not be given in advance to the question of finance. The plan had grown rapidly in its first development, requiring much more expenditure than was at first anticipated, hence a personal appeal had been issued to many individuals for contributions, which had met with a good response and ministers had been asked where possible to secure some contribution toward the costs. It was not intended, however, that the circulation of the pamphlets should be handicapped by the making of a charge where this was not desirable. Most of the heavy work of preparation and distribution etc. had been done by the staff of the Jewish Board of Deputies, kindly placed at the service of the Society of Jews and Christians and the Christian Council. The Council, while handling the funds was not committed in any way to financial expenditure from its own resources. Noted.

542. FINANCE: The Treasurer presented a statement of revenue and expenditure for the months of January and February and a statement of the balances in the Trial Balance at the end of that period. A complete statement is attached herewith.

543. A.M.E. CHURCH: Dr. Coan stated that the A.M.E. Church found it difficult to meet the affiliation fee voluntarily offered by Bishop Wright of £20, but would meet the fee of £10. originally allocated to the church in making up the list of affiliated bodies. The Executive Agreed to accept £10. as the affiliation fee of the A.M.E. Church.

544. HERMANNsburg MISSION: Mr. Jensen reported that this Mission had been refused a site in Orlando for which it had applied, although the Manager of the Native Affairs Department of Johannesburg admitted that the Government had nothing against the Mission except that its headquarters were in Germany. He asked whether the Council could do anything in the matter. As the matter is a local one it was agreed that the Secretary refer it to the Transvaal Missionary Association for any action that they may find possible.

555. NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE: It was Agreed that unless urgently necessary no further meeting of the Executive be called before June.

556. EXPENSES TO COUNCIL MEETING: Mr. Blaxall moved, Mr. Webb seconded and it was Agreed that if necessary the travel expenses of delegates from the Distressed Missions be met from the Continental Missions Appeal Fund.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction at 1 P.M.

Rev. J. DEXTER TAYLOR
17, PRISCILLA STREET
BELGRAVIA, JOHANNESBURG.

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
REVENUE & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, NOV.-DEC. 1940

INCOME

Continental Missions	580.16. 3
Finnish Missions	32.14. 3
African Family Life	5. 6
Affiliations	30. 0. 0
Donations	14. 5. 3
Suspense	10.10

Total receipts	<u>661. 6. 7</u>
Bank bal. Oct.31	596.18. 7
Cash bal. "	51. 1. 8
United Bldg. Soc.	200. 0. 0
	<u>£1509. 3.10</u>

EXPENDITURE

Cont.Missions	175. 0. 0
Nor.Mis. 50.	0. 0
Nor.F.G. 35.	0. 0
Nor.F.Ev.40.	0. 0
Barotse 50.	0. 0

Administration	11. 1. 8
Book sales	4. 6
Executive meetings	4.13. 9
Conference expenses	10. 0. 6
Total expenditure	<u>201. 0. 5</u>
Bank bal.Dec.31	1092.11. 5
United Bldg.Soc.	200. 0. 0
Cheques unpaid	15.15. 0
	<u>£1509. 6.10</u>

JAN. - APRIL 1941

Continental Missions	514.14. 6
Administration	14. 6
Affiliations	120. 0. 0
African Family Life	15. 6
Donations	6. 5. 0
Finnish Missions	28.13.11
Goodwill Sunday	153.19. 0
Favourable Exchange	1. 0

	<u>825. 3. 5</u>
Cheque returned	15.15. 0
Bank bal.Jan 1/41	1092.11. 5

£1933. 9.10

Cont.Missions	589.15. 0
Barotse 300.	0. 0
Nor.F.G. 15.	0. 0
Nor.Mis.200.	0. 0
Nor.F.E. 15.	0. 0
Rhen.SW. 50.	0. 0
Printing 4.12.	6
Special 4.	0. 0
Special 1. 2.	6

Finnish Missions	100. 0. 0
Refund loan	20. 0. 0
Tr. subs. I.M.R.	2.12. 6
Administration	10. 8. 9
Wreath	1. 1. 0
Goodwill Sunday	9. 5. 0

	<u>733. 2. 3</u>
Cash on hand	33.10.10
April 30/41	
" at bank No.1	263. 5. 8
" " " No.2 A/c	903.11. 1

£1933. 9.10

N.B. Included in bank balance is £100. remainder of loans contracted Oct. 1940. amounting to £120. See refund £20. above
The Executive has undertaken to send to the Barotse Mission £100 per month for five months, May to Sept.

Abbreviations: Nor.Mis.: Norwegian Missionary Society
Nor.F.G.: Norway's Full Gospel Mission
Nor.F.E.: Norway's Free Evangelical Mission
Barotse : Barotseland Mission of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND GREETINGS WERE RECEIVED FROM: -

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Sen. Rheinallt Jones
Senator The Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones.
Rev. W. Bourquin of the Moravian Mission.
Senator The Hon. Dr. Edgar H. Brookes.
Rev. F.E.W. Jensen of the Hermannsburg Mission, Linokana.
Rev. L.S.H. Wilkinson.
Mr. Robert Dunlop of the Congregational Mission of South Africa who had been detained en route by a railway collision.

A telegram of greetings was received from the Western Province Women's Regional Committee, and a cable from Dr. Paton of the I.M.C. London.

An important letter from Senator Rheinallt Jones re the future of the Council accompanied his letter of apology and was referred to the Executive at a later stage.

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CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.
BIENNIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD JUNE 26TH, 1941.

The meeting of Council was held at Wesley Hall, Kruis Street, Johannesburg, on Thursday, June 26th, 1941, beginning at 9.30 a.m. The President the Rev. F. Stakes in the Chair.

The Rev. Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner conducted the Devotional Service using as a basis to his Devotional address the 17th Chapter of the Gospel of St. John. He called attention to the three phrases in our Lord's Prayer here recorded in which the words AS-SO set forth three vital aspects of our relation to Him in the missionary task. Thou lovedst them even as thou lovedst me. As thou didst send me even so send I them. That they may be one even as we are one. His deeply spiritual address was warmly appreciated by the Council.

PRESENT: Revs. D.K. Clinton, Robt. Paroz, A. Cardross Grant, R.H.W. Shepherd, K.H. Swensson, Bishop Wilfrid Parker, Dr. D.W. Wilkie, Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner, Revs. E.W. Crant, Howard Young, Bernard Terrisse, J.E. Hallendorff, J.B. Webb, W.H. Irving, A. Arthur Wellington, Wm. Eveleigh, J. Reyneke, S. ~~Stema~~, J. Ryff, A. Ochsner de Connick, Peter F. Williams, F. Stakes, E.E. Mahabane, Dr. Dexter Taylor, Mrs. Lydia Creed.

The President asked the meeting to confirm the action of the Executive in calling this meeting at this time as the conditions laid down in the constitution with regard to the period of notice had not been entirely conformed to. The meeting confirmed the Executive's action.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in Pretoria on June 28th, 1940, were read and confirmed.

IN MEMORIAM: The Chairman made reference to the passing since last meeting of Council of the Rev. Dr. John Lennox, the Rev. Dean A.R. Kempe and Mrs. Lou Hofmeyr, all of whom had been outstanding figures in the Missionary life of South Africa and had rendered long and useful service in their various spheres. The members of Council stood in memory of these departed friends.

VOTE OF THANKS: The Council passed a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of the Secretary to the Society of Jews and Christians for the very large amount of work done by the office staff of that Society in connection with the Goodwill Sunday Appeal. Much of the work in connection with the documents in the name of the Christian Council was done by that office staff, but everything that went out in the Council's name was carefully checked and signed by the Secretary.

INTIMATIONS: The Secretary called attention to the new Life of David Livingstone under the title "Livingstone the Liberator" written by Rev. James I. Macnair, Curator of the Livingstone Memorial at Blantyre, Scotland. The book is now obtainable in South Africa from Mrs. Roy, P.O. Box 3187, Capetown. The Secretary also called attention for the information of members to a letter he had received in connection with the proposed memorial to Sir John Harris.

LOVEDALE CENTENARY: The Council asked the Rev. Dr. Wilkie to accept and to convey to the gathering at the Centenary celebrations of the Lovedale Institution, the hearty congratulations of the Christian Council of South Africa on the completion of its magnificent hundred years of service

to the cause of African education and christianity.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The Rev. F. Stakes, President of the Council outlined its origin and progress and the emerging of difficulties in co-operation especially in connection with the Dutch Reformed Church. He spoke of the serious loss through its withdrawal from the Council of several notable individual members of Council and Executive who had been a source of strength as representatives of that church especially the Rev. Wm. Nicol and the Rev. J. Reyneke, and also referred to the subsequent withdrawal by action of the Bishops' Synod of the Church of the Province of the affiliation of that Church to the Council.

He expressed the thanks of the Council to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Dexter Taylor for his labours in keeping the Council alive and active after the discontinuance of the services of a paid secretary.

He then stressed the urgent need in these days of such a body as the Christian Council to carry forward the work of co-operation and to express the Christian view of life in a unified way. He referred to the recent meeting of the International Missionary Council where it was voted to instruct the officers to give serious consideration to the proposal that Dr. Warnshuis should visit South Africa in the near future. The conditions of the day he said emphasised afresh the urgency of evangelisation and the need of a fresh dedication of ourselves to God's will for his service in this land. May it not be said that the churches in South Africa have so emphasised their differences that they cannot unite in this great task.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: The Hon. Secretary presented his report which had been circulated in mimeographed form before the meeting. He reviewed the events of the critical days through which the Council had passed outlining the repeated efforts that had been made to secure the renewal of the affiliation of the Dutch Reformed Church and also the Church of the Province. He referred also to the debt of gratitude that the Council owed to the Methodist Church for its fine loyalty, and the maintenance of its large financial contribution up to the present year and expressed gratitude that that church had already voted to continue its affiliation and to take a larger part in the affairs of the Council by seeing that its representatives should be present at Executive meetings whenever possible. The loyalty of the missions and the smaller national churches was also noted.

The period under review had seen several very important pieces of work carried through in the name of the Council:-

(1). THE APPEAL FOR "ORPHANED MISSIONS" had resulted up to the end of April, 1941, in the securing of £1,442. This sum, however, included £726 received from the International Missionary Council and the Conference of Foreign Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland. From these amounts aid had been extended to the Norwegian Mission at its time of greatest need and was still being extended to the Barotseland Mission of the Paris Evangelical Society and to two smaller Norwegian Missions in Swaziland. Previous to the launching of the general appeal for Continental Missions in Distress, the sum of £1,000 had been received and sent forward to the Finnish Missions in Ovamboland as the result of a special appeal. The entire sum in this instance being secured in South Africa.

(2). THE LIVINGSTONE CENTENARY: Under the auspices of the Council, celebrations of the Hundredth Anniversary of the arrival of David Livingstone in

South Africa had been organized throughout the country and included many sermons in the various churches, public meetings in certain centres, a special broadcast to European Schools in the three Provinces using the school broadcast, a special showing of the film "Stanley & Livingstone" in Johannesburg and a special exhibit of Livingstonia in the Africana Museum at Johannesburg.

(3). GOODWILL SUNDAY: In co-operation with the Society of Jews and Christians and with the additional sponsorship of the Cape Peninsula Church Council and the Witwatersrand Church Council, an observance of Goodwill Sunday on March 30th, 1941, was organized throughout the country. Its purpose being to stimulate better relations between the Akrikaans and English speaking sections of the population and between Jews and non-Jews. A pamphlet entitled "Toward Goodwill" was very widely distributed and meetings in Church and Synagogue, in some instances, united meetings, were held in various parts of the country. Broadcasts were also arranged for. The response to this effort was on the whole very satisfactory.

(4). DEPUTATION RE MISSION HOSPITALS: The Council had sent a deputation which interviewed the Minister for Native Affairs and the Minister for Health with their respective heads of department and had urged the better support of Mission Hospitals on the basis of 2/6d. per patient day. The deputation was well received and the results are beginning to be seen in certain improvements in the support of Mission Hospitals.

The Secretary reported also reference to the maintenance of very close relations with the International Missionary Council both in the United States and Great Britain.

The report of the Secretary was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Dr. Dexter Taylor presented his report as Hon. Treasurer in the form of the Financial Statement for May-June 1941, and a Summarized Statement for the entire period from April 1940 to June 25th, 1941, which Statements are attached herewith.

The Treasurer explained that the items for Secretary's salary, Office Administration and travel, with the exception of £11. 1. 8. appearing in the December 1940, statement, referred to the previous Secretary. Since 1st October, 1940, the post had been an honorary one and with the above exception the Hon. Secretary had not yet presented his account for cut of pocket expenditure which would not be large.

He explained also that the item £27. 2. 0. paid to Irene Dutch Reformed Church under the heading of Continental Missions was an amount collected by the wife of a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in the name of the Christian Council. The collector who had undertaken the collection on her own initiative, but with authority from the Treasurer, subsequently asked that the amount be allowed to go to the Continental Missions Appeal of the Dutch Reformed Church. The Treasurer has a receipt showing that it has been received by the Treasurer of that fund.

The Treasurer also called attention to the fact that while £1,150.16. 3. for the Finnish Missions was raised entirely in South Africa, of the amount £1,505. 3.3. raised for the "Orphaned Missions" £493.16. 6. had been received from the International Missionary Council in New York and £333.12. 4. from the Conference of Foreign Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Treasurer further pointed out that the £120 borrowed to enable the Council to meet its outstanding obligations

when he took over the joint office of Secretary and Treasurer had been paid. The sum of £59. 3. 4. in donations to Council expenses has been raised by a special appeal. The £236.10. 5. raised by Special Appeal for the expenses of Goodwill Sunday covered little more than half of the costs but the Council has no obligations regarding the balance.

The No.1. account is Council's operating account. The No.2. account is the fund for "Orphaned Missions". There were still some minor adjustments to be made where items were debited to one account which should have been debited to the other. Pressure of work had made it impossible to complete those adjustments but in the main the respective balances indicate the present position.

HONORARIUM: The Treasurer's report was adopted and Dr. Wilkie at the request of the Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Dexter Taylor. The Rev. A.A. Wellington felt that the Council should do more than express its thanks in words and moved that the Finance Committee be authorised to allot to him such honorarium as they see fit not as payment but in grateful recognition of his service during the critical period. Voted.

THE FUTURE OF THE COUNCIL: The Statement that had been prepared and circulated before the Meeting served as the starting point of discussion of the future of the Council.

Dr. Wilkie who opened the discussion said that this was not a time for words but for action. We have waited upon God in prayer in this matter and we would be unfaithful to His guidance if we should dissolve the Council. He appealed to all present that we solemnly resolve to continue to make this testimony to Christian unity and the evangel of Christ. The Constitution may need to be altered but this is not a time for concern over constitutions, but of concern for the will of God. He appealed that it be the unanimous will of this Council that we go forward.

Rev. W. Eveleigh heartily seconded Dr. Wilkie's words and expressed officially on behalf of the Methodist Church their determination to enter fully into the work of the Council. There is no country where a united witness is more necessary. It is a calamity that we cannot all stand on one platform but we must maintain our united witness. He referred to the phrase used in Great Britain that the churches were being bombed into unity. Let us not wait until we are forced.

Rev. J. Reyneke said that it was only by a small majority that the Transvaal Dutch Reformed Church Synod was not affiliated. A parallel Council was being formed in the Dutch Reformed Church but efforts would be made to get that Council to affiliate with the Christian Council. He begged the Council not to consider dissolution nor a return to the old basis of the General Missionary Conference of South Africa, but to go forward.

The Executive's recommendation was moved by Dr. Wilkie and seconded by Mr. Eveleigh.

Rev. Mahabane on behalf of the Transvaal Interdenominational Native Ministers Association which had discussed the matter stated that his Association had urged that the Council be continued.

Rev. D.K. Clinton expressed the urgent desire of the Congregational Union of South Africa that Council continue.

Rev. Dr. Coan on behalf of the African Methodist Episcopal Church gave further support.

The Resolution was then Unanimously adopted as follows:-
That the Christian Council of South Africa shall continue to exist under its present name and form.

The Chairman called upon Dr. Wilkie to lead the Council in a prayer of rededication to the will of God.

CONDONING OF EXECUTIVE ACTION: Inasmuch as the Constitution, Clause 7, provides that there should be a full time paid Secretary, and inasmuch as it had not been possible to continue that policy under the conditions prevailing, Council agreed to condone the action of the Executive in contravening that provision and was thankful that through the devoted labours of Dr. Dexter Taylor it had been possible to make satisfactory arrangements. It was agreed to suspend Clause 7 until the next meeting of Council.

COOPTION TO EXECUTIVE: It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Executive that the Executive have power to coopt to its membership not more than five other persons whether members of the Council or not, whose membership will, in the opinion of the Executive, further the cause of co-operation between the Council and non-affiliated bodies, between the christian agencies working for a christian social order, and between Europeans and Non-Europeans.

Discussion followed on the desirability of transferring the headquarters of the Council to another area than the Transvaal lest the impression be created that it was a Transvaal affair and its national significance be obscured.

The Council then proceeded to the

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Rev. A.A. Wellington was unanimously elected President, the Rev. F. Stakes vice-President and the Rev. A.J. Haile second vice-President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. E.W. Grant moved, seconded by Rev. J. Webb that Section 7(a) of the Constitution be amended to read "the Officers and not more than fifteen other members included in which shall be the Conveners of the seven sub-committees." Voted.

The Conveners were elected as follows:-

Youth Work:	Rev. E.W. Grant.
Education:	Dr. Kerr.
Social Work:	Dr. R.E. Phillips.
Evangelism:	Dr. Dexter Taylor
Literature:	Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd.
Medical:	Dr. Neil Macvicar.
Women's Work:	Mrs. Lydia Creed.

A sub-committee was appointed consisting of the present Chairman and Secretary. Rev. A.A. Wellington, Rev. R.H.W. Shepherd and Rev. A. Cardross Grant to go into the question of Secretaryship and Treasurership, and the other members of Executive during the tea interval.

The Secretary explained the proposal which originated with Rev. A.W. Blaxall and had been circulated to members of Council that a Conference on Post-War Reconstruction be held during 1942. Rev. J. Webb moved:

1. That we approve the principle of such a Conference to be held in or about June, 1942.
2. That we determine the kind of Conference to be held.
3. That the matter be referred to the Executive to make all necessary arrangements. Voted.

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