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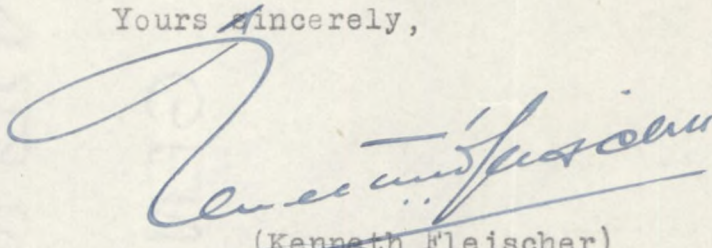
Senator The Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A.,
c/o The Senate,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear R.J.,

re CONFERENCE - COLOURED SCOUT ASSOCIATION

I am instructed to inform you that the Chief Scout's
Acting Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Percival Whiteley, will
endeavour to be present at the Conference convened for the
inauguration of a Coloured Scout Association.

Yours sincerely,


(Kenneth Fleischer)
SECRETARY

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20th March, 1941.

Dear Senator,

Under separate cover I have sent you twenty five copies of the Pathfinder Circular which has been sent to the following:—

Mr. A.T. Habedi,
S.J. Fort, Esq.,
Venerable Archdeacon J.W. Mogg
Rev. Canon S.P. Woodfield, M.A.
Reverend J.A. Calata
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Yours sincerely,

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/MKM

Under separate cover: Circulars

March 25th 1941

The Rev. Arthur Amor, S. S.M.
St. Francis Priory,
Hospital Road,
KROONSTAD, O.F.S.

Dear Father Amor,

I thank you for your letter of the 17th instant. Immediately on receipt of it I sent in a formal letter on behalf of the Pathfinder Scout Association asking for exemption of the Association under Section 10 of the National Security regulations. I believe there will be no difficulty in the matter.

Your letter was evidently dispatched before you received my telegram in reply to your wire. I confirm the wire as follows :-

"Defence may gazette general exemption under Section 10 emergency regulations meanwhile Scouts can meet without physical exercises".

We must now await the result of my application.

Yours truly,

JLRJ/CS.

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ST. FRANCIS PRIORY,

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Senator the Hon. J.D.Rheinhardt Jones:
Chief Pathfinder Scout, U. of S. S.:
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Cape Town.

Dear Chief:

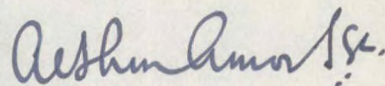
I have just sent a telegram to you: **Magistrates interpretation emergency regulations demands Defence and Education exemption to enable Pathfinder-Scouts to meet. Please obtain and advise.**

The Magistrates of both Bloemfontein and Kroonstad have given their interpretation that P-S must get this exemption as required in IO/20/41 proclamation of War Measures (published late in February I believe).

Obviously you are the person and have the opportunity of getting this done just with the stroke of the pen. The Local Magistrate said he would give us permission to carry on, but when he read through the regulations he considered that he had no such authority. I mention this as indication that he considers us entirely a non-subversive movement.

If you wire the necessary information that exemption has been granted I will notify the Division that it need not get het up! It is urgent: for most meetings of P-Ss occur weekly and had met just as the bombshell fell: I would like to get the exemption through before Wednesday Midday. Of course, it would be better if official exemption could be communicated through the Press and Wireless: for it affects the Scouts as well as ourselves. And we are just beginning to get on with finding possibilities for National Service. If the Voortrekker Movement is to be held in abeyance as possibly subversive, Scouts and Pathfinders might be granted exemption as aiming at works of National Importance.

Yours sincerely,



Divisional Commissioner
Pathfinder-Scouts, OFS

March 17th 1941

March 20th 1941

The Secretary for Defence,
Parliament Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Sir,

SECTION 10 OF NATIONAL
SECURITY REGULATIONS.

Following upon a discussion I have had with Mr. Austin of your Department, I now beg leave to apply to you on behalf of the Pathfinder Scout Association of South Africa (of which I am Chairman of the Headquarters Council and Chief Scout's Commissioner for Pathfinder Scouts) for exemption from the restrictions imposed under Section 10 (1).

The need for this exemption is made clear in a letter I have received from the Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner for the Orange Free State (the Rev. A. Amor, of the English Church Mission, Kroonstad) a copy of which I enclose herewith. The letter also shows that the Movement aims at enlisting the Native and Coloured youth in helpful service at this time.

I enclose a letterhead to that you may see that the Association is under satisfactory auspices.

I shall be grateful for early attention to this request.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Yours truly,

JDJ/SS.

Enc: Letterhead. Copy of letter.

F. H. HOLLAND,
P.O. BOX 153,
PORT ELIZABETH, C.P.

27th March, 1941.

Senator J. D. Rheinallt Jones,
House of Assembly,
CAPE TOWN, C.P.

Dear Senator Jones,

I have pleasure in advising you that I have managed to persuade the Rev. G. B. Molefe to attend the coming conference in Cape Town, so will you kindly send me full particulars of the time and place, also a draft constitution and a draft "Policy, Organization and Rules".

The only obstacle in the way of his attending was the question of finance, but I have personally come to the rescue.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Holland

March 31st 1941

I. H. Holland, Esq.,
P. O. Box 153,
PORT ELIZABETH, C.P.

Dear Mr. Holland,

I thank you for your letter of the 27th instant. I am puzzled, however, that you are sending the Rev. G.B. Molefe since the conference is in respect of Coloured troops. Are you satisfied that it is right that Mr. Molefe should represent the Coloured troops at Port Elizabeth.

Yours faithfully,

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JDRJ/SS.

F. H. HOLLAND

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P. O. Box 153,

PORT ELIZABETH.

2nd April, 1941.

Senator J. D. Rheinallt-Jones,
The Senate,
CAPE TOWN.

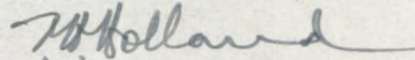
Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for your letter dated 31st March. I am indeed sorry to have stumbled into a mistake in arranging for a Bantu instead of a Coloured man to be sent to the Conference.

I am letting Mr. Molefe know that someone else will have to go instead and I am getting into touch with The Roman Catholic Father who controls the only Coloured Troop.

The Municipality will be erecting a hall in the Schauder Township in the near future and I am hopeful that it will then be possible to start a Coloured Troop there. At present they are very a poorly organised community, but thanks to better housing they are gradually mending their ways. Generally speaking they have proved less responsive to better surroundings than the Bantu.

Yours faithfully,



F. H. HOLLAND.

P. O. Box 153,
PORT ELIZABETH.

7th April, 1941.

Senator J. D. Rheinallt-Jones,
The Senate,
CAPE TOWN, C. P.

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am sorry to inform you that Father Little was unable to attend the conference in Cape Town nor could any coloured man manage to get away. Perhaps one of the Catholic Fathers in Cape Town will be asked to represent Port Elizabeth.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Holland

25th April, 1941.

Mr. R.A. Crowley,
The Honorary Secretary,
Natal Coloured Cultural Society,
Clairwood Govt. Coloured School,
P.O. ROSSBURGH.

Dear Sir,

Re: Formation of Scout Association
for Coloured Youths.

I thank you for your letter of the 16th instant and note the interest of your Society in the formation of the above Association. I am passing your letter on to Mr. S.J. Fort, Oak Lodge, Grove Road, Claremont, who is the Convenor of the Committee that was appointed by the Conference to organise the new Association.

Yours faithfully,

Clairwood Govt. Coloured School,

P. O. Rossburgh.

16th April, 1941.

Senator J. D. Rheinallt Jones,

c/o The Senate,

Cape Town.

Sir,

re Formation of Scout Association for Coloured Youths.

The Natal Coloured Cultural Society is greatly interested in the formation of the above association.

We regret that we were unable to send a delegate to the recent conference in Capetown, but we should be greatly obliged if you would send us a copy of the draft Constitution, and particulars of the motions adopted at the Conference.

With best wishes for the success of the movement,

I remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. A. Browley

Honorary Secretary,

NATAL COLOURED CULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAMINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE HEADQUARTERS COUNCIL OF THE PATHFINDER BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA HELD AT ST. PATRICK'S PRIORY, BATHO LOCATION, BLOEMFONTEIN, O.F.S. ON DECEMBER 16TH, 1940.PRESENT:

Headquarters: Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones (Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, South Africa) in the chair, Mr. A.T. Habedi, Honorary Secretary.

Transvaal: Rev. Canon S. P. Woodfield, Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Rev. Father A. Winter, C.R., District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Witwatersrand, Mr. D. C. Marivate, Trainer-Organiser, Mr. N. S. Mokgako, Trainer-Organiser.

Orange Free State:

Brother B. Bunce, S.S.M., Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Mr. V. D. Harker, District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Bloemfontein, Mr. A. T. Sello, Group Pathfinder Scout Master, Mr. G. C. Manyedi, Group Pathfinder Scout Master.

Natal: Mr. D. McK. Malcolm, Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Mr. S. R. Dent, District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Rev. R. Le Voguer, District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

Cape Eastern: Mr. J. Noble, District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

Cape Western: Mr. S. J. Fort, Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner, Mr. J. H. Allies, Instructor, Mr. A. F. Pietersen, District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

Basutoland: Mr. Oswin Bull, Assistant Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

Bechuanaland: Rev. J. Shaw, Divisional Pathfinder Scout Commissioner.

1. PRAYER AND WELCOME: On the request of the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, Canon Woodfield led the meeting in prayer, after which Brother B. Bunce, S.S.M., welcomed members of the Council on behalf of the Priory, Father A. Amor, S.S.M., Divisional Commissioner and the Orange Free State Division.

The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner then told the Council that in April of this year Mr. H. W. Shearsmith had resigned from being Honorary Secretary to Headquarters and that he had appointed Mr. A. T. Habedi to succeed him. The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner asked if he might send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Shearsmith for the good work he had done as Honorary Secretary, and if the Council would confirm Mr. Habedi's appointment.

AGREED.

2. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. N. Fleischer, Honorary Treasurer, Headquarters Council, Rev. Father A. Amor S.S.M., Divisional Commissioner, Orange Free State, Rev. J. A. Calata, Divisional Commissioner, Cape Midlands, Mr. F.H.Holland, Assistant Divisional Commissioner, Cape

Midlands, Mr. T. J. Powell, Divisional Secretary, Bechuanaland and Mr. C. Van Hagt, Divisional Secretary, Basutoland.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.
4. CENSUS: The Chairman submitted Census figures for 1940 which included all divisions except Griqualand West. The Chairman moved, and it was agreed that the Griqualand West Division be taken as dead and be struck off the roll of the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa. Census returns showed that the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association has 328 Troops, Crews and Packs, 487 Officers, 169 Rovers, 6,095 Scouts, 2,583 Cubs. This together with an extra 239 not included in the Natal figures made a total of 9,901. The Transvaal figures had fallen by about 50% from the 1939 total. This was discussed during the Transvaal report, but no satisfactory explanation could be found.
5. REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS: Reports were received from these Divisions:-
Cape Western, Cape Midlands, Cape Eastern, Natal, Orange Free State, Basutoland, Transvaal and Bechuanaland.

POINTS FROM REPORTS:

- (a) Cape Western: All troops in this division are Coloured troops. Each Group is self-supporting and the boys are doing C.P.S. work. Some have gone on active service.
- (b) Cape Midlands: The Chairman read a letter from Rev. J. A. Calata, explaining the drop in the figures. One of the reasons was that some parents had withdrawn their boys as they feared that the latter would be taken on military service.

As the Cape Midlands was a weak division, the Chairman proposed that a grant up to £10. be given to it from Headquarters' Funds subject to an interview that the Chairman was to have with the Divisional Commissioner.

AGREED.

- (c) Cape Eastern: Mr. J. Noble reported that work was going on satisfactorily in spite of the heavy loss sustained by the resignation of Rev. E. W. Grant and the absence of many officers who had gone on active service. The division was training a large number of students as officers. Mr. Noble also conveyed Rev. E. W. Grant's greetings to the Council.

Canon Woodfield proposed that a letter be sent to Rev. E. W. Grant, conveying the Council's greeting and the Council's thanks to him for the good work he had done for the Pathfinder Scout Movement.

AGREED.

- (d) Natal: Mr. Malcolm said that the Natal Census return fairly represented the position in the division. The division was active but could be more so if there were more District Commissioners, especially for the North and North Midland districts where there was need for closer and more frequent supervision of troops by Commissioners.

The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner advised Mr. Malcolm to contact Rev. K. H. Swensson (formerly a District Commissioner in the Transvaal) and ask him to help in Pathfinder Scout work.

- (e) Orange Free State: Brother Bunce read a report which showed that the division was carrying on satisfactorily as reflected in the increase shown by the statistical return. The financial position of the division was fairly sound.
- (f) Basutoland: Mr. Bull reported that work in this division was fair. Their main difficulty was that very few men were interested enough to do Pathfinder Scout work. Mr. James Gordon, a Postal Official, had done good work in several places, but as his duties made him shift from place to place, the troops he started often died out after he left them, as there was usually no one who could carry on the work.
- (g) Transvaal: Canon Woodfield read a report in which he said the division was developing. The marked development was due to the work of the division's two full-time Organisers, who were doing good work.

He made special mention of the Rover Crew of the students of the Anglican Theological College at Rosettenville, who had made Rovering a serious part of their College life.

The division was well on the way to raise £450. with which it was intended to purchase an ambulance for the Red Cross Society.

The Census return was misleading as only about half the forms sent out had been returned in time to be included in the figures sent to Headquarters.

Mr. D. C. Marivate and Mr. N. S. Mokgako gave the Council short reports of their activities as Trainer-Organisers.

The Chairman asked Canon Woodfield to go more fully into the matter of the Transvaal Census.

- (h) Bechuanaland: Rev. J. Shaw said that the competition between the Pathfinder Scouts and the Boys' Brigade had been strong, but recently a delimitation of areas had been agreed upon and it was hoped that this would lead to more co-operation. He thought that an occasional visit to the division of the Transvaal Organisers would help Scout work considerably.

Each of these reports was discussed after its presentation.

6. THE CAPE COLOURED ASSOCIATION: Asked by the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner to lead the discussion on this point, Mr. S. J. Fort, Divisional Commissioner, Cape Western, said that the Cape Western division felt that the time had arrived when the Cape Coloureds should have their own Scout Section. There was no question of the Coloured Pathfinder Scouts being dissatisfied with their present position. What made a Coloured Association necessary was that there is a large number of boys who want to be Scouts but not Pathfinder Scouts. They would join if there were a Coloured Association.

Mr. Allies and Mr. Pietersen endorsed Mr. Fort's remarks. Mr. Malcolm reported on the attitude of Natal Coloureds towards the Pathfinder Scout Movement. Mr. Harker reported on the Free State and the Chairman mentioned the Transvaal Paladins. Their remarks showed that a Coloured Association was necessary.

Mr. Sello asked in what way the Pathfinder Scout Movement was interested in a Coloured Scout Association. In his opinion the Coloureds were quite free to form their own Section; the

Pathfinder Scout Association was not interested and should not be asked to take part in the formation of this Coloured Association.

Canon Woodfield asked if the Pathfinder Scout Council was expected to organise the Cape Coloured Association.

The Chairman replied that the Pathfinder Scout Association was interested in the formation of a Coloured Association, firstly, because this would mean the disappearance of a whole division from the Movement, and, secondly, because the Coloured Scouts asked for help from the Pathfinder Council, particularly in the form of the services of the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, whom they wished to ask to convene the inaugural conference. Other than this the organisation of the Coloured Association would be entirely independent of the Pathfinder Scout Council.

A discussion followed on the position of Pathfinder Scouts in areas where Scouting would be under the Coloured Association and in which their numbers did not warrant the formation of a Pathfinder Scout Division, or vice versa. As this was a matter of policy, it was agreed to let it be decided by the two Associations separately.

Mr. Malcolm then moved and Mr. Fort seconded

"That this Council authorises the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner to convene a meeting, representative of the Union, in consultation with the Cape Western Division, with a view to promoting a separate Scout Organisation for the Coloured Community."

CARRIED.

7. TRANSLATIONS: The Secretary reported that he had written to the following to translate the Pathfinder Scout Prayer, the Cub Law, The Scout Promise, Law and Enrolment Ceremony into the languages indicated.

Mr. Z. K. Matthews (Secwana)
Mr. B. W. Vilakazi (Zulu)
Mr. W. G. Bennie (Xhosa)
Rev. G. Westphal (Venda)
Mr. D. C. Marivate (Thonga)
Rev. R. Ellenberger (Southern Sesotho)

All except the Zulu translation had been done and sent in to the Secretary. Mr. Malcolm, on the Chairman's request, undertook to do the Zulu translation. The Council agreed that a Sepedi translation be made.

It was decided that before publication the various translations should be sent to the divisions concerned for their approval.

NOTED.

8. AMENDMENTS TO P. O. & R. Mr. Harker and Mr. Sello, Orange Free State delegates, submitted suggestions from their division. They suggested the substitution of forrage caps and safari jackets for the Scout hat and the Scout shirt respectively. Both suggestions were turned down.

Canon Woodfield asked members and their divisions to be cautious in suggesting amendments to P. O. & R. because of the expense involved. The present stock of P. O. & R. had not sold well, and to print a revised and altered edition when the first was not sold would be incurring a great expense which was not absolutely necessary.

NOTED.

9. TRAINING OF OFFICERS: From reports given by the delegates the matter of the training of officers seems to have been taken up seriously by the divisions.

Mr. Sello, supported by Mr. Fort, urged that the policy of some educational and school authorities of making Scouting a condition of teachers' employment should be discouraged as it forced men to do Scout work when they were not interested in it and would otherwise not do it.

Father Winter said that Scouting in Institutions should be voluntary and not be forced on the boys either by prospects of employment, by school rules or by making it a substitute for other school activities.

10. FINANCE: The Chairman read the Treasurer's Financial Statement for the year. This was adopted.

The Chairman reported that an extra £25. had been received comprising donations from the Cape Eastern (£5.), Transvaal (£10.), Bloemfontein (£5.) and Cape Western (£5.)

He urged divisions to see that each of their officers bought a P. O. & R.

Brother Bunce proposed that in order to minimise Headquarters expenditure, divisions should undertake the printing of the translations into the languages of their own districts.

AGREED

It was also agreed to ask each division to contribute yearly to Headquarters' Funds.

The grant of £10. towards helping the Cape Midlands Division (Clause 5 b. above) was agreed to.

A vote of thanks to Mr. K. N. Fleischer for his work as Treasurer of Headquarters Council was passed.

11. THE SIR ABE BAILEY TRUST: The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner told the Council that it had come to his notice that under the terms of the trust set up under the Will of the late Sir Abe Bailey, Non-Europeans may benefit from certain of the specific bequests to be provided for by the Trust. On this understanding he had written to His Excellency the Governor General as Chief Scout, South Africa, and as a Trustee of the Sir Abe Bailey Trust, asking if he might consider the possibility of the Non-European branches of the Boy Scout Movement benefiting from the bequest of £1,000 a year to the Boy Scouts Association of South Africa.

To this Syfret's Trust Company (Cape Town), Secretaries to the Executors and Trustees - to whom the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner's letter had been directed by His Excellency - replied that if the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner's letter were referred to the Boy Scouts Association and the latter could, under its constitution, give financial help to the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association, then the Trustees would do nothing in the matter. If, however, the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association cannot receive financial assistance from the Boy Scouts Association the Company would place the application before the Trustees of the Sir Abe Bailey Trust. They added further that the application of the bequest to the Boy Scouts Association was not under the direction of the Executors or Trustees.

In answer to communication from the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner on these lines, the secretary of the Boy Scouts Association of the Union of South Africa replied quoting Rule 24 of their P.O.R. which reads:

"The control, organisation, finances and activities of the Boy Scouts Association are entirely separate from those of the other (Non-European) sections of the Boy Scout Movement in the Union which are self-contained and self-governing. It being recognised that while this Association is willing to do everything in its power to

assist the Non-European section it is not possible in South Africa to form one movement with no distinction of race and each section will accordingly pursue its separate path along its own racial lines."

After associating itself with the action of the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner in this matter, the Council discussed it in the light of the Syfret's Trust Company's letter and the reply from the Boy Scouts Association.

It was the feeling of the Council that the Boy Scouts Association was morally obliged to assist the Non-European Movements in cases of this nature. The fact that the European section of the Boy Scout Movement in South Africa had no distinguishing indication in its name that it was exclusively European in character, might easily mislead benefactors. Mr. Malcolm moved that the Pathfinder Scouts Headquarters' Council ask the Boy Scouts Association for a declaration as to the latter's attitude towards the Non-European Scout section in respect of bequests to "the Boy Scout Movement".

AGREED

Mr. Sello's proposal that a direct application be made to the Trustees for a grant to the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association in view of the reply from the secretary of the Boy Scouts Association was also agreed to.

AWARDS:

A. The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner proposed that, as from 16/12/40 and always in the future, the consideration of recommendations for, and the granting of, Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association Awards would be made by the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner in council with the Divisional Commissioners. Recommendations for awards would also come from Divisional Commissioners and not, as hitherto, be invited per circular letter.

AGREED

The following awards were agreed to by the Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioners.

(a) Cape Western: District Pathfinder Scout Commissioner C. Thebus of Wynburg - Medal of Merit.

(b) Transvaal: P.B.S.M. Fred Maboko - Medal of Merit
P.C.M. Meshack Mabusela - Medal of Merit.

B. LONG SERVICE MEDAL: Mr. Fort proposed and Mr. Malcolm seconded that provision be made in P.O. & R. for the granting of this Medal, and that all Scout Service be recognised in awarding it.

AGREED.

The conditions for its award are to be the same as those in the Boy Scouts Association P.O.R.

AGREED.

C. NATIONAL SERVICE BADGE: The Transvaal Division moved that in order to encourage Pathfinder Scouts to do National Service the Council should institute a National Service Badge.

AGREED.

A long discussion followed on the qualifications for the badge, whether it should be given (a) for training, (b) for readiness to do service or (c) for service actually rendered. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

13. WAR SERVICE: The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner reported that he had been trying to find out from the Director of the C.P.S. in what way Pathfinder Scouts could be of service.

He had not been able to get any information yet. The Transvaal Divisional Headquarters had made offers of help by Pathfinder Scout Troops to the Mayors of Johannesburg and Pretoria in C.P.S. work.

In spite of this Pathfinder Boy Scouts could serve in the Anti-Waste campaign. Mr. Harker (Bloemfontein), Mr. Fort and Mr. Pietersen (Cape Western), and Mr. Noble (Cape Eastern) gave reports of what their Pathfinder Scouts were doing in the Anti-Waste campaign and in other forms of War Service.

Mr. Malcolm move that information on War Service be circularised to the Divisions.

AGREED.

14. THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS: The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner had received a letter from the Oxford University Press asking for matter for a book on Pathfinder Scouting which could be published by the Press. The Executive Committee was asked to go into the question of collecting this material.

NOTED.

15. THE SONG COMPETITION: Canon Woodfield who, with Mr. Marivate, had been asked to be judge in this competition, reported that he had received only three collections of songs, none of which were suitable for Scouting. However, one, by Daniel Monnapula, of Morija, was an outstanding composition. The Council agreed to give him a consolation prize of 10/-.

It was agreed to give more time for the competition and that Mr. D. C. Marivate and Canon Woodfield draft the conditions for the competition. Mr. Marivate was further asked to compile a collection of Pathfinder Scout Songs.

NOTED.

16. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

Senator the Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, Chairman,
Mr. K. N. Fleischer, Honorary Treasurer,
Rev. Father A. Amor, S.S.M.
Canon S. P. Woodfield,
Rev. John Shaw, and
Mr. A. T. Habedi, Honorary Secretary.

17. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Mr. Malcolm proposed and Father Winter seconded that the next meeting of the Headquarters Council be held in Durban in December, 1941.

AGREED.

18. FAREWELL: As he thought that the Coloured Scout Association would be formed before the next meeting of the Pathfinder Scout Council, Mr. Fort asked for leave to thank the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association on behalf of the Coloureds for all it had done for them. He urged that there be a liaison officer between the Pathfinder Boy Scout Movement and the Coloured Scout Movement. This was agreed to in principle.

19. THANKS: The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner, on behalf of the Council, thanked Brother Bunce and the Fathers of St. Patrick's Priory for their hospitality. He also thanked members of the Council for their fruitful meeting and assured Mr. Fort and the Cape Western Delegates that the relations between the Pathfinder Boy Scouts Association and the New Coloured Scouts Association would always be cordial.

The Chief Scout's Pathfinder Commissioner asked to be allowed to send a letter of appreciation to Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World, for his good work for Scouting.

AGREED.

20. CLOSE OF MEETING:

There being no further business, the
Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6 p.m.

Confirmed at the meeting on

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