

with the Rev.D.P.Anderson and our vice-President, Rev.A.J.Haile. East London has been visited, and an address delivered to the inter-racial Ministers' Fraternal. As a result, plans are afoot for the formation of a Christian Council Auxiliary in East London.

At King Williams Town special services were held in two of the European Churches and an address given to the Ministers' Fraternal. The ministers of the town are to take up study circle and other literature published by the Council.

The annual meeting of the Transkeian Missionary Conference is to be visited shortly before the Executive meets, when the question of closer relations between that Conference and the Christian Council will be dealt with. The Ciskei Missionary Council is to be addressed on the same subject in November.

In November the Secretary is to address the Rotary Clubs of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Other meetings in the Transvaal will be arranged during this itinerary.

An invitation has been accepted by the Secretary to be present and to deliver a series of addresses at a special meeting of the Natal Missionary Conference in July next year. The Conference is to meet shortly after the Christian Council Conference on "Evangelism," and is to deal with the same great topic, following up the work of the larger Conference.

3. Publications.

a) Both editions of "Christian Reconstruction in South Africa" (the Report of the Fort Hare Conference) were completely sold out some weeks ago.

b) There has been a steady demand for our new Study Series. Altogether more than 3,000 individual pamphlets have been sold. Since the May meeting of the Executive a notable addition to the series has been made in the form of Sister Frances Mary's "Plea for Investigation of the Principles of Religious Education."

A document prepared at the request of the Executive by the Study Group in Cape Town (the Rev.Fr.Bull and the Rev.E.Lynn Cragg being largely responsible for its drafting), entitled "A Statement of Christian Belief and Principles," has been submitted to the officers of the Council and others. Certain small emendations which have been suggested are to be submitted to the drafting Committee, and it is then proposed to circulate this statement freely as No.6. of the Study Series.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lavis of Cape Town has addressed the annual meeting of the Cape Peninsula Church Council on conditions among the Coloured people. The MS of the address has been offered to us for publication. It is a most challenging and revealing statement. It is suggested to the Executive that permission be sought from the Paper Controller to publish this address as No.7. of the Study Series.

From various quarters come suggestions for pamphlets on the following subjects:

The African Criminal.

Methods of approach to African people - a pamphlet for the guidance of African Evangelists, Teachers and others.

The Christian Attitude to Marriage.

c) "The Christian Council Quarterly" reaches 1250 people.

d) Almost 3000 copies of the Council's Report of two years' work, "A Fellowship of Faith and Service," have been circulated.

e) From Senator Edgar H. Brookes has come a suggestion that the Council issue a periodical in the nature of a "Newsletter" for

the use of missionaries, particularly those in isolated places, who are in need of fellowship. Such a periodical could, it is suggested, become a medium for the discussion of common problems and the interchange of views. An attempt is being made to ascertain the opinions of missionaries as to whether this need could be met in the pages of the "South African Outlook."

4. Other Christian Councils.

Christian Councils have recently been formed in Nyasaland and in Kenya. We are in close touch with them, and with a growing number of correspondents in S. & N. Rhodesia and Belgian Congo, as well as in more distant parts of Africa.

Edward W. Grant.

Hon. Secretary.

LOVEDALE, C.P.
21st September, 1943.

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THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

SECTIONAL REPORTS TO EXECUTIVE,
5th October, 1943.

I. EVANGELISM. Convener: Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor.

The report of this section is in the form of the proposed programme for the 1944 Conference, to which the Council in May, 1943, gave general approval, and which was referred back to the Executive for detailed consideration and action.

The proposals are as follows:

General subject of Conference: Evangelism.

Lines of action suggested:-

1. Study and Prayer Groups to be organised now to undertake thorough research on such subjects as the following:

- Religious Life in South African Homes.
- Religious Life in the Universities and High Schools.
- Religious Education and Worship in the day-schools.
- Religion and the Wage Earner.
- Religion and the Educated African.
- Religion and the Youth of all Races.
- Religion and the Returned Soldier.

2. A group of our leading theologians and philosophers to be asked to co-operate in preparing what might be called:

- A Theology of Evangelism; a Doctrinal Foundation for Aggressive Evangelism in Our Day.
- The Doctrine of Christ in the Light of Modern Knowledge.
- Christ's Doctrine of Man Tested by Modern Conditions.
- The Doctrine of Sin and Its Application to S. Africa today.
- The Church and the Challenge of Today.

3. Plans of Action to be considered:

- Church Attendance Sundays.
- A National Christian Mission.
- Shop Services in all Industrial Centres.
- The Provision of Chapels or Prayer Rooms at Universities where private devotion may be encouraged and where united services of worship may be held under the direction of different churches in rotation.
- United Easter Sunrise Services in all possible centres.
- A Three-Year Plan of Evangelism.
- A Press Campaign of Evangelism.
- Evangelism by the Printed Page, (e.g. such as that just initiated by the Presbyterian Cape Summer School).
- Formation of Evangelistic Cells.
- United Evangelistic Campaigns in Urban Locations and Mine Compounds.
- Special Services in English for Educated Africans.
- An Evangelistic Team to tour rural Native Areas.

II. EDUCATION. Conveners: Dr. Alexander Kerr.

Rev. P. E. Goldie, M.A.

(a) Relations with the Christian Education Movement.

The Conveners suggest that the Christian Education Movement should be given official recognition by the Christian Council so

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that it becomes virtually the Education Section of the Christian Council as far as education among Europeans is more particularly concerned.

The reasons for making this proposal are briefly as follows... The C.E.M. has already established itself in the Transvaal and Natal, and has established harmonious relationships with ecclesiastical and educational circles. It has a whole-time paid worker, and has succeeded in getting things done and in stimulating thought and action by Christians engaged in the work of education. C.E.M. and the Christian Council cater for and deal with the same sections of the population, and there is no need of two independent bodies trying to do the same work.

The Aims and Objects of the C.E.M. are as follows:-

1. To work out the meaning and implications of a Christian education for a democratic South Africa.
2. To do all in its power to foster and improve religious instruction.
3. To stimulate interest in the ethical side of education, both social and personal.
4. To bring together parents, teachers, clergy and youth leaders, and to give them practical help in discharging their respective functions in Christian education.

More detailed printed statements of the work and policy of the C.E.M. will be available at the forthcoming meeting of the Christian Council Executive. One of the your conveners is on the Executive of the C.E.M.

The following statement has been generally approved by the Executive of the C.E.M. and will be submitted to the Council of the movement at its meeting in the middle of October. If possible we would welcome a decision, or at least an expression of opinion, on this matter at the October meeting of the Christian Council Executive.

A memorandum on relations between the C.E.M. and the Christian Council of South Africa is submitted as follows:-

1. C.E.M. would welcome the closest possible connection and co-operation with the Christian Council, so that it becomes virtually the Education Section of the Christian Council, so far as European education is concerned.

2. At the same time C.E.M. wishes to preserve its identity and independence, and its lay or non-ecclesiastical character, in the belief that so it can best make its contribution to the cause of Christian education in S. Africa.

3. C.E.M.'s activities and development should continue to be directed by an executive committee in Johannesburg elected from its own Council or Governing Body. It would submit a report of its work to the Christian Council Executive once or twice a year, and consult with it on any major question of policy.

4. C.E.M. would continue to raise and administer its own finances, have its own whole-time worker or workers, run its own book-room, and issue its own periodical.

5. C.E.M. would welcome the help of the Christian Council in establishing it in parts of the country where it is not at present known, and in gaining new members and financial backing. At the moment the C.E.M. is not in a position to offer its services freely to all and sundry without financial return.

Meanwhile the C.E.M. has been asked by the President and Secretary and the Education Conveners of the Christian Council to represent its views to the Committee appointed by the Minister of

Education

Education to inquire into and report upon various aspects of adult education in the Union. The C.E.M. committee dealing with this matter proposes to give its views on the purpose, nature, and scope of any adult education provided by the State, urging that it should have an ethical basis and be related to the Christian foundations and assumptions of our civilization. It also intends to plead for State recognition, and possibly for some measure of assistance, for approved schemes of adult education provided by voluntary agencies; and to urge churches and Christian bodies to work out and initiate schemes of specifically Christian adult education.

(b) Conference on Native Education.

The Christian Council was represented by the Rev. A. Cardross Grant and Mr. Nhlapo at the Conference arranged by the Institute of Race Relations.

It is recommended that the Executive express its concurrence with the findings of that Conference and that a communication in support of them be sent to the Minister of Education. The Conference recommended as follows :-

1. that the time has come for Native Education to be financed from the General Revenue of the Union;
2. that the principle of compulsory education should be applied as soon as practicable;
3. that as a first step all existing schools should be adequately staffed and equipped;
4. that as a second step accommodation and equipment should be provided for all voluntary school-goers;
5. that as an ultimate aim compulsory education should be from 6 - 16;
6. that compulsion be instituted first in the urban areas and in those rural areas which desire such compulsion;
7. that a per caput subsidy of £7 per annum is desirable;
8. that the Institute of Race Relations be asked to ascertain from the Provincial Education Departments their estimates of the rate at which expenditure on Native Education could be brought up to £7 per pupil per annum;
9. that representations to be made should include provision for an annual increase of 10% in the enrolment in African schools.
10. The Missions cannot be expected to meet the demands for expansion in Native Education. We, therefore, advocate a State System of Education, with due provision for voluntary schools. This involves, in general, State finance, control and administration of Native Education.

It is clear that Head Office and the Inspectorate need to have a larger staff of trained Africans for professional and administrative work to ensure closer and better direction of the schools.

It is of the utmost importance that the co-operation of the African chiefs and people and of the Missions be maintained and extended in the administration of Native Education.

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(c) Religious Instruction in Native Mission Schools.

A circular on this subject has been addressed to Church and Mission authorities, Missionary Superintendents and School Managers. The circular points out that appeals are being made by Inspectors to Mission authorities to give to religious instruction its rightful place in the life of the schools. It is recognised that one reason for the lack of effective supervision is the excessive number of schools with which some Managers are trying to cope.

The following suggestions are put forward in the circular for the consideration of those concerned:

That Churches and Missions consider the possibility of employing supervisors who have received special training to give religious instruction in schools. These might be either missionaries seconded for this work, or African teachers whose character and gifts justify their being specially appointed. It is felt that the training of such teachers for the work of religious instruction is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

Comments on these suggestions are being received.

III. MEDICAL WORK. Convener: Dr. Neil Macvicar.

National Health Services Commission.

The memorandum submitted to the Council in May has been amended in accordance with the decisions of the Council. The memorandum is to be submitted to the National Health Services Commission in Johannesburg on 6th October as the evidence of the Christian Council, by a representative deputation of medical missionaries, together with the Secretary of the Council.

Meals for African School Children.

The Convener of the Medical Work Section has prepared a memorandum on this question. Copies have been submitted to the Native Affairs Department and to the Chief Inspectors of Native Education in the four Provinces, in the hope that, though some quite different scheme may be adopted, some of the suggestions contained in the memorandum may be found helpful.

IV. LITERATURE. Convener: Rev. Dr. R.H.W. Shepherd.

The supply of literature to Non-European troops has continued to receive attention. Typical of the appreciation felt for the Christian Council's efforts is a letter of date 14th August from a Chaplain in the Middle East who writes:

"Many many thanks for your part in the sending off of those two fine parcels of books from Lovedale. They have at last reached me here this very week. How delighted we are to have them. Already letters lie on my table asking for them, and before I have been able to classify and distribute them, the men have come and sat in my tent reading intently." He goes on to refer to hundreds of men from backward parts of South Africa who are feeling the impact of the Gospel, and he declares that the demand for Bibles and Testaments is continuous.

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VI. WOMEN'S WORK. Conveners: Mrs. J.D. Rheinallt Jones.
Mrs. L.S. Creed.

Mrs. Creed reports progress in the work of the International Club in Cape Town. The Club is being increasingly used as a headquarter by visitors from suburbs and from other parts of the Union. Lectures are arranged on subjects relating to improvements in housing and living conditions, diet, &c.

The report calls attention to the growth of strong feeling among Coloured people respecting the Coloured Advisory Council and the segregation issue. Suspicion concerning the intentions of the Government now that the General Election is over has prepared the way for the agitator. The Church is coming under the criticism of the younger and educated sections. A statement from the Church is called for demanding that the principles enunciated in the Atlantic Charter shall apply to all sections of the community in South Africa.

The report suggests that the time may have arrived when the interests of the Coloured people should be directly represented on the Christian Council by a coloured woman.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Executive of the Christian Council, held at Wesley Hall, Johannesburg, on Tuesday, October 5th, 1943, at 9.30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS were conducted by the President, His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town.

652. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Present: His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town (President); the Revs. S. Mokitimi, Dr. J. Bruce Gardiner, Dr. J. Dexter Taylor, D.P. Anderson, A. Cardross Grant, Archdeacon R. P. Y. Rouse, J. Reyneke, Dean Swensson, E. E. Mahabane, A. W. Blaxall, J. B. Webb, and E. G. Mitchell; Dr. N. Macvicar, Revs. Dr. J. Coan, W. L. Chamings, and E. W. Grant (Hon. Secretary). Drs. R. D. Aitken, F. Drewe, and H. M. Bennett were also present.

Apologies were noted from Revs. A. A. Wellington, A. J. Haile, H. P. Junod, Vernon E. Miller, Dr. R. H. W. Shepherd and L. A. Hewson, Dr. Alexander Kerr, and Mrs. J. D. Rheinallt Jones.

The meeting received with pleasure a message of greeting from the Rev. Dr. A. W. Wilkie.

653. DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM PATON. Members stood in silence as a token of affection and respect for the late Dr. William Paton, Secretary in London of the International Missionary Council.

The following resolution was passed :-

"The Christian Council of South Africa has received with very deep grief the tidings of the death of Dr. William Paton, and except for the faith that God will raise up servants for His work, the Council would feel consternation at the thought of the gap that his death must leave in the ranks of international Christian leadership. As Secretary to the International Missionary Council, he has given wise leadership in the field of world-wide missions. As Secretary to the developing World Council of Churches, his guiding hand seemed almost indispensable to the emerging into full activity of that great experiment in Christian co-operation. As author and speaker on the Church's mission and duty in the present crisis of world affairs, he has stimulated the thinking and prayer of all the Churches. And not least, his kindly personal touch has endeared him to all those who have had the privilege of personal contact with him whether in direct acquaintance or by correspondence. The influence of his life and thought will long continue in international Christian circles."

654. MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were confirmed.

655. ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

Min. 641 d. Correspondence with B. & F. B. S. noted in report of Literature Section.

Min. 641 f. The Secretary had a satisfactory interview with the Hon. Secretary of the Books for Troops Committee, and complete understanding was reached. Arranged that this Council should undertake the supplying of vernacular literature to non-European troops, and that the Books for Troops Committee would contribute to the Council's funds for that purpose. (See report of Literature Section, Minute 657 e.)

Min. 644(a). Andalusia Internment Camp. Arrangements were made by the Secretary to visit the Internment Camp during the course of a journey in that part of the country, and early application for a permit was made. Delays ensued on the part of the Government Department concerned, and despite urgent appeals the permit, a limited one, did not arrive in time for the visit to be paid. The permit can be renewed if a further opportunity offers to visit the Camp.

Min.644(b). Liaison Committee. The suggestion of this Council has been considered by the Executive of the Federal Council of the Dutch Reformed Church, and has been referred by that body to the Federal Council itself. The Council will meet in March next year. The letter from the Secretary foreshadows sympathetic consideration of the proposal.

Min.644(c). Joint Theological Training at Fort Hare. A statement descriptive of the scheme in operation has been circulated to all affiliated Churches and Missions.

Min.644(d). International Round Table Conference. Report has been received of the holding of the Conference at Princeton, U.A.S., in July. It was not possible for any African representatives to be present.

656. SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Report of the Secretary on correspondence and other matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda, was received.

1.(e). Native Marriage Laws. The Minute of the Secretary for Native Affairs with respect to this matter, was referred to the Committee on Social and Economic Welfare and Research for investigation and report. It was noted that the attention of the affiliated churches and missions had been drawn to the important nature of the proposals embodied in the Minute.

1.(g). World-wide Communion Sunday. Reported that material had been received too late for use this year. In this connection the Secretary stated that literature respecting this and other matters was often received from the Federal Council of Churches in America, and the Foreign Missions Conference, as well as from the International Missionary Council. After discussion it was decided, in view of the widespread character of our constituency, that the Christian Council of South Africa would not find it possible to consider taking action with respect to proposals other than those coming from the International Missionary Council or the World Council of Churches.

Permits to enter Native Areas. The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the Secretary for Native Affairs setting forth the legal position with respect to the issue of permits to enter Native Areas in favour of missionaries, evangelists, and other religious workers. The information had been circulated to all members of the Council and to the authorities of affiliated churches and missions. It was represented to the Executive that it would be helpful if a general permit were issued to an individual to visit a number of specified places, to obviate the necessity for obtaining separate permits for different districts. The Secretary was requested to interview the Under-Secretary for Native Affairs on this question.

3.(b). Statement of Christian Belief and Principles. It was resolved to request the President to consult the small committee responsible for drafting the statement as to the possibility of changing its form with a view to making it more suitable for popular distribution.

Manuscript by Bishop Lavis. It was resolved that permission be sought from the Paper Controller to publish this manuscript on "Cape Town's Underworld" by Bishop Lavis, as No.6. in the Christian Council Study Series.

It was resolved to request the Rev.H.P.Junod to prepare for publication in the same series a pamphlet on the African criminal, with special reference to the administration of prisons in the Union.

3.(e) Missionary News-Letter. It was resolved to await the result of the inquiry as to whether the "South African Outlook" could meet the need indicated in Senator Brooks' letter. If this should prove impossible, it was decided to consider the issue of a periodical roneoed circular.

657. REPORTS OF SECTIONAL CONVENERERS.

(a) EVANGELISM. It was noted that the report of this section would be considered in the form of a suggested programme for the Conference on Evangelism to be held in 1944. (See Minute No. 658).

(b) EDUCATION. The report of the Joint Conveners (Dr. Alexander Kerr and Rev. P. E. Goldie) was received. It was noted that the Rev. P. E. Goldie was prevented by the serious illness of Mrs. Goldie from being present at the Executive, and it was directed that a letter of affectionate sympathy be sent to him.

It was resolved, as suggested in the report, that the Christian Education Movement should be regarded as representing this Council in matters relating to European education; and that the C. E. M. should be authorised also to represent the Council in giving evidence before the Hofmeyr Committee on Adult Education.

It was resolved that the Executive intimate to the Minister of Education its warm support of findings Nos. 1 - 9 of the Conference on Native Education convened by the Institute of Race Relations.

It was resolved to request the conveners of the Education section to bring strongly to the notice of the affiliated churches and missions the question as to the place which Mission Schools should occupy in any State scheme of native education, particularly as regards the control of such schools; the inquiry to be made by means of a questionnaire as follows:

1. Would Missions endorse the Executive's approval of the findings of the Conference on Native Education, Nos. 1 - 9 ?
2. Would Missions be willing to allow the control of schools to pass into the hands of a public authority provided that the religious character of such schools be maintained ?
3. Would Missions agree that the responsibility for the training of teachers should remain under missionary control ?
4. Would Missions agree that if the control of native education be assumed by a public authority, it should be Union and not Provincial control ?
5. Should the control be vested in a special department of the Union Department of Education ?
6. Do Missions fully realise the vital importance of the suggestions made in the circular issued by this Council on the subject of Religious Instruction in African Day Schools ?

(c) MEDICAL WORK. Dr. N. Macvicar intimated that the deputation appointed by this Council would meet the National Health Services Commission on October 6th. The deputation would be comprised of the following: Drs. N. Macvicar, R. D. Aitken, F. Drewe, H. M. Bennett, W. C. J. Cooper, J. A. Rosset, the Very Rev. Fr. O. Whelan (representing the Roman Catholic Church) and the Secretary of the Council.

Meals for African School Children. The following resolution was passed for transmission to the Minister of Education and Finance:

"The Christian Council of South Africa is most grateful to the Union Government for making available funds for the provision of meals for the school children of all races. In the case of African children the need is specially great, and the Council urges strongly that the full scheme be brought into operation without delay."

Dr. R. D. Aitken intimated that the National Health Services Commission had requested that he present a memorandum on the Pentz Report on Medical Services in the Transvaal. The Executive heard with appreciation an outline of the suggestions made in the memorandum and endorsed the representations to be presented to the Commission.

(d) WOMEN'S WORK. The report by Mrs.L.S.Creed was noted with appreciation. The Secretary intimated that a letter from Mrs.J.D.Rheinallt Jones indicated her plans for the future in respect of the work of this section.

(e) LITERATURE. The Executive received with gratitude Dr. Shepherd's report with respect to the supply of vernacular literature to Non-European troops. It was noted with appreciation that the "Books for Troops Committee" of Johannesburg would give financial assistance in this respect; also that the Secretary would interview the Director of Non-European Army Services in an endeavour to secure help from Army funds to develop this service on a much larger scale.

It was resolved that in case no financial help should be forthcoming from the latter source, a fresh appeal to the public should be made.

The attention of the Executive was again drawn to the serious shortage of printed Bibles and Testaments in the South African vernaculars which made it impossible to meet the many demands received on behalf of the non-European troops. In this connection the Secretary reported correspondence with the Agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Cape Town and with the London Headquarters of that Society. It was resolved to renew strongly our request that mission presses in South Africa be used for the printing of the Scriptures in the several vernaculars, on the ground that no so-called economic considerations should prevail to render more difficult the supplying of so essential a need.

(f) SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND WELFARE. The Rev.A.W. Blaxall asked for the views of the Executive on a suggestion that a questionnaire on the Christian attitude toward the many social and economic problems be widely distributed throughout the country. It was agreed that such a questionnaire would not be practicable. Mr.Blaxall called the attention of the Executive to the fact that many of the Churches were carrying out research into such questions and suggested that this committee should await the results of such research and should undertake the task of co-ordinating these results. The Executive heartily approved.

(g) YOUTH MOVEMENTS. The Executive heard the report of the Rev.D.P.Anderson, and resolved that this section investigate the possibility of forming a Youth Council and that it be authorised to take action when necessary. It was intimated that a meeting of leaders in youth work would be held in Johannesburg on October 6th for the purpose of discussing plans for the formation of a Youth Council.

658. CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM, 1944. The suggestions of the section on Evangelism, presented in May by Dr.J.Dexter Taylor, were considered.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to work out detailed plans for the Conference and that it be recommended to that committee that Sections 1 and 2 of the suggested programme form the basis for consideration; that study group work be organised in preparation for the Conference; and that it be contemplated that the Conference shall lead to the formation of a programme of action in connection with which the suggestion for a Christian South Africa Movement formulated by the Grahamstown Auxiliary shall receive full consideration. It was also recommended that the Committee seek to enlist the help of theologians of the Dutch Reformed Churches in the drafting of the statements contemplated in the outlined programme. The Committee was asked to consider the possibility of arranging that the Conference be held in October, 1944, at Bloemfontein.

The following Conference Arrangements Committee was appointed : Revs. S.Mokitimi, A.A.Wellington, Dr.R.H.W.Shepherd, and H.B.Williams, Dr.Alexander Kerr, and the Secretary; with power to co-opt the Dutch Reformed minister of Alice and the new Warden of Beda Hall, Fort Hare; the Secretary to be Convener.

659. AFRICA REGIONAL COUNCILS. The Secretary reported correspondence with the International Missionary Council through Dr. William Paton. There had been opportunity to discuss the proposals with representative missionaries from other African fields, and in every case their attitude had been favourable. The matter had also been discussed by an informal Advisory Committee at Lovedale which considered that the formation of Regional Councils as suggested from overseas might well precede the calling of an Africa Conference of Missions. The Institute of Race Relations had requested that it be kept in touch with plans for the holding of a Regional Council so that if possible the Conference on Race Relations contemplated by the Institute after the war might be held in close connection therewith.

The Executive gave general approval to the proposals and authorised that correspondence should continue.

660. EMERGENCY COMMITTEES.

(a) Cape Town. The President reported on the work of the Committee which is based on Cape Town. The Secretary indicated that Advocate Douglas Buchanan wished to be relieved of the Convenership of this Committee but would retain his membership. The intimation was received with regret, and appreciation was expressed of the work done by Advocate Buchanan. It was resolved to ask Mr. A. M. Filmer to become Convener of the Committee, and that if he found it impossible to assume this responsibility, arrangements be left in the hands of the President and Secretary.

(b) Johannesburg. The Secretary reported that he had been able to discuss with Archdeacon Rouse the work of the Committee in the North and that a meeting of the Committee would be called at an early date.

661. LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER. Careful consideration was given to the draft of an open letter to Field-Marshal The Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts prepared by the President in co-operation with the Cape Town Emergency Committee. Certain amendments to the draft were decided upon, and it was resolved that the letter as amended be despatched to the Prime Minister with a request that he allow it to be subsequently published.

662. REQUESTS FOR AFFILIATION.

(a) Bantu Methodist Church. It was resolved to inform the authorities of the Bantu Methodist Church that its application to be affiliated to the Council might be presented again for consideration when that Church had received recognition by the Government.

(b) Pilgrim Holiness Church. After consideration, it was resolved to intimate that this Church could best be represented through the medium of the Provincial Missionary Conferences.

(c) The Executive heard with deep interest, a request from Senator C. J. van D. Smit that he be enabled to identify himself closely with the work of the Council. It was resolved that whenever possible, Senator Smit be co-opted to the Council and the Executive.

663. RELATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL MISSIONARY COUNCILS AND CONFERENCES.

The Secretary reported that the Transvaal Missionary Association had desired close association with the work of this Council and recalled that in the early days of the Council it was purposed to bring the Provincial Missionary Councils into the closest possible fellowship with the Christian Council. With the formation of Regional Councils in view, the Secretary proposed that Provincial Missionary Councils and Conferences in the Union be asked to undertake, each in its own area, research along the lines of the seven sections in which the work of the Council is at present organised, having in mind in each case the present situation and resources and future needs and policy. The Missionary Planning Committee appointed by the Council at its May meeting could then operate as a

Co-ordinating Committee, and thus prepare the whole South African field for the time when a Regional Council would come into being. It was stated that the Transkeian Missionary Conference had already approved this plan and was prepared to take action accordingly, and that the Natal Missionary Conference proposed to hold a special meeting in 1944 following the Conference on Evangelism.

The Executive warmly approved this plan and the Secretary was authorised to take all necessary steps to bring it into operation in the areas covered by the various Provincial Councils and Conferences.

664. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

(a) Treasurer's Report. On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented a Financial Statement covering the period August and September, 1943. A credit balance of £276.8.9. was reported. This statement was received with thanks to the Treasurer.

(b) Office Account. The Secretary reported a balance of £53.16.10. in hand.

It was agreed that the sum of £30 be appropriated for office rents for 1943.

(c) Orphaned Missions. The Rev. Dr. J. Dexter Taylor presented a detailed statement of sums received and expended in connection with Orphaned Missions. A balance of £61.15.10. remained in addition to a balance of £46.14.0. in the Finnish Missions account. The statement was received with thanks.

665. NEXT MEETING. It was resolved that the next meeting of the Executive be held in Cape Town on January 17th and if necessary 18th, immediately preceding the meeting of the Council of the Institute of Race Relations, and that special consideration be given to matters raised in the questionnaire to be sent out concerning Native Education. It was thought probable that the next meeting in 1944 would be in June or July.

666. PETROL ALLOWANCE FOR MINISTERS. The President referred to the difficulty experienced in some areas by ministers in securing sufficient petrol for the effective carrying-on of their work. Ministers as a whole were anxious to save petrol whenever possible, but were unable to agree that their work was not essential service. It was agreed that the President approach the authorities with a view to securing some relaxation of the regulations in this regard.

667. THANKS. It was resolved that the sincere thanks of the Executive be conveyed to the authorities for the use of Wesley Hall for the day's meetings, and to all those responsible for the excellent arrangements made.

AFTER PRAYER: The meeting adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman.

Secretary.

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