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Mid-India...Rev. D. O. CUNNINGHAM, Bilaspur, C.P.  
Punjab......Rev. E. D. LUCAS, Lahore.  

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Mid-India........Rev. G. W. BROWN, Ph.D., Jubbulpore.  
Punjab...........Rev. W. DALGETTY, Sialkot.  

Public Questions.  
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Bombay.........Mrs. BIRKELT, Ahmedabad.  
Madras...........Rev. G. E. PHILLIPS, United Theological College, Bangalore.  
Mid-India........Rev. D. G. ABBOTT, Jubbulpore.  
Punjab...........Miss ROSE GREENFIELD, Hon. Sec., Naulakha, Lahore.  

Medical Missions.  
N.M. Council......Dr. A. C. LANKESTER, Central Hotel, Simla.  
Madras...........Rev. L. R. SCUDDER, M.D., Ranipet, N. Arcot.  
Mid-India........Dr. M. MCKELLAR, Neemuch.  

In all other cases address the Hon. Sec. of the Provincial Councils.

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Bengal...........Rev. W. SUTTON PAGE, B.A., 18, Alexandra Court, Calcutta.  
Bombay.........Dr. N. MACNICOL (on furlough), Poona.  

The European and Anglo-Indian Community.  
N.M. Council......Bishop P. W. WARNE (on furlough), Lucknow.  
Punjab...........Rev. W. O'CONNOR, Lahore.  

Mass Movements.  

Printed at the Baptist Mission Press and published by the National Missionary Council, Calcutta.
The ninth meeting of the National Missionary Council was held at Ranchi from January 10th to 16th, 1923. The newly built Bishop Westcott School, at Namkom, near Ranchi, was very kindly lent for the meetings by the Bishop of Chota Nagpur. The first session was held at 2 p.m. on January 10th, when the Metropolitan of India took the chair, and led the Council in a meeting for worship.

**Members Present.**

The roll-call of members present was taken, and the following were in attendance:

**Madras**
- Miss McDougall, Rev. Dr. Aberly, Mr. P. O. Philip.

**Bombay**
- Rev. W. Hazen, Rev. Canon D. L. Joshi, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar.

**Bengal**
- The Rt. Rev. the Bishop in Assam, Rev. Dr. G. Ewan, Rev. B. A. Nag.

**Behar and Orissa**

**Mid-India**

**Panjab**
- Rev. Dr. J. C. Butcher, Rev. J. C. Chatterjee, Rev. A. McLeish.
United Provinces
Burma
Ceylon

Rev. W E. Wiatt.
Rev. F L. Bevan, Miss Hornby, Mr. S. de Saram.

Co-opted members.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Dornakal, Rev Bishop Robinson, Miss K. M. Bose, Mrs. Holland, Miss Maya Das, Miss Rinman, Miss Zachariah, Rev. B. T. Badley, Rev. J. R. Chitamber, Rev. Dr. Howells, Rev. J. H. Maclean, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Prof. S. C. Mukerjee, Mr. K. T. Paul, Prof. Siraj-ud-din and the Rev. W. Paton. In addition, the Executive had co-opted to fill vacancies in the co-opted list the following, who were present: Miss Sircar, Rev. Dr. Griswold, Rev. Dr. W L. Ferguson, Rev Dr. F H. Russell.

The following sent apologies for their inability to attend: the Right. Rev. the Bishop of Madras, Rev Bishop Warne, Dr. Ma Saw Sa, Dr. Corea, Rev. A. C. Clayton, and Dr. S. K. Datta.

Miss E. A. Gordon and Mr. S. K. Roy, not being members of the Council, were appointed minute secretaries.

Minutes of the Executive Committee.—A précis of the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held in Calcutta on Feb. 22 and 23 and in Bombay on Nov. 24–27 was presented.

I. Preliminaries.

Hours of Meeting.—On the motion of the Executive it was decided that the sessions of the Council should be from 9-45 A.M. to 1 P.M.; 2 to 3-30 P.M.; and 6 to 7-30 P.M.

It was further decided that there should be a meeting for worship each morning before breakfast, and a period of intercession during the morning session each day. These meetings were arranged for by Dr. Macnicol, and conducted by different members of the Council.

Business Committee.—On the recommendation of the Executive the following were appointed to be the Business Committee: Bishop J. W. Robinson (Chairman), Rev. Dr. Aberly, Miss K. M. Bose, Rev. J. C. Chatterji, Rev. J. R. Chitamber, Miss Maya Das, the Bishop of Dornakal, Rev. Dr. Ferguson, Rev. Dr. Griswold, Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Mrs. Holland, Rev. Dr. Howells, Miss C. B. Hornby, Rev. Canon Joshi, Rev. J. H. Maclean, Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Rev. Yohan Masih, the Metropolitan, Rai A. C. Mukerji Bahadur, Prof. S. C. Mukerji, Rev. B. A. Nag, K. T. Paul, Esq., P. O. Philip, Esq., Rev. Dr.
Russell, Prof. Siraj-ud-din, with Mr. Oldham and Mr. Paton. It was decided that this Business Committee should act as a Nomination Committee where necessary, and that in the event of any committees being appointed, the Conveners, if not already members, should be co-opted for the purpose of assisting with nominations.

**Rules of Procedure.**—Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee the following rules of procedure were adopted:

1. That all substantive resolutions must be submitted in writing.
2. That the Business Committee be empowered to decide the order of subjects at each session, and, if necessary, the time to be allotted to each, with the limitation to opening and subsequent speakers.
3. That recommendations and resolutions by standing Committees or individual members shall first be submitted to the Business Committee for its approval in regard to the form in which they shall be presented to the Council, except in the case of resolutions arising in the course of debate.
4. That the acceptance by the Council of the reports of standing committees implies the approval of the reports as to their general substance, but the Council holds itself responsible only for those resolutions which are passed by it.
5. That substitutes for representatives of Provincial Councils take their place at Council meetings only and not as members of the standing committees to which the representatives belong.

**Visitors to the Council.**—Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was decided—

1. That members of standing committees of the Council be permitted to be present, but not to take part in the deliberations of the Council except with the permission of the Chair;
2. That the admission of local visitors desirous of attending the meetings of the Council be dealt with by the officers of the Council.

The following were welcomed to the Council, at the first or subsequent meetings, as visitors: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oldham and Miss Gibson, of the International Missionary Council, Mrs. Pakenham-Walsh, Miss E. A. Gordon, Rev. I. and Mrs. Cannaday, Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Cashmore, Rev. and Mrs. H. R.

New Members.—It was reported that the following new members of Council were present, as representative members of Provincial Councils, or their substitutes, or as co-opted members: Bengal and Assam, the Bishop in Assam; Bombay, Rev. W. Hazen and Mr. D. S. Sawarkar; Ceylon, Miss Hornby and Rev. F. L. Bevan; Madras, Miss McDougall; Mid-India, Rev. D. G. Abbott; Panjab, Rev. J. C. Chatterji; United Provinces, Canon Fisher; co-opted members, Miss Rimmer, Miss Sircar, Dr. Ferguson, Dr. Griswold, Dr. Russell.

II. Constitutional Changes.

The two main pieces of business, which occupied the Council during the greater part of its sessions, were the proposals for the revision of the constitution, and the proposals for the appointment of full-time officers. The two matters being closely connected, the double subject was introduced by the reading of the resolutions passed by Provincial Councils with regard to the draft constitution proposed at the Council meeting at Poona, January, 1922, and with regard to the proposals for full-time officers agreed upon there. Mr. Oldham then spoke on the attitude of the Boards in North America and Great Britain towards the subject under discussion. Prof. S. C. Mukerji gave an account of the Conference of Indian Christians which met at Ranchi, on the invitation of the National Missionary Council, from the 3rd to the 10th of January, 1923, particularly with reference to its findings on the subjects of constitutional change in the National Missionary Council and of the appointment of officers. It was thereupon

RESOLVED:—


Discussion made it plain that it was necessary to settle the principles of the change in the Council's Constitution before the appointment of officers could profitably be considered, and accordingly the Council first registered its approval of the main lines of the Constitution proposed in draft by the Executive. Subsequently, after other business had been carried through, and a thorough examination of both the Constitution and Bye-laws had been made in the Council and by a Sub-Committee, it was moved by the Rev. J. H. Maclean and unanimously
RESOLVED:—

II. That the Constitution and Bye-laws, as amended and accepted clause by clause by the Council, be now accepted as the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Council.

CONSTITUTION.

I. Name.—The Council shall be called the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon.

II. Basis.—The Council is established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine the policy of the Churches and Missions are the Churches and Missions themselves. Questions of doctrine and ecclesiastical polity lie outside the province of the Council.

III. Objects.—The objects of the Council shall be:

1. To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions, to enlist in the solution of those questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in India and other countries and to make the results available for all Churches and Missions in India.

2. To help to co-ordinate the activities of the Provincial Councils and to assist them to co-operate with each other where such co-operation is desirable.

3. Through common consultation to help to form Christian public opinion and bring it to bear on the moral and social problems of the day.

4. To be in communication with the International Missionary Council regarding such matters as call for consideration or action from the point of view of the Indian mission field as a whole.

5. To make provision for the convening of a National Christian Conference when such is in the opinion of the Council desirable.

IV. Membership.—The Council shall be constituted as follows:

1. Four members shall be appointed by each Provincial Christian Council,* not less than two of whom shall be Indians.† Of the four representatives first appointed two shall be appointed to hold office for two years and two for a period of four years. All subsequent appointments shall be for four years.

2. The Council shall have power to co-opt additional members, the number of whom shall not exceed one half of the elected representatives. Of those not less than half shall be Indians. The appointment in each case shall be for two years.

V. Officers.—The Council shall appoint its own officers. Subject to the provision of the necessary funds the Council shall have power to make such appointments for whole or part-time service as the work entrusted to it may demand.

* There are ten Provincial Christian Councils: of Madras, Bengal and Assam, Bihar and Orissa, Bombay, Mid-India, the United Provinces, the Panjab, Burma, Ceylon, and the Telugu Christian Council.
† The term 'Indians' is to be taken to include the nationals of India, Burma and Ceylon.
Those so appointed for whole-time service, or so many of them as the Council shall determine, shall be members ex officio of the Council and of its Executive Committee and of all Committees appointed by those bodies, unless otherwise decided, but without vote.

VI. Executive.—The Council shall appoint at each regular meeting an Executive Committee of twelve members, in addition to the honorary officers, with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership.

VII. Meeting.—The Council shall ordinarily meet every second year, but a special meeting of the Council may be called, or the regular meeting postponed, if the Executive, after consulting the Provincial Councils, is satisfied that this is desirable.

VIII. Committees.—The Council or its Executive may from time to time appoint committees to deal with such matters as may be assigned to them until the next meeting of the National Council.

IX. The Council shall not assume financial obligations for expenditure in any given year beyond the amount ordinarily available for the preceding year, except where the funds for such increase in expenditure may have been assured. Apart from the possibility of a deficit arising from following this rule, no liability shall be incurred by the Council.

X. Amendments.—The Constitution may be amended by the Council at the regular meeting, provided (1) that notice of the proposed amendments be given in writing to the Secretary through a Provincial Council or by not less than five members of the National Council, not less than two months before the date fixed for the meeting, and submitted by him to all the members not less than one month before the same date; and (2) that no fewer than two-thirds of those present support the amendment.

BYE-LAWS.

1. The regular meeting of the Council shall ordinarily be held in autumn. It may be held at different centres, the place for each meeting and the precise date being determined by the Executive. The Executive may also summon a special meeting of the Council if this step should seem urgently demanded. Notice of the place and date of meetings shall be sent to each member not less than one month beforehand.

2. The annual reports of Provincial Councils should reach the Secretary not less than one month before the date appointed for the regular meeting, and the officers shall at their discretion circulate to members of the Council before the meeting copies of these reports, or such summaries or parts of them as may seem to them necessary.

3. The Conveners of all committees appointed under Article VIII shall be chosen by the Council from its own membership, but in the case of other members of the committees the choice shall not be thus limited.

4. Vacancies in committees, arising through furlough or other cause, shall be filled by co-option.

5. The Council shall at each regular meeting elect a president, a Vice-president, and a Treasurer, who shall hold office till the close of the next regular meeting. In the event of there being no full or part-time Secretary, the Council shall in the same manner elect a secretary.
6. The Executive shall continue to serve till the close of the meeting succeeding that at which it was appointed.

7. It shall be the duty of Executive to carry out the instructions of the Council in all matters referred to it. In the event of matters arising that have not been so referred the procedure shall be as follows: The proposal of the Executive shall be communicated through the post to all members of the Council. Any member of the Council desirous of moving an amendment shall send his amendment to the Secretary together with a statement of reasons for it, so as to reach the Secretary not more than twenty-one days from the date of his circular. The officers of the Council (two may form a quorum) shall determine whether such amendment is of sufficient importance to be submitted to the whole Council by post. If so submitted, the statement of reasons shall accompany it, together with any reply which the officers may decide to make, and members shall be asked to vote for or against the proposed amendment.

8. At meetings of the Council thirty, and of the Executive five, shall constitute a quorum.

9. The Chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

10. Those appointed by Provincial Councils in accordance with Article 1V shall (after the first election) begin to serve after the end of the meeting immediately following their election, and shall continue to serve till the end of the second regular meeting thereafter. It shall lie with Provincial Councils to arrange for the filling of vacancies arising from furlough or other cause.

11. Any co-opted member of Council who is absent from the country for any cause at the time of the meeting of the Council shall be taken to have vacated his membership; and any convener of a Committee absent for any cause for more than three months shall be taken to have vacated his position. It shall lie with the Executive Committee to fill all vacancies in the co-opted membership of the Council or in the convenership of any committee.

12. The bye-laws may be amended by the Council at its regular meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment be given to the Secretary not less than two months before the date fixed for the meeting, and submitted by him to all the members not less than one month before the same date; the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendment shall be decided by simple majority.

Formation of a Telugu Christian Council.—The Secretary reported that the Telugu Missions Conference had applied to the Council to be recognised as a Christian Council on the same basis as the Provincial Councils. This application had been first addressed to the Executive, which had recommended to the Telugu Missions Conference that the matter should be reconsidered. The Telugu Conference renewed its application, and the Executive recommended to the Council that the request should be granted. The reasons urged by the Telugu Missions Conference are as follows: (1) Many missions, e.g. the A.B.M., the C.B.M., the S.P.G., the C.M.S., the I.M.S.T., and others, have already officially voted for a separate Council on the recommendation of the Telugu Missions Conference, and no mission have so far voted against it. (2) The Telugu Chris-
tian community now numbers at least 560,000, with a rate of increase greater, it is believed, than in any other language area in India. (3) The realised possibilities of the Telugu Missions Conference as a training ground for Indian leaders should be developed. (4) The conditions in, and problems of, the Telugu country differ fundamentally from those of the other South Indian language areas. (5) The expense of attending a council in Madras, and still more of attending it and also convening special conferences for the Telugu area from time to time, is prohibitive. (6) The creation of a separate Telugu Council would not increase the number of representatives on the National Christian Council, as it was proposed to allot extra representatives to Madras in view of the large size of the Christian community in the province.

The application was supported by Bishop Azariah and Dr. Aberly, and it was

RESOLVED:—

III. That the application of the Telugu Missions Conference that, on its re-organisation as a Telugu Christian Council, it should be recognised by the National Christian Council in the same way as a Provincial Council, be granted.

Constitutions of Provincial Councils.—Each Provincial Council had communicated to the Secretary of the National Council a draft of the revised constitution which it was considering, in accordance with the proposals made by the National Missionary Council at Poona, January, 1922. These constitutions were considered by a Sub-Committee composed of the Rev. J. H. Maclean (Convener), Prof. S C. Mukerji, and the Secretary. The Committee reported as follows:—

The Committee has gone through the constitutions or draft constitutions submitted to it, and submits the following report regarding them:—

The constitutions are in general in keeping with the recommendations of the National Council. The name, Christian Council, has in every case been adopted, and arrangements have been attempted for an adequate Indian membership. The only Council which has not made definite provision for securing that the Indian membership be not less than half is that of Mid-India. In the cases of the Punjab and Burma, it is not clear that the basis of representation proposed will infallibly secure that half the membership be Indian. In the constitution of the United Provinces Council the balance is to be secured by co-option, but it is doubtful if the co-opted element is sufficient to secure that end. In Bengal six representatives are allowed to English-speaking Churches—an arrangement
which may make it difficult to have the proper proportion. The detailed constitution of the Ceylon Council has not been submitted. The Madras Council is dealing with this matter by means of a schedule, which has not been completed.

In the matter of the representation of Provincial Councils on the National Council care should be taken to adjust the rules of Provincial Councils to Art. IV and By-law 10 of the National Council. In view of these it is unnecessary for Provincial Councils to have anything in their rules except provision for filling vacancies. The Mid-India Council is required to amend its rule by the omission of the words "If possible."

It is recommended—

(1) That the following matters be referred to the Councils concerned for consideration:—

United Provinces: The number of standing committees.
Bengal: The rate of subscription, and whether it should be as high for churches as for missions.
Bombay: The use of the word "Church" in Art. 3. It is intended that an individual congregation with 500 communicants is entitled to representation.
Behar and Orissa: Art. V(i). Suggest the insertion in brackets, after "who" of the words "if not members under section 2 or section 3"; and making the last clause a complete sentence, "They shall," etc.
Telugu: Rule 5, number of officers not clear.

(2) That Provincial Councils be asked to make it clear, if they have not already done so, whether missionaries on furlough and wives of missionaries are to be reckoned as missionaries in the article or schedule on representation.

(3) That Provincial Councils be recommended to consider whether the statement of the basis might not be simplified after the manner of Art. II of the National Council as now adopted. It was

Resolved:—

IV. That the Council receive the report of the Sub-Committee, and in so doing desire to thank the Provincial Councils for the way in which they have responded to the representations of the Council in the matter of the revision of their constitutions; that the Secretary be authorised to communicate with the Provincial Councils on the matters brought up in the report; and that the secretary of each Provincial Christian Council be asked to communicate the constitution proposed by his Council, to the other provincial secretaries.
III. Appointment of full-time Officers.

A great part of the time of the Council was devoted to the discussion of the proposals for the appointment of full-time officers. These proposals were made at Poona (see Proceedings of the Eighth Meeting); discussed at many representative meetings of missionaries and Indian Christians in different parts of the country; and considered at specially summoned conferences of the leading secretaries and members of the Home Boards in America, Canada and Great Britain. As the result of this discussion the Executive at its meeting in Bombay in November, 1922, had revised the original proposals, and the revised scheme had been circulated to the members of Council before the meeting.

Discussion centred mainly upon three points: (1) the number of secretaries needed for the adequate performance of the normal work of the Council; (2) the possibility of securing other workers who could devote time particularly to the development of rural education; (3) the finance of the scheme, in view of the fact that it had not been possible for the Canadian Boards to help to the large extent hoped for at Poona, and that consequently the funds would have to be found by the missionary societies and the Indian Church.

Three resolutions were passed, dealing with the appointment of officers, the budget to be adopted, and the contribution to be asked from each co-operating body.

V. (1) The Council resolves to appoint the Rev. W. Paton as its secretary for the year 1923.

(2) Subject to the provision of the necessary funds the Council resolves to ask the Rev. W. Paton and Mr. K. T. Paul to be its secretaries for a period of two years from January, 1924.

The Council earnestly appeals to the churches and missions in India and to the Home Boards to supply the funds required to give effect to this proposal, which it believes to be necessary for the efficient carrying on of its work and that of the Provincial Councils.

The Council desires to express to the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. its deep appreciation of the generosity of the Y.M.C.A. in permitting Mr. Paton to give such a large part of his time to the work of this Council during the past year and in releasing him to become the secretary of the Council. Recognising what a large further demand it is making on the generosity of the Y.M.C.A., the Council, believing Mr. K. T. Paul to be peculiarly fitted by his training and experience and by his wide knowledge of India to discharge the responsibilities of secretary of the National Christian Council, appeals to the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. to lend Mr. K. T. Paul for two years to undertake this service on behalf of the Christian movement in India as a whole.

The work for which these two secretaries are needed includes:—

(a) The stimulus of thought on missionary questions of common interest through the collection of the necessary data and through providing adequate opportunities for representatives of
different churches and missions to reach a common mind as the result of joint discussion.

(b) To assist churches and missions when desired in considering and carrying out plans for co-ordination of work and for practical co-operation in higher education, theological education, the training of teachers, village education, etc.

(c) To make available to Christian workers in India the best knowledge and experience in educational and other subjects, through putting those making educational experiments into touch with others making similar experiments in India and in other countries, through arranging for conferences of those engaged in working at the same problem and through gathering information as to the best literature on different subjects and the persons in India or elsewhere best qualified to give expert advice and making this information generally available.

(d) To foster and help to co-ordinate the production of Christian literature.

(e) To represent the interest of missions in relations with Government when their assistance is required by the National Christian Council or by Provincial Councils in such matters.

(f) To carry out such other duties as the National Christian Council and the Provincial Councils may wish to entrust to them.

(3) The Council recognizes that the proposed arrangement is inadequate to provide for that thorough study of the subject of rural education and the giving of help in the solution of its many difficult problems which the Council knows to be earnestly desired by many missionaries in India. Urgent as this need is, the Council having regard to the present financial position of many missionary societies and the difficulties in which many missions find themselves is of opinion that it is not practicable at present to include more than two secretaries in the general budget to which the Churches and missions in India will be asked jointly to contribute.

In view of this difficulty the Council appeals for help to the generosity of individual boards.

The Council resolves to ask the American Presbyterian Mission to allow Mr. W. J. McKee to give part of his time to serve the Council as one of its officers and to place at the disposal of a large constituency his exceptional knowledge of educational science and the conditions of a rural education in India. The Council recognizes that the most important contribution which can be made to Christian rural education in India at the present time is that the experiment which Mr. McKee is now conducting at Moga should be made a success, and wishes therefore to make no demands on Mr. McKee's time which would in any way interfere with the success of his work at Moga. Having conferred with Mr. McKee however, the Council understands that if he can be provided with assistance in teaching and given stenographic help Mr. McKee feels that he could render the services desired by the Council without injury to the work at Moga. The Council is prepared to make provision in its budget for giving Mr. McKee the required assistance and appeals to the American Presbyterian Mission to sanction the proposed arrangement for 1923 and 1924.

Having regard to the need for the contribution of a woman's mind in the various matters which will engage the attention of the officers of the Council and, further, to the need for specialised educational knowledge in rural education the Council appeals to the Women's Foreign Mission Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland to set free Miss Gordon, whom the Council believes to be exceptionally
well qualified to render the desired service and allow her to act as an honorary officer of the Council for a period of two years from the date when she can be released.

(4) The Council is of opinion that if the largest advantage is to be gained from the constitutional change in making half the membership of the National Christian Council and the Provincial Christian Councils Indian, provision must be made for giving representatives of the Indian Church throughout India adequate opportunity for understanding and considering the questions which will engage the attention of the National and Provincial Councils and for obtaining the informed and intelligent support of Indian Christian opinion for plans looking to the advancement of the Christian cause in India. In view of the size of the Indian Christian community the services of a second Indian officer seem to be indispensable if this work is to be done effectively and provision also needs to be made for occasional conferences of Indian Christians, national, provincial or district, as circumstances may require.

Further, if real progress is to be made in the vital matter of Christian rural education along the lines indicated by the report of the Commission on Village Education and successfully carried out at Moga a large development of Indian leadership is necessary. There is an urgent call for giving to one or more carefully chosen Indians the best training in rural education to be obtained in the West, and to a larger number training at such an institution as Moga, with a view to their serving the Churches and missions jointly as may be required in the promotion of the best methods and in the supervision of rural education. There is also great need of interdenominational efforts in the training of village teachers through short courses either at central institutions like Moga or in the districts, and valuable stimulus might be given to such effort by a central body having funds at its disposal to initiate such effort, which, when its value had been demonstrated, might be taken over by the Churches and missions.

In view of the communication received last year from representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards of Canada that recommendations embodying the special needs of India at the present time would receive careful and sympathetic consideration from the Churches in Canada, and the further report of a meeting of representatives of some of the Canadian boards held in Toronto last June which favoured the contribution by the Canadian boards of part of the budget of the National Christian Council, the Council expresses its appreciation of the sympathy evinced in these communications and appeals to the Canadian boards to place at the disposal of the Council a sum of $15,000 a year, for three or five years, for the following purposes:

(a) To enable the Council to appoint an additional officer who shall be an Indian, to help the Council to keep in close touch with Indian opinion in regard to the many important matters relating to the Christian movement in India with which the Council is concerned.

(b) To make it possible for one or more Indian workers, having experience of village work, to obtain further training in India or the West and to serve the Churches and missions in India under the direction of the National Christian Council or Provincial Councils or other interdenominational bodies.

(c) To make possible the carrying out of short courses and demonstration work at Moga and in different parts of India.
(d) To undertake such other efforts designed to develop Indian leadership as circumstances may require.

The Council believes that such help wisely given may be of immense value in assisting the Indian Christian community to make its contribution to the developing of national life and to bear witness to Christ by the effective service of the people of India.

VI. In view of the experimental nature of the plan provided for in the present budget the Council believes that it is best for an experimental period of two years to ask the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association to lend its officers rather than that the Council should take over complete responsibility. In the case of Mr. Paton and Mr. K. T. Paul the scale of salary and allowances is higher than the average, but account has to be taken of the fact that in many missions there are supplementary allowances of various kinds and arrangements are usual for a provident fund or retiring allowance, whereas in this case the salaries are inclusive of everything. In both cases there are heavy demands in children's allowances, Mr. Paul having eight children and Mr. Paton having five, three of whom in 1924 will be receiving education in England. In view of the family and other obligations already entered into the Council, feel that it would not be right to offer less to the officers appointed than they are already receiving. Part of this cost will be met by special subscriptions, and thus will not fall on the general budget. The Council approves of this provisional arrangement without prejudice to the determination by the Council at the end of experimental period of the scale of remuneration for its officers having regard to the general practice of the Churches and missions in India.

In Calcutta, where the headquarters of the National Christian Council at present are, house rents are prohibitive, even a small flat of four rooms costing as much as Rs. 400 a month. It is the desire of the Council to move the headquarters from Calcutta as soon as may be practicable, and as soon as this is done the amount under this head in the budget will be reduced; but in case the move cannot be carried out before 1924, it is necessary to provide in the budget for a Calcutta rental.

**BUDGET.**

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RESOLVED:—

VII. "That the Council believes that, to meet the foregoing budget, contributions from the Missions in India at the rate of Rs. 4 for every Rs. 1,000 of the total expenditure by the Home Board on its Indian Missions will be required, and appeals to the Missions in India to recommend to their Home Boards to make contributions on this scale. The Council hopes the Indian Churches will be willing to support the work of the Council on a similar basis, and will welcome any contribution which a church may voluntarily make this year. In view however of the time needed for carrying through the re-organisation of the Council and for bringing the whole plan adequately before the Churches, the Council gratefully accepts the offer made by members of the recent Conference of Indian Christians at Ranchi, to obtain contributions amounting to not less than Rs. 5,000, as a means of providing the Indian contribution to the budget of the Council for 1924."

It was further

RESOLVED:—

VIII. That the method of referring the proposals of the Council, with regard to the appointment of full-time officers, to the Churches and Missions in India, be remitted to the Executive for action.

IV. Higher Theological Education.

The Rev. Richard Gee, by special request, brought before the Council the report of a Conference held at Serampore in December, 1922, at the invitation of the National Missionary Council, to consider the question of higher theological education in India, with especial reference to the situation of Serampore College. The reason for the calling of the conference was that Serampore College found itself in severe financial straits, and that its Council might be compelled to abandon the higher theological department and to forego the advantages enjoyed under the Charter, whereby the College is enabled to grant degrees in Divinity. Four theological colleges—the United College, Bangalore, Bishops' College, Calcutta, Pasumalai and Ahmednagar Colleges are affiliated to Serampore and the students of these colleges hold the same status for the purposes of the degree as internal students of Serampore. The inability of other bodies to assist Serampore with money or staff, together with financial difficulties in the Baptist Missionary Society, had precipitated the present crisis. The members of the conference, representing all the bodies engaged in higher theological work, felt that this situation was particularly grave, not only for Serampore but also for the whole cause of higher theological education which has been so greatly indebted to the college at Serampore. Facts* which were mentioned at the

* The conference had not before it exact figures, but it had grounds for thinking that the number of students studying in English for the
conference made it appear probable that a careful examination of the whole situation affecting theological education might reveal ways in which co-operation would be possible and effective, so that without the expenditure of a greater amount of money than is at present employed, work of a higher quality might be done, and the ideal for which Serampore had stood, the maintenance of a high standard in the theological equipment of the ministry, be fully conserved. The conference asked the Council to appoint a committee, on which there should be adequate representation of Indian opinion, to go into the whole matter.

The Secretary read the resolution passed by the Indian Christian Conference at Ranchi on the subject of theological education:

'This Conference suggests to the National Christian Council that it is desirable that they create a centre of theological learning, and seek to secure a select group of Indian thinkers, who will devote themselves to the interpretation of Christianity in terms of Indian thought.'

The Secretary further reported that the North India Synod of the Presbyterian Church of India had passed a resolution asking the National Christian Council to use its efforts to further co-operation between denominations in the establishment of theological seminaries.

It was

RESOLVED:

IX. (a). That the Council accedes to the request of the Serampore Conference, and appoints a Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. To obtain exact information with regard to the present state of Higher Theological Education in India, and to furnish this information to the Churches and missions.
2. To make such enquiry regarding Theological Education in lower grades as may seem to them relevant to the study of the foregoing question.
3. To make enquiry regarding the supply and recruitment of theological students and the opportunities of service open to them.
4. If after study of the information thus obtained they are of opinion that the resources at present available could be used to greater advantage through more effective co-ordination and co-operation, and if they are satisfied that the preparation of practical proposals looking to such larger co-operation is generally acceptable to the Churches and the missions, to consider and submit such proposals to the Churches and missions concerned.

degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and the diploma of Licentiate of Theology and courses of similar grade is at present about 100, and the number of teachers about 25, while the annual cost of maintaining the theological institution represented in the conference is about 2 lakhs and the capital value of the property between 25 and 35 lakhs.
5. To consider how effect may best be given to the suggestion made by the Conference of Indian Christians at Ranchi, that there should be established in India a centre of Christian learning in which to a greater extent than at present Indian Christian thinkers might have the opportunity of studying Christian truth in relation to Indian thought and interpreting Christ to the Indian mind.

6. To consider how fuller provision can be made in connection with theological institutions to enable missionaries and others to study non-Christian religious systems.

(b) That, subject to necessary consultation and the power of alteration and co-option, the following be invited to form the Committee:

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<td>J. D. Asirvatham, Esq., Madras.</td>
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Wesleyan:
Rev. A. O. Brown, Guindy, Madras.
Rev. G. Spooner, Benares.
Rev. W. H. Thorp, United Theological College, Bangalore.

Syrian:
K. K. Kuruvilla, Esq., Mar Thoma Seminary, Kottayam, Trivandrum.
Rev. Father D. Geeeverghese.

Y.M.C.A.:
E. C. Worman, Esq., Calcutta.
Dr. S. K. Datta, Calcutta.

General:
P. O. Philip, Esq., Madras.
Rev. J. C. Chatterji, Delhi.
K. T. Paul, Esq., Calcutta.
Rev. S. J. Edwin, Benares.
Mani Lal Parekh, Esq., Rajkot, Kathiawar.
Rev. H. C. Balasundaram, Madras.
Rev. B. B. Roy, Saharanpur.

V Rural Education.

At the request of the Council Mr. W. J. McKee, Principal of the Community Middle School and Training Institute, Moga, Panjab, addressed the Council on the subject of rural education, expounding the conclusions arrived at by the conference of rural workers summoned by the Council to meet at Moga, December, 1922. This report was placed in the hands of the Council. Mr. McKee laid stress upon the value of the ‘project’ method in village education, explained the lines of activity which the Conference suggested should be carried out during the current year, and laid before the Council the strong conviction of the Conference that in the appointment of officers at least two should be chosen who could give special attention to furthering by co-operation, the work of rural education. (Note.—This report has been published and circulated through Provincial Councils. A few copies may still be obtained from the Secretary of the N.C.C., 5 Russell St., Calcutta.)

On Mr. Paul’s motion it was

RESOLVED:—

X. That the Report be accepted with thanks, and the Business Committee be asked to report on the recommendations to the Council made by the Conference on page 17 of its report.

(See further the latter part of Resolution V.)

VI. Reports of Committees.

1. Committee on Literature.—Dr. Macnicol presented the report of the Literature Committee.
At the last meeting of the N.M.C. it passed a resolution directing that until permanent arrangements should be made for the administration of the funds coming from Britain and America for co-operative work in 'literature' in accordance with the 'Programme of Advance' which the N.M.C. has already sanctioned, the administration of those funds should be in the hands of the Literature Survey Sub-Committee, which should administer them generally according to the principles laid down in the scheme for administration which it presented to that meeting of the N.M.C.

In view of probable changes in its own organisation the N.M.C. did not pass that scheme of administration though it generally approved of it.

Carrying out this resolution the Literature Survey Sub-Committee became the Committee of the Indian Literature Fund. Its report is the account of the actual work done towards carrying out the 'Programme of Advance' in 1922. The Literature Committee therefore forwards that report to the N.M.C.

That report is as follows:

**REPORT OF THE I.L.F. (LITERATURE SURVEY SUB-COMMITTEE).**

It has taken about five years to establish the Indian Literature Fund (the 'I.L.F.'), but it is now a reality and is rendering substantial help towards the production of new Christian Literature in India.

We made the provincial surveys of the Christian Literature in the chief languages of India in 1917 and 1918, and the general survey, *Christian Literature in India and Ceylon*, and the *Programme of Advance* in 1919 and 1920. This last was accepted by the Literature Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain. Dr. Patton, Dr. Bible, Dr. Warnshuis, Dr. Ritson and Mr. Kenneth Maclellan have put the *Programme* before the Missions and Boards at the Home Base, and already the following amounts have been received:

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**American Board of Commissioners:** 780 dollars

**Y.W.C.A. National Board:** 45

**Total:** 825

*N.B.*—The M.E. Church paid in 2,015 dollars in December.

Pending its own re-organisation the National Missionary Council at Poona in January, 1922, authorized the Literature Survey Sub-Committee to administer this money in accordance with the general principles of a scheme for an *Indian Literature Fund* which the Survey Sub-Committee had prepared and submitted to the National Missionary Council.
Meeting on August 18.

The I.L.F. met in Madras on August 18, and the following items from the list of grants which it sanctioned will show the varied projects which it was able to assist in practical fashion.

One sum of £100 was sent to the I.L.F. expressly for new publications in the Oriya language, spoken in the Orissa country on the east coast of India, which is deplorably deficient in Christian books. £100 will not do much. But it enables two or three MSS. which have been ready for some time to appear in book form. The I.L.F. thoroughly approved of the publication of these books, and handed on the money with cordial willingness.

It may be added that the I.L.F. has also received and paid out certain sums sent to India for the Muslim Literature Survey, and has thus helped the Muslim Survey in India and been of use to the promoters of the Muslim Survey in the United States.

Concerning part of the sum from the C.M.S. the I.L.F. took no action at the time, for the wishes of the senders, the C.M.S., were not fully known. That money was therefore held in reserve till further information arrived from London. Recent correspondence indicates that the C.M.S. intends that money for the salary of Dr. Keay as a full-time literature worker.

Grants sanctioned.

The I.L.F. sanctioned two grants for literature workers. The one was of Rs. 1,000 to enable the Marathi Literature Secretary, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar, who is himself an honorary worker, to employ a second assistant. The other is of Rs. 1,800 for the Telugu Literature Secretary for 1923. The missions working in the Telugu language area have found most of the money for this scheme. In it the C.M.S., the American Lutherans, the L.M.S., the American Baptists and the Wesleyans have joined. But the scheme could not work without the sum the I.L.F. has granted though the worker was ready to take up the appointment.

A long list of applications for grants to aid the publication of definite books came before the Committee. The I.L.F. was not able to make all the grants asked. In some cases it was at a disadvantage in deciding what grants to make because some secretaries of Provincial Literature Committees had not sent the details asked for, and needed by the I.L.F. in order to decide on the comparative merits of various applications. But as this was the first time that the I.L.F. made grants, it did not insist very rigorously on its own rules being minutely observed, and tried to do its work fairly with insufficient data.

The Bengal Literature Committee sent in outline applications for several publications. The I.L.F. was able to sanction grants of Rs. 500 each for two: Life of Paul by A. C. Ghose and a translation of Young’s excellent College St. Mark by E. T. Butler.

As the Bihar and Orissa Committee had received £100 for Oriya publications, no further application was received from it.

The applications for publications from Bombay were for Gujarati and Marathi books.

In Gujarati Our Lord’s Teaching by Jas. Robertson is in preparation, and Fosdick’s Manhood of the Master has appeared. For the former a grant of Rs. 250 and for the latter Rs. 500 were sanctioned.

In Marathi a grant of Rs. 200 was sanctioned for Torrance’s Paul: Rs. 250 for the translation of Clayton’s ‘Third Book’ in the Graded Bible Lessons and Rs. 350 for G. P. Taylor’s Introduction to the New Testament.
The application from Burma for a large grant for G. Whitehead's *Life of Our Lord* without details as to the size of the book or rates of printing, gave the I.L.F. some trouble. It was eventually decided to sanction a grant up to Rs. 900, provided that it is shown that that sum is required.

Ceylon sent in six applications. The printing rates were very economical. *A Life of Paul* by J. S. de Silva, *An Introduction to the New Testament* by H. J. Charter were the chief items. The whole of the applications were granted, amounting to Rs. 350.

The applications from Madras were for books in the four chief Dravidian languages and for three hymn-books in Assamese languages, because these last were published by the Christian Literature Society in Madras.

(i) In Tamil Miss Christlieb's *Our Daily Life and Religion* Harcourt's *Soul winner* and Mrs. Longley's *Kindergarten theory for students and their wives* are books much needed. Grants of Rs. 165, 170 and 190 were allotted.

(ii) In Telugu the chief request was for the *Telugu Bible Dictionary*. This was the most important publication in the list of applications submitted to the I.L.F. Dr. Aberly and his co-workers have been at work on it for years. Judging by the cost of the Tamil Bible Dictionary it can only be sold at a price which the village pastor or teacher or biblewoman can give, if a very large grant towards the cost is made. Fortunately the first donation from the A.B.C.F.M. and the Y.W.C.A. in America made it possible to deal with this application, and the I.L.F. sanctioned Rs. 2,500 towards its cost.

Grants amounting to Rs. 405 were also sanctioned for Mrs. Longley's *Child Training through Kindergarten Methods* and Miss Christlieb's *Our Daily Life and Religion* in Telugu editions.

(iii) Grants for three hymn-books, one in Manapuri, one in Tāngkhul and one in Thādo, all languages used in Assam were sanctioned, thus helping small far-away Christian communities in their public worship and private devotion. The grants amounted to Rs. 380.

(iv) Kanarese, the languages of the Mysore State, sent in applications for grants for translations of Stalker's *Trial of Jesus*, of Ingram's *Twenty-four Bible Stories* and of the 'First Book' of Clayton's *Graded Bible Lessons*. Grants of Rs. 200, Rs. 100 and Rs. 200 were approved.

(v) In Malayalam on the West Coast of India a grant of Rs. 221 was sanctioned for the publication of the Malayalam translation of the 'Second Book' and a grant of Rs. 183 for the translation of the 'Third Book' of Clayton's *Graded Bible Lessons*. These translations it may be noticed are the voluntary work of the women teachers in the Buchanan Institute of the C.M.S. at Kottayam.

No application was received from the Mid-India or United Provinces till after the meeting of the I.L.F. but a scheme is on foot there which should lead to a great advance in Hindi Christian Literature. The I.L.F. expects to be able to help this scheme. The applications received after the meeting were dealt with in circulation.

The Punjab Literature Committee asked for grants for books in Urdu. A grant of Rs. 514 was sanctioned for a *Life of Christ* (Hayat-ul-Masih) and of Rs. 342 for the *Apology of Al Kandi*. These are not new books and the I.L.F. records that the sanction of grants in these special cases is not to be a precedent.

**Summary.**

Thus grants for 30 books in 13 languages were sanctioned. All those 30 books may be expected to appear in 1923.
A glance through the above list will show how widely extended is the help given by the I.L.F. It will show the diversity of need. It will also show the similarity of need. It is significant of the poverty of Christian literature in several languages that after long years of missionary work there is in those languages no *Life of Christ*, no *Life of Paul*, no *Introduction to the New Testament*, and no adequate commentaries. What would preachers and teachers in the home lands do if their libraries were cut down to six or eight or a dozen very old and very ordinary books?

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**Half-time Secretary.**

Mr. Clayton informed the Committee that as the Board for Tamil Christian Literature considers that in the imperative interests of his proper work it cannot permit him to continue to give his time to the work of the I.L.F. as it has allowed him to give his time to the survey of Christian literature in India since 1917, he had to ask the I.L.F. to appoint a successor from the beginning of 1923.

The I.L.F. resolved that the time had come when a Secretary should be appointed who should be able to give half of his working time to its work, and that the I.L.F. should pay half the stipend of such a Secretary. If the I.L.F. can only secure the services of a Secretary who cannot give half of his time to its work, then the I.L.F. will pay a proportionate amount of his stipend. And from August, 1922, the I.L.F. agreed to pay Rs. 75 a month to the B.T.C.L. for the loan of Mr. Clayton's services, till the new Secretary should be appointed.

**Scheme of Administration.**

The I.L.F. also requested the N.M.C. at its next meeting to definitely sanction the scheme of administration which it received at the last meeting.

*N.B.—That scheme is printed herewith so that the N.M.C. may have it before them.*

A. C. CLAYTON, Secretary, I.L.F.

**The Muslim Literature Survey.**

During the year the survey of Muslim Literature in India was completed, and the Rev. M. T. Titus of Moradabad went to Cairo to represent Indian needs at a Conference of the conveners of the Committees in several lands who were making the general survey of Christian Literature for Muslims throughout the world. The Muslim Survey Committee propose that a Central Committee for editing Christian Literature for Muslims should be established for all India. The matter will be brought before the N.M.C. directly by those who had the survey in hand.

**Resignation of Convener.**

For the same reasons which make it necessary for Mr. Clayton to resign the secretarship of the Indian Literature Fund he has also to resign the convenership of the Literature Committee of the N.M.C.
**Agenda.**

The N.M.C. is requested to deal with the following matters arising out of these reports:—

(i) The establishment of the Indian Literature Fund administration according to the appendix.

(ii) The appointment of a Secretary of the I.L.F. who shall give half his time to its work and toward whose stipend the I.L.F. shall pay about Rs. 250 monthly.

(iii) The proposals regarding Muslim Christian literature.

(iv) The appointment of the Convener of the Literature Committee of the N.M.C.

A. C. CLAYTON, Convener.

**APPENDIX.**

**The Indian Literature Fund (I.L.F.).**

*Proposed Scheme.*

*Note:* The following scheme seems sufficient for the time being. It is, however, to be remembered that the co-operative effort in the production of literature for which the Indian Literature Fund has come into existence is only beginning. There may be deficiencies in the scheme for administration here drawn up. We do not claim that it is perfect, but we ask that it may be passed and allowed to face the test of actual work. It is elastic and can be modified at any time, and is so representative that general opinion can easily be brought to bear on its methods and actions.

I. *Name:* The Fund shall be called the the Indian Literature Fund.

II. *Management:* It shall be managed by a General Committee and an Executive Committee.

III. *The General Committee.*

1. *Constitution:*—The General Committee for the management of the I.L.F. shall consist of:

(i) The Organising Secretary for Christian Literature (if appointed).

(ii) The Convener of the Literature Committee of the National Missionary Council.

(iii) The Secretaries of the Literature Committees of the Representative Councils of Missions in each Province of India and Ceylon.

*Note:*—If the Secretary of the Literature Committee of a Representative Council cannot attend any meeting of the General Committee I.L.F. he may, with the consent of that Literature Committee appoint a substitute with full powers as a representative of the Literature Committee sending him.

(iv) The members of the Literature Committee of the National Missionary Council.

*Note:*—Associate members of the Literature Committee of the N.M.C. may attend but cannot vote.

(v) One representative of each contributing Missionary Society or Board, to be elected or appointed by such Society annually.

*Note:*—Probably the N.M.C. will consider it desirable to amalgamate its Literature Committee with the General Committee of the I.L.F., as there will be no work for the Literature Committee of the N.M.C. which the General Committee of the I.L.F. cannot do, and the same men and women are likely to be members of both Committees. The matter will be for consideration.
by the two Committees in the first instance and some alteration in the constitution of the General Committee of the I.L.F. will be needful if the amalgamation is carried out.

2. Duties of the General Committee.—To administer the Indian Literature Fund in accordance with the general principles laid down in the Programme of Advance, as revised from time to time, and to make such modifications of the general principles of administration as may from time to time be necessary.

3. General Committee Meeting.—This General Committee of the I.L.F. shall meet at or about the time of the annual meeting of the N.M.C. and usually in the same place.

4. Appointment of Executive.—The General Committee of the I.L.F. shall appoint annually out of its members an Executive Committee consisting of not less than three and not more than five members, including the Secretary (who shall be ex officio member and Secretary), to be the responsible administrative executive of the I.L.F. The General Committee shall also have the power to add to the Executive Committee not more than three persons who are not members of the Literature Committee of the N.M.C. or of any of the Literature Committees of the Provincial Representative Councils.

Notes.—(1) This regulation is intended to make it possible for the General Committee to associate with the Executive Committee men who have special gifts for its work but are not members of the Literature Committee of the N.M.C. or of the Literature Committees of the Provincial Missionary Council.

(2) It is suggested that both the N.M.C. and the Provincial Representative Councils shall invite members of the Executive Committee of the I.L.F. (who are not otherwise members) to attend their annual meetings as visitors, paying their expenses.

5. Finance.—

(i) Allotments shall only be made from funds actually in hand—Thus all grants for 1922 will be allotted from money received in 1921; and no allotments for 1922 may be promised beyond the amounts actually received for the I.L.F. in 1921.

Note.—The reasons for this are:

(a) Uncertainty as to receipt of promised allotments.
(b) Fluctuations in exchange.
(c) The varying amount of the allotments made by missions which have not realized the importance of literature as a Missionary instrument.
(d) The inadequacy of the amounts at present promised.
(e) The total absence of any reserve fund to enable the I.L.F. to pay grants which it has promised should the promised allotments from Home fail to materialize.

(ii) The Committee of the I.L.F. cannot be held responsible for promises of allotments obtained by private correspondence, or for carrying out any wishes which a Home Board or Committee or individual may have, as to the special use of a given grant, unless the intention of the donors or donor is communicated directly to the Secretary of the I.L.F.

(iii) Allotments by I.L.F. General Committee final.—All promises of allotments made by the General Committee of the I.L.F. shall be final, not subject to revision by the N.M.C. or its Literature Committee.

(iv) Administration charges.—The Survey Sub-Committee decided that—
While grants dealt with are small it will be necessary to make special allotments from them for administration expenses, but that it is to be a cardinal principle that administration charges are not to exceed 5 p.c.

(v) Financial Year.—The financial year shall be from January to December.

6. Secretary.—The Organizing Secretary for Literature (see Programme of Advance 1920, p. 22) shall be Secretary of the General Committee and of the Executive Committee.

Note.—Till such an appointment is made the General Committee shall appoint its own Secretary who shall also be the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

7. The Secretary’s duties.

(i) To be the executive officer of the General Committee of the I.L.F. and of its Executive Committee.

(ii) To correspond with the Home Boards and Societies, keeping them informed and interested in all developments in the missionary use of literature in India.

Note.—All correspondence with the Home Boards and Societies, which relates to co-operative work in literature should henceforth be conducted through the Secretary of the I.L.F.

IV. The Executive Committee.

Duties of the Executive.

1. Between the Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the I.L.F. and the following July, the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall receive all proposals for definite schemes which can be undertaken in the twelve months beginning after the next Annual Meeting of the I.L.F.

2. He shall correlate these schemes in accordance with the principles laid down in the Programme of Advance as modified from time to time by the General Committee of the I.L.F.

3. He shall correspond and secure full details, should these not have been supplied by the Literature Committees of the Provincial Representative Councils sending in the various schemes.

4. In the July of each year the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall circularise the General Committee stating the income for the year actually in hand available for distribution after the Annual Meeting; and indicating what application for grants have been received, and the suggestions of the Executive Committee for the allotment of the money in hand.

Note.—It is necessary that the Provincial Representative Councils and missions should have early notice of the allotment of a grant. If such notice is delayed till the Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the I.L.F. in November it will often be impossible for arrangements to be made to set apart a Literature Secretary or other worker to begin work in the January of the following year, or to prepare properly for the commencement of any work in January. It is therefore suggested that the grants should as far as possible be assigned by circulation in August and that only difficult cases should be held over for the meeting of the Literature Committee.

5. If serious objection is taken to any item, the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall at once inform the Provincial Literature Committee concerned of the objection, and give opportunity for ex-
planation and representation to the Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the I.L.F.

6. After the opinions of the General Committee on the proposed assignment of grants have been received, the Executive Committee shall prepare its final budget for submission to the Annual Meeting of the General Committee, indicating what grants have been sanctioned in circulation and what remain doubtful; and the General Committee shall pass a final budget at its Annual Meeting.

Note.—Care shall be taken to secure fair proportion in the distribution of grants to the different language areas.

7. After the Annual Meeting has sanctioned the grants, the Executive Committee shall make them and supervise their expenditure in accordance with the principles laid down in the Programme of Advance as modified from time to time.

After discussion Dr. Macnicol moved, and it was

RESOLVED:—

XI. That the Council approves generally of the scheme set forth in the appendix of the Report for the constitution of the Indian Literature Fund, and remits to a special Committee to nominate a Provisional Committee instead of that suggested in Article 3(1) of the proposed scheme, to administer the Fund until the next session of the Council, and to report to that meeting of the Council as to the best means of administering the Indian Literature Fund.

A special Committee, under the convenership of Mr. Gulliford, met to nominate a temporary Committee for the Indian Literature Fund.

It was further moved by Dr. Macnicol, and

RESOLVED:—

XII. That the Rev. Dr. Griswold be invited to give part of his time to the administration of this Fund, in association with Mr. Paton.

Prof. Sirajuddin made a statement regarding a survey of Christian Literature for Moslems, made by a special Survey Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council. He mentioned that the Rev. M. T. Titus had been present at the World Conference held at Cairo upon work among Moslems. Mr. Titus was then invited to address the Council, and drew the attention of the members to the publication entitled "The power of the printed page in the world of Moslems." He then urged the appointment of a Moslem Literature Sub-Committee of the Literature Committee of the Council.

These proposals were first considered by a Sub-Committee, and later if was moved by Prof. Sirajuddin and

RESOLVED:—

XIII. That the Indian Literature Fund Committee be asked to create a Sub-Committee to deal with the special problems arising in connection with literature for Moslems.

The special Committee which met, under the convenership of Mr. Gulliford, to nominate a temporary Committee to con-
duct the affairs of the India Literature Fund, recommended that the Provisional Committee be constituted as follows:—

(1) One representative from each of the following Boards that contributed to the Fund:—

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(2) The Conveners or Secretaries of the Literature Committees of the Provincial Councils in India, Burma and Ceylon, as follows:—

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(3) Two representatives from the Muslim Literature Committee, Rev. M. T. Titus and Prof. Sirajuddin.

(4) The following additional members:—

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The Committee further recommended that Dr. Griswold be appointed Convener of the Committee and the Rev. W. Paton, Secretary and that they with Miss Bose, the Rev. Yohan Masih, and the Rev. M. T. Titus, form the Executive of the Committee.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**XIV** That the Committee, Executive, and Officers for the India Literature Fund be appointed as nominated by the Sub-Committee.

2. **Committee on Survey.**—The Report of the Committee was presented by the Rev. A. McLeish.
The Committee report that the Convener was directed, in view of the incompleteness and inaccuracy of the figures of last year, to make a survey of occupation by provinces and districts as a basis for further survey work. *The Protestant Missionary Directory* was placed at his disposal, and an experimental survey of missionary occupation was carried through. This directory is now issued as the "Directory of Christian Missions in India, Burma and Ceylon," and although it has no official connection with the N.M.C., it will nevertheless be of great value in the work of survey. The compilation of this directory has involved a great deal of work, and would have been impossible without the help of friends who provided funds for the employment of a whole-time worker for seven months.

All the 170 missions and other organisations made full returns. Many new missions have been added, and 1,094 more names appear than in the older publication. It is of interest to note that there are 5,925 foreign workers in India, Burma and Ceylon, compared with 6,526 foreign workers in China, and as the population of India is much less than of China—323,400,162 compared with 441,000,000—the proportion of foreign workers per million is 17 in India and 14·8 for China.

In India, in proportion to the population there are twice as many residential centres—in India 3 and in China 1½ per million. An effort was made to obtain returns of Indian, Burmese and Ceylonese workers now doing the work formerly done by foreign missionaries—802 names were obtained, but there must be many more not returned. The directory gives a bird's-eye view of missionary occupation and of the distribution of work under provinces, divisions and districts. Under these again are arranged the names of residential stations with the names of missions and missionaries. The "unoccupied" areas are shown as well as the "occupied," so that much material is now available for the study of problems of occupation and distribution of work. Institutions of all types are arranged in the same way, and the summary of their provincial distribution reveals many interesting points which cannot be referred to here. The Committee is doubtful if the present effort can be followed up so long as the directory remains a private enterprise.

Efforts have been made throughout the year to obtain from all the Provincial Councils the annual statistical returns. These have been more or less completed in all the areas except Burma. Part of the present returns cover 1920-1921 and part 1921-1922, and it has become evident under present conditions that full statistics cannot be collected in any single year. Some Provincial Councils have announced that they do not favour the collection of statistics every year. There are many possibilities of accident where ten men are working at parts of the same thing. This year two conveners went on furlough, two others returned from furlough in the middle of the year, one convener resigned, and one died, thus showing that from the point of view of the National Council this work cannot adequately be carried to completion as organised at present. It may be that the work can be done best by one man for the whole of India.

In regard to the statistics of missions generally, we would point out that these are so diverse that little use can be made of them. The general complaint that it is waste of time collecting statistics is so far justified in that very rarely is any great use made of the figures when collected. The experience of this Committee, shows that, until a uniform system of statistical returns is adopted by the Home Boards, neither their statistics nor any collected by this Council can
be of any very great value. The Committee therefore would urge the Council to bring this whole matter before the Home Boards for careful consideration and common action.

These figures uninterpreted are of no particular value. We have still to learn the art of using statistics. It will be largely wasted effort if, after collecting these figures, no arrangement is come to as to the use to be made of them. We must show what advantage is to be gained in the study of our problems by the possession and use of these figures, in order to obviate the stock objections and to justify the efforts put forth by so many people in their collection. Therefore, we propose that no annual statistics be collected next year; that steps be taken to make proper use of the statistics now collected and a report issued on them; that the present figures be printed as an appendix to the Report of this Council; and that the Home Boards be asked to consider carefully the urgent need of uniform statistical forms for the Indian mission field, which shall become the basis of the annual returns made by this Council.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

XV. (1) To ask the Rev. A. McLeish to complete the present figures and to collect interpretative statements from the Provincial Councils and to report thereon to the Executive Committee of the Council;
(2) That a summary of the statistics so far collected be printed and appended to the Report of Council;
(3) That the Executive Committee ask Mr. J. H. Oldham to consider carefully the urgent need of the Home Boards introducing uniform statistical forms, with a view to their being made the basis of the periodical returns of the Council.

3. Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries.—The Report of the Committee was presented by Dr. Aberly, and was received, no resolutions being called for. The Report is as follows:

The Committee did not undertake any work this year except to make enquiries concerning two matters referred to it by the meeting at Poona. They are (1) ‘That the Committee be asked to report on the question of enabling missionaries to secure an adequate knowledge of Indian religion and Indian culture. (2) ‘That the Committee be asked to take into consideration during the next year, the question of the preparation, training and post-graduate study of Indian missionaries.’ Your Committee understood (1) to refer to foreign missionaries and (2) to Indians preparing themselves for more effective mission work.

On the first, the Committee has already published courses of reading (see N.M.C. Proceedings, fourth meeting, Coonoor, pp. 33 and 34, fifth meeting, Benares, pp. 25–28, sixth meeting, Lahore, pp. 30–33). In Burma a similar course has been outlined for missionaries working there and the opinion of the Committee on the preparation of missionaries of Burma Council is that ‘if they do the reading as marked out they will get a start in the study of the people and the religion of Burma. They would hardly find time for a correspondence course conducted from India.’ In South India Examinations have been conducted by the Board of Management of Examinations of the Madras Council for the course published in the Proceedings of the fourth meet-
ing of the N.M.C. but only 17 have hitherto availed themselves of it. Better results might be obtained if mission authorities would make it compulsory for their missionaries to take these. Where there are Language Schools, courses of lectures on these subjects are a part of the curriculum. It is our hope that a few really efficient language schools may be established in India and that the opportunity for missionaries to secure an adequate knowledge of Indian religion and culture will be made an integral part of their work. In the meantime it is suggested that those responsible for theological education in India might give such courses through correspondence and through summer schools (which might well be conducted at Hill Stations).

As to the second matter, the Committee has been in correspondence with Committees of Missionary Preparation at the Home Base. Opinion is unanimous that Indian missionaries should be given facilities for advanced study in Great Britain and America only after they have exhausted the resources of India in the particular lines along which preparation is sought. It has been suggested that Universities such as Calcutta, might even undertake to provide facilities not now existing if Indian missionaries would make sufficient demand for them. Opportunity for such advanced work abroad should be given only after men and women seeking it are mature and have had a thorough training. The practice of sending young and untrained Indians who are to get their entire cultural training abroad, where it has been tried, has not met with good results. On the other hand, whenever an Indian who has already had the help that India can give, seeks to take advanced studies abroad, while Committees of Missionary Preparation do not assume any financial assistance (which would have to be sought, where needed, from Boards), they would stand ready to give all other assistance. Institutions abroad might not assist such students beyond giving free scholarships the first year but there would be every opportunity for worthy men to get larger help after they had shown themselves able to profit by the courses offered. One Director writes: "Men who are already picked men and who have proper recommendations can be advised with reasonable confidence to come to this country (in this case America) and they will quickly find friendly advisers both through their own denominational channels and through such channels as we at the central offices can open."

J. Aberly.

4. Committee on Script.—The Rev. H. Gulliford presented the Report of the Committee, which was received. No resolutions were passed. The Report is as follows:—

The Committee of the Madras Council on Simplified Script met twice during the year. At its first meeting it made considerable changes in the alphabet previously proposed in line with the suggestions and criticisms made at the last meeting of the Madras Representative Council. The result of those changes was that the Committee arrived at an alphabet based entirely on existing forms, or alphabets, secondary signs being made use of to a considerable extent. The alphabet as thus agreed upon was published in The Harvest Field, and issued as a supplement in The United Church Herald, The Baptist Missionary Review, and the Raybhari, and further criticisms and suggestions invited. Very few adverse criticisms were received. Such suggestions as were sent were considered by the Committee at its second meeting and a final decision arrived at as to the form in which the alphabet should be tested.
The only change of importance on the original draft were (1) the adoption of a dash over the letter to indicate long vowels instead of doubling the short vowels as at first suggested, and (2) the use of separate symbols for the diphthongs ‘ei’ and ‘au’.

The Committee decided to proceed as soon as possible with the preparation of sheet alphabets, primers, and a reading book in the different vernaculars; and the general principles under which the scheme should be tested were also agreed on. The MSS. of primers for Tamil and Telugu and also of a reading book (“The Angels’ Message”) in both languages have now been prepared, the type has been cast, and the setting up will begin at once. It is expected that the primers will be ready by the 1st of January, 1923, and the reading book soon after, so that it ought to be possible to make a beginning in the teaching of the New Script in the course of a very few weeks.

H. GULLIFORD, Convener.

5. Committee on Education.—The Report of the Committee was presented by the Rev. J. H. Maclean, and was accepted. The Report is as follows:

1. In accordance with the instructions of the National Missionary Council at its meeting of January, 1922, the Committee communicated to Provincial Councils the recommendations of the National Council regarding the Report of the Village Educational Commission. (Resolution XXI, 1-4). The convener, in accordance with sect. 6 of the same resolution, arranged with the agent of the Oxford University Press, for a reprint of the Report of the Commission, which was issued in August as an edition of 1,000 copies and is now available at Re. 1-12. Communications received from Provincial Councils show that—except in Burma and Ceylon, where differences in conditions make the Report largely inapplicable—efforts are being made to carry the recommendations of the Council into effect, more especially by the establishment of vocational middle schools and by attempts to improve the training of teachers and conduct vacation courses. An All-India Conference on the subject was held at Moga, Punjab, in December, regarding which a separate Report is being made to the Council.

2. Resolution XXII, suggesting the formation of separate Educational Councils, was also communicated to Provincial Councils. Separate Councils or Unions already exist in Madras, the United Provinces and the Central Provinces. In the Punjab and Bengal proposals for Educational Councils are under consideration. In Burma the Committee of the Representative Council is regarded as sufficient. No reply on this point has been received from the other Councils.

3. In accordance with Resolution XXIII, Provincial Councils were asked to watch the situation with regard to the effect on missionary education of the transfer of education to popular control, and proposals for the introduction of a conscience clause. With regard to the former the situation differs in different provinces. In Madras attempts are being made in several municipalities to introduce compulsory education for boys of school going age, and though the compulsion is more nominal than real it has affected in some slight measure the primary departments of mission schools. The imposition of an education cess, even in areas where there is as yet no proposal for compulsion, is likely to lead in the near future to a great expansion of education under public management, which will almost
inevitably affect the attendance and the fee income of mission schools. Similar efforts at expansion and compulsion are being made in several other provinces, but the effects on mission education have so far been slight. It is hardly necessary to say that even if they were much greater than they are, or are likely to be for some time, missions should rejoice in the good that comes to the country through the spread of enlightenment.

In view of the resolution of the United Provinces Legislative Council in favour of a conscience clause (referred to in last year's report) the Representative Council of that Province made a representation to the minister of education, admitting the right of the people of India, through their Government, to change the conditions of aid, but pointing out certain difficulties by which missions would be faced if a clause were introduced, more especially if time for adjustment were not given. It is gratifying to note that the enactment, which has come into force from the beginning of this year, is in a form which goes as far as can be expected to meet these difficulties. The clause is as follows:

\[(a)\] No one shall be compelled to attend any religious instruction or observance as a condition of admission to or continuance in any aided educational institution if he, or his parent or guardian if he is a minor, objects to it and informs the authorities of the institution of his objection in writing.

\[(b)\] The time or times during which any religious subject is given at any meeting of an aided educational institution shall be at the beginning or at the end, or at the beginning and end of such meeting.

*Note.*—Exemption from religious instruction or observance shall take effect from the commencement of a school or college term. Applications for exemptions should, therefore, be made at the commencement of a term. But with the sanction of the head master or principal, exemption may take effect at any time during the currency of a term.

In some mission institutions in this Province it had already been resolved to grant exemption from attendance on religious teaching when asked. In the Central Provinces the conscience clause enactment applies only to areas in which, by local option, compulsory education is in force. It is reported that up to the last meeting of the Provincial Council this had not affected mission schools. Before the passing of the enactment the Mid-India Educational Union had by a large majority passed a resolution recommending missions to accept the principle of the conscience clause.

From the Punjab it is reported that no steps have been taken by Government, and that there seems to be no reluctance on the part of students to join mission colleges or attend Bible teaching. No action is reported from the other Provinces.

A change to which missions may soon have to adjust themselves is the substitution of an Indian vernacular for English as the medium of instruction in the senior classes of high schools. This has already been definitely resolved on by the Government of the Central Provinces.

*4.* The only other instruction to the Committee—to consider the question of national education and the relation of Christian education to it—is one which has not been fully carried out. The Committee endeavoured to form a Sub-Committee to consider the matter, with Mr. K. T. Paul as Convener, and with a view to making
it as representative as possible secretaries of Provincial Councils were asked to nominate one or more from their areas who were known to be interested in the subject. The number of names suggested was very small, and Mr. Paul’s absence in Europe led him to decline the convenership. Accordingly no Committee has as yet been appointed.

In the course of correspondence it has been ascertained that in Madras a small group has been holding meetings for the consideration of the problem, and this group has been asked to act as a Committee of the Missionary Educational Council of South India. The subject has been discussed by the Bihar and Orissa Council. The Burma and United Provinces Councils do not see their way to take any action in the matter at present. From the other Councils no reply has been received. It is suggested that the example of Madras may be followed by other Councils, and that the conclusions of the various groups or Committees be communicated to the National Council’s Committee, which may then consider the matter itself, or appoint a Committee to do so.

5. Regarding the proposed change in the constitution of the National Council the Committee took into consideration the proposed Art. VIII, and resolved the following communication to Provincial Councils:

"The implication (in Art. VIII) is that there will be no Standing Committee of Council, and hence that this Committee will cease to exist. The Committee considers that whatever may be the case with other matters education requires a Standing Committee. Although education is now a provincial subject there are many aspects of it which require to be dealt with from the point of view of India as a whole. Matters may arise which require reference to the Government of India or to the Secretary of State, and there ought to be a body ready on short notice to take the necessary action, or advise the National Council as to the action to be taken. The appointment of a special Committee on the lines suggested in Art. VIII would take time, and the Committee would start afresh without knowing what action had been taken previously. If the Committee is continued from year to year its Convener would have at his disposal a file of previous correspondence with Government, Provincial Councils, etc. He is able also to do something in the way of correlating the Provincial Councils or Educational Committees, so that each may get the benefit of the experience of the others. On these grounds it seems to the Committee that provision should be made in the new constitution for the continuance of such Standing Committees as can show good reason for their continuance, and that of these Christian education should be one."

With reference to this the Madras Representative Council has passed the following resolution:

"The Council requests the National Missionary Council to reconsider Art. VIII and more especially to consider whether for certain subjects, e.g. education, it may not be necessary to have Standing Committees."

The Missionary Educational Council of South India has homologated this resolution.

The Mid-India Council has passed the following resolution:

"That it be the sense of this Council that for the present it is desirable that the National Missionary Council retain its Subcommittee on Education in view of the continual changes in
educational policy which have a national bearing on missionary education, and that the Secretary of the N.M.C. be written to expressing this conviction of this Council and urging that whatever changes in reorganisation the N.M.C. may undergo this be kept in mind.”

Other Councils have either not yet discussed the matter or have not expressed any opinion.

The Committee in submitting its report to the Council requests that it be pleased to take these expressions of opinion into consideration in the adoption of its revised constitution, and make provision for the continuation of the Committee in whatever form may seem to it best.

J. H. Maclean, Convener.


(a) Committee on German Missions.—The Report of the Committee was presented by the Rev. J. H. Maclean, and is as follows:

Since the last meeting of the Council the Committee has met twice, once in March and once just before the Annual Meeting of this year.

1. Owing to his departure from India the Bishop of Madras resigned his position as a member of the Committee, and on the acceptance of his resignation the following minute was adopted:—

‘In accepting the resignation the Committee takes this opportunity of putting on record its very high appreciation of the services rendered by the Bishop in furtherance of the aims of the Committee. At more than one critical stage in the negotiations for the continuance of the work of the former German Missions the Bishop devoted his time and thought ungrudgingly to the affairs of the Committee, and the help he rendered was invaluable. The Committee trusts that in his retirement he will not only enjoy the rest earned by long years of strenuous service in India, but also find opportunities of continuing to help many of the good causes with which he has been closely identified.’

The vacancy has been filled by the co-option of Rev. J. S. M. Hooper.

2. At its meeting in March the Committee had the advantage of having with it Mr. Oldham, who made a statement regarding his recent correspondence and interviews with members of the Government of India and of the Government of Madras.

(i) Among the matters discussed with the Government of India were the following:

(a) The issuing of passport to missionaries seeking to enter India under the ordinance regulating the admission of aliens. Mr. Oldham had pointed out to Sir William Vincent the long delay involved in the reference of these to the Government of India, and asked that the India Office deal with them directly.

(b) The form of undertaking attached to Memorandum C of the said ordinance, which some missionaries of unquestioned loyalty hesitated to accept as at present worded.

Sir William Vincent had expressed his hope that the difficulties mentioned might be removed, and had given an assurance regarding the steps to be taken in the matter.

The Committee has now been informed that the alternative form of undertaking suggested by the National Missionary
Council has been accepted by Government. It is as follows:

"I hereby undertake to give all due obedience and respect to the lawfully constituted Government, and while carefully abstaining from participation in political affairs, it is my desire and purpose that my influence, in so far as it may be properly exerted in such matters, should be so exerted in loyal co-operation with the Government, and in particular, if engaged in educational work, I undertake to do all in my power to promote goodwill and understanding between the people and the Government of the country, and to make those under my care law abiding and good citizens."

(ii) The subject of Mr. Oldham's interviews and correspondence with members of the Government of Madras was the restrictions placed on certain missionaries of neutral nationality. The Convener was glad to receive intimation from the Chief Secretary to Government (in a letter dated 12th June) that the restrictions had been removed. The question of asking for the withdrawal of any further restriction is under consideration.

3. The work of the former Basel Mission has been carried on by the same agencies as before.

(a) The Wesleyan Missionary Society has indicated its desire to transfer the work in Coorg to the Kanarese Evangelical Mission. The request has been considered by the General Conference of the latter body, which has indicated with regret that owing to its financial condition it is unable at present to extend its work. The Wesleyan Missionary Society is accordingly asked to be good enough to continue to be responsible. The Wesleyan Missionary Society has also indicated that it is prepared to continue its responsibility for the work on the Nilgiris on the understanding that the property is definitely handed over to the Society, and that it is given a free hand in shaping the policy and directing the work in detail. It is understood that the matter is now under correspondence between the Wesleyan Missionary Society and the Basel Mission Committee.

(b) The Kanarese Evangelical Mission is managed as before by a General Conference, with District Committees for the two districts in which the Mission is at work—South Kanara and South Mahratta. Till June of this year the N.M.C. was represented by the Rev. W. E. Tomlinson, who rendered very valuable service till his departure on furlough. He has been succeeded by Dr. P. de Benoit, who arrived from Switzerland in February. The Committee is glad that Government has permitted the N.M.C. to have Dr. de Benoit as its representative.

(c) The work in Malabar is maintained as before under the management of a Board appointed by the Malabar Church Council of the South India United Church and the Executive of the General Assembly of that Church. The S.I.U.C. has for over two years been ably represented by Rev. J. H. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson. The attempt to secure further representation of the S.I.U.C. referred to in last year's report has been unavailing. The Executive is at present endeavouring to secure successors to Mr. and Mrs. Dickson who have asked to be relieved of the work.
The difficulties in working the constitution, referred to last year, have not been successfully solved, and the Executive of the S.I.U.C. has had to devote much time and thought to their consideration. A statement has now been prepared by the Executive with a view to removing certain misconceptions and a letter is being sent to the churches in Malabar.

(d) The work of the National Missionary Society in Honavar and of the Malabar Christian College, have been continued. On the retiral of Mr. W. E. Hoare the Council of the Madras Christian College appointed Rev. F. N. Askwith principal of the Malabar Christian College.

4. The work of these agencies is being carried on with difficulty owing to the reduction in the contribution from the Commonwealth Trust Ltd. The amount promised for 1922 is Rs. 145,258, being the outstanding balance of profits on the business up to June 30, 1920. The total amount available for distribution is Rs. 169,129, as against Rs. 210,860, in 1921. The amount has been allocated as follows:

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<th>Rs.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pension Funds</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<td>Madras Christian College</td>
<td>3,500</td>
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<td>S.I.U.C. for Malabar</td>
<td>64,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>K.E. Mission</td>
<td>69,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>N.M.S. for Honavar</td>
<td>4,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wesleyan Missionary Society for Nilgiris and Coorg</td>
<td>12,000</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Total 165,000</td>
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Leaving a balance of Rs. 4,129.

It has now been ascertained that for the year ending June, 1921, no profits have been declared, so no income is to be expected in 1923. The situation is so serious that it has been resolved to make a strong representation to the Directors through Mr. Oldham.

5. No change has taken place in the arrangements for the work of the former Leipzig, Hermannsburg and Schleswig-Holstein Missions. For the schools of these Missions the Missionary Educational Council of South India is still responsible. The matter of a permanent arrangement is under correspondence between the Mission Trust and Government.

6. The Mission Trust of Southern India continues to manage the properties of all the Missions formerly German or Swiss. In place of Mr. M. D. Devadoss, who resigned on his appointment as a Puisne Judge, Rev. J. S. M. Hooper has been elected and has become Chairman of the Trust in place of Mr. Leith. The place vacated by Mr. Leith on his going on furlough has been taken by Mr. P. O. Philip.
**COMMITTEE OF GERMAN MISSIONS.**

*Statement of Accounts from 1st July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.*

(Account A.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Rs.</th>
<th>A. P.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Balance in Bank (1st July, 1921)</td>
<td>6,506</td>
<td>5 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commonwealth Trust Ltd. (less Commission on Cheques Rs. 60)</td>
<td>175,940</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return of loan to Kanarese Mission Press</td>
<td>12,000</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest on Kanarese Mission Press</td>
<td>848</td>
<td>4 10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank Interest</td>
<td>285</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refund from Kanarese Evangelical Mission being overpayment in 1920</td>
<td>446</td>
<td>6 8</td>
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</table>

**Total** | 196,026 | 1 2 |

(Account B.)

*1st July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Rs.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Balance on 1st July, 1921</td>
<td>4,567</td>
<td>2 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refund of overpayment to Rev. W. E. Tomlinson</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Return of Fixed Deposit</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Interest on Fixed Deposit</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>Interest on current account</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>6 10</td>
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**Total** | 7,751 | 7 11 |

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<th>Expenditure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kanarese Evangelical Mission</td>
<td>67,000</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wesleyan Missionary Society (Nilgiris and Coorg)</td>
<td>13,200</td>
<td>0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>S.L.U. Church, Mabar</td>
<td>64,500</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madras Christian College</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Missionary Society (Honavar)</td>
<td>5,850</td>
<td>0 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pension Funds</td>
<td>6,000</td>
<td>0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pension to Mrs. Stokes</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pension Fund Investment at Bank</td>
<td>5,156</td>
<td>10 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cheque Book</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>9 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance in Bank</td>
<td>30,142</td>
<td>13 6</td>
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</table>

**Total** | 196,026 | 1 2 |

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) P. DE BENOIT,

Treasurer.

15th October, 1922.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.**

As the Committee is responsible to the Madras Representative Council as well as to the N.M.C. the above report was presented to the Annual Meeting of the M.R.C. in August. The following supplementary report is now presented to the N.M.C.:—
1. Rev. G. E. Phillips, with Mrs. Phillips, has gone to Malabar as the representative of the South India United Church. The Committee is deeply indebted to the Council of the United Theological College, Bangalore, for releasing Mr. Phillips for this important work. Progress is being made towards the removal of the misconceptions referred to in section 3(a) of the above report.

2. In accordance with section 4 of the report, statements of the needs of the different sections of the former Basel Mission were sent to Mr. Oldham. Before receiving them, however, he had already taken action, and at a meeting of the Committee held on 22nd Nov., the Convener was able to announce that the Directors of the Commonwealth Trust Ltd., had kindly made special grants for the year 1923 amounting to Rs. 60,000. In addition to this the Conference of British Missionary Societies had handed over the balance of an emergency fund raised for the work of the Mission, amounting to £400, with the balance on hand at the close of 1922 the total amount available would be about Rs. 72,500, which if divided pro rata would give each of the bodies concerned about 43 per cent of its grant for 1922. The Committee has made a provisional allotment of the amount, reserving about Rs. 5,000, and giving preferential treatment to the Pension Funds, the Malabar Christian College, and the National Missionary Society. In the case of the other three bodies the amount available will amount to about 30 per cent of the previous allotment. These bodies have been asked to consider whether there are any lands or buildings which may be sold or mortgaged without serious detriment to the work, with a view to avoiding the drastic reduction which would otherwise be inevitable.

3. The question of moving Government to permit the return of certain German missionaries has been under consideration, and will be further considered by the Committee after the meeting of the N.M.C., when the Committee hopes to have Mr. Oldham with it.

J. H. Maclean, Convener.

Mr. Gulliford made a statement with regard to the attitude of the Wesleyan Mission towards the work they had taken over from the former Basel Mission, pointing out difficulties that had arisen through a letter from the Government of India, requiring that the doctrines and usages of the Church whose work had been taken over should be maintained, and also through the financial difficulties of the Mission in carrying on the work.

There was some discussion as to the financial condition and prospects of the Commonwealth Trust.

Mr. Oldham made a statement regarding the work done by the International Missionary Council in furthering co-operation between Missions and Governments, and in securing guarantees of adequate missionary liberty. It was

Resolved:—

XVI. (1) That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Oldham for the work he had done on behalf of the Council in the matter of missionary liberty.

(2) That the Council thank the Rev. J. H. Maclean for his painstaking work in connection with the German Missions Committee, and accept the Report.
(3) That the German Missions Committee be asked to consider the following questions: (1) the statement that the Government of India has to guarantee the continuance of the religious doctrines and usages of the outgoing mission, and that the Government of India will not transfer the property of a German Missionary Society to the Society that has undertaken to carry on the work: (2) the situation that has arisen in Coorg through the Wesleyan Missionary Society declining to make any appropriation of money for carrying on the work in that Province.

(b) Kanarese Evangelical Mission Committee.—The Rev. J. H. Maclean presented the Report of the Kanarese Evangelical Mission Committee. The Report, which was accepted, is as follows:

The Committee has met twice during the year, once (informally) at Kotagiri in May, and once on the eve of the Annual Meeting of the Madras Representative Council. As formerly, the minutes of the General Conference of the Mission, and of the District Committees of South Kanara and South Mahratta have been submitted to the Committee by circulation for confirmation.

Until June 1, 1922, Rev. W. E. Tomlinson remained Secretary of the Mission and representative of the National Missionary Council. Dr. P. de Benoit arrived in India in February and in June took over charge of these offices from Mr. Tomlinson. The Committee has put on record an expression of its gratitude to Mr. Tomlinson for his services to the Mission, and to the Wesleyan Missionary Society for lending his services, as well as those of Mr. Leith for a shorter period.

The Lausanne Committee continues its efforts to supply the needs of the Mission by sending missionaries and making contributions for the work. Since the last report was written six new missionaries have been sent out from Switzerland (including Mme. de Benoit). The contributions sent through the Committee have been steadily increasing, in spite of the financial depression in Switzerland, and the urgent demands of other organisations supported by the Christian people of that country.

The subject of restrictions imposed by Government on the return of certain missionaries who went on furlough was brought before the Government of Madras by Mr. Oldham, and Government has been pleased to permit one of them to resume work in the Madras Presidency. The cases of others will be brought before Government in due course.

The revised Constitution and Rules of Mission and Church, referred to in last report, have now been completed, after careful consideration by all the bodies concerned, and have been ratified by the Committee of Control. They are based on the Constitution and Rules in use under the Basel Mission, but make the effort so to state the relations of the Mission and the Church as to give the latter the fullest opportunity of developing with a view to taking over full responsibility ultimately.

An audited statement of the accounts of the Mission is presented herewith.

J. H. Maclean, Convener.
SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET.

Kanarese Evangelical Mission, 1921.

Receipts.

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<th>Description</th>
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<th>P.</th>
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<td>Bal. in hand: Jan. 1</td>
<td>30,132</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Missionary Council</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Cash: from Mr. J. G. Fritschi's Trav. Account</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lausanne Committee: for Dr. Stokes' Hospital</td>
<td>2,100</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lausanne Committee: General Fund</td>
<td>81,844</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Profits of S. Kanara Women's Industrial Work</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subscription: Mr. Danner</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sundry Receipts per the Secretary</td>
<td>628</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kasargod Chapel Fund</td>
<td>39</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest</td>
<td>573</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Cash: Loan (1920) repaid by Press</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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Total                                              | 221,925 | 7   | 6   |

Expenses.

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<td>South Kanara District</td>
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<td>South Mahratta District</td>
<td>74,707</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Passage Account</td>
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<td>Payments by General Treasurer for Mission: Mada-</td>
<td>1,830</td>
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<td>napalle Tuberculosis Sanatorium 350, Tumkur</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>U.K. Seminary 480, Board of Trustees (administra-</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>tion charges) 1,000</td>
<td>446</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mrs. Stokes: Pension to G.M.C.</td>
<td>16,820</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Balance in hand</td>
<td>221,925</td>
<td>7</td>
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Total                                              | 221,925| 7   | 6   |

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) W. E. Tomlinson,
General Treasurer, K.E. Mission.

11th May, 1922.

(c) Gossner Mission.—The Rev. J. Z. Hodge read to the Council portions of the Report which had been submitted to the Bihar and Orissa Council of Missions, and appears in the minutes of that body.

The Rev. Herbert Anderson having resigned from the Board of Trustees of the Northern India Mission Trust, it was

RESOLVED:—

XVII. That the Rev. I. Cannaday be appointed a member of the Trust, in the place of the Rev. H. Anderson, resigned.

(d) Certificates for American Missionaries.—The Secretary reported that the matter of credentials or certificates for American missionaries had been cleared up with the Government of India. It had been agreed that every missionary of a recognised Society, and of pure American birth, should be provided with a certificate from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, through its Committee of Reference and Coun-
sel. This certificate authenticates the missionary as being an agent of a recognised Society, and is recognised by Government as meeting the requirements of Memorandum A. These certificates have now been sent from America to all those entitled to receive them.

7. Committee on Public Questions.—Prof. S. C. Mukerji stated that there was no formal report from the Committee, but that he wished to lay before the Council two matters, one relating to the proposed Legal Hand-book, and the other to the Indian Christian Marriage Act. In regard to the first matter, he felt that unless steps were taken to set free the editor in order to get the work accomplished, it would never be finished. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

XVIII. That application be made to the authorities of Serampore College to set free Prof. Mukerji for three months, to complete the compilation of the Legal Hand-book.

Prof. Mukerji further reported that the Bishop of Bombay, whose absence in England in consequence of ill-health all deplored, had made approach to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church to discover the probable attitude of that Church towards a reform in the Marriage Act. A reply had been addressed to Prof. Mukerji, which indicated definite opposition, without any grounds being stated beyond satisfaction with the status quo.. It was

RESOLVED:

XIX. That the Council accept Prof. Mukerji’s report as an interim report, and authorize Prof. Mukerji and the Bishop of Bombay to continue negotiations with the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, in accordance with the resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Council, and to report to the Council.

8. The Secretary reported that the following committees had not reported, owing to the fact that in view of impending changes in the Council’s method of work, they had been appointed very largely pro forma: The Committees on Cooperation and Unity, the Indian Church, Medical Missions, Women’s Work, Temperance, Mass Movements, Industry and Agriculture, Young People, Work among Moslems.

VII. Finance.

The Council had heard with the deepest regret of the death of Rev. Ray C. Smith, its Treasurer. On the motion of the Chairman, all standing, the following resolution was passed:

XX. This Council desires to place on record its sense of the loss that it has sustained in the death of its Treasurer, the Rev. Ray C.
Smith. Mr. Ray Smith was Treasurer of the Council from November, 1920, until the time of his death, and during that period discharged his duties with great ability and efficiency, while his judgment on matters relating to the policy of the Council was always greatly valued. The loss that has come to the Council through his sudden death is one that it shares with the United Provinces Council of Missions, of which he was a leading member, and Secretary for two years, and with his own Mission, the American Presbyterian Mission, with which they desire to express their sympathy in losing one whose wise counsel and experience must be very greatly missed.

The Council learned with pleasure that the Rev. I. Cannaday of Ranchi, who had been approached with a view to his taking up the Treasurer's work, was willing to do so, and accordingly passed the following resolution:—

XXI. That the Rev. I. Cannaday be appointed Treasurer of the Council.

The Secretary, who had been appointed by the Executive to act as temporary Treasurer until the Council should elect a successor to Mr. Ray Smith, reported that it had been impossible to get the accounts audited in time for the meeting of Council, and asked leave to submit the audited statement of accounts to the Executive and after obtaining their approval to include them in the published statement of the Proceedings of the Council. It was

RESOLVED:—

XXII. That the audited statement of the accounts, for the financial year ending June 30th, 1922, be submitted to the Executive and included in the published Proceedings of the Council.

### National Missionary Council

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 1922.**

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<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Rs. A. P.</th>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Bank..</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>5 9</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Cash..</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Contributions from Great Britain</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Contributions from America</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Contribution from Provincial Councils:—</td>
<td>2,936 15 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Madras</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>Behar and Orissa</td>
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<td>0 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carried over</td>
<td>21,336</td>
<td>6 0</td>
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</table>
Brought forward ... Rs. A. P. 21,336 6 0

To Survey Account refund .. Rs. A. P. 100 0 0

" " transferred .. Rs. A. P. 2,665 13 8

" J. H. Oldham refund for Printing .. Rs. A. P. 2,765 13 8

" Dr. Macnicol refund .. Rs. A. P. 191 4 0

" Arbitration a/c transferred .. Rs. A. P. 50 0 0

" Bank Interest .. Rs. A. P. 175 7 9

" .. Bank Interest .. Rs. A. P. 58 3 10

TOTAL .. Rs. A. P. 24,577 3 3

Payments.

By Secretary:—

Salary and Rent .. Rs. A. P. 2,100 0 0
Travel .. Rs. A. P. 324 2 0
Office .. Rs. A. P. 1,657 10 3
Stationery and Printing .. Rs. A. P. 223 2 0

TOTAL .. Rs. A. P. 4,304 14 3

" National Missionary Council, 1922 .. Rs. A. P. 7,132 13 3

" Standing Committees' charges:—

Executive .. Rs. A. P. 1,483 3 0
Public Questions .. Rs. A. P. 195 8 0
Women's Work .. Rs. A. P. 21 0 0
Training Missionaries .. Rs. A. P. 10 9 6

TOTAL .. Rs. A. P. 1,710 4 6

" Famine Fund disbursement .. Rs. A. P. 491 11 0
" Malabar Mission (S.I. Church) .. Rs. A. P. 310 4 0
" Printing .. Rs. A. P. 1,072 2 0
" Audit Fee .. Rs. A. P. 15 0 0
" Treasurer's Expenses and Bank

charges .. Rs. A. P. 27 8 0

Balance in Bank .. Rs. A. P. 8,747 7 9
Cash .. Rs. A. P. 704 11 0
" (Secretary) .. Rs. A. P. 60 7 6

TOTAL .. Rs. A. P. 9,512 10 3

(Sd.) WILLIAM PATON, Examinined and found correct.
Acting Treasurer.

(Sd.) LOVELOCK & LEWES,
Chartered Accountants.

Budget for 1923.

Budget for 1923. (Note.—The Budget given on page 13 is for 1924).—Mr. J. H. Oldham explained that special arrangements were being made whereby, pending the final decision as to the appointment of full-time officers, sufficient funds would be supplied by the Boards in America and Great Britain to make possible the appointment of a one full-time Secretary for the year 1923. It was decided that the Rev. W. Paton should be paid on the same scale as that on which he had been paid by the Y.M.C.A. The following Budget was passed:—
### Income.

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<td>Contribution due from Great Britain (special)</td>
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<td>Special donations (per J. H. Oldham)</td>
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<td>Contributions from Provincial Councils</td>
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### Expenditure.

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<td>Secretary's salary and allowances</td>
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<td>House rent in Calcutta (at Rs. 400)</td>
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<td>Refund of passages to Y.M.C.A. (part)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Office charges:</strong></td>
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<td>Rent (at Rs. 150)</td>
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<td>Clerical help (at Rs. 150)</td>
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<td>Telephone and chaprassi</td>
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<td>Travel of Secretary</td>
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<td>Printing, stationery and postage</td>
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<td>Meeting of National Missionary Council</td>
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### VIII. Council for 1923-4.

**Members elected.**—The Secretary reported that the following members had been elected by the Provincial Councils, others to be elected later in accordance with the new constitution:—

- **Madras** — Miss Macdougall, Rev. Dr. J. J. Banninga, Mr. P. O. Philip.
- **Bombay** — The Right Rev. the Bishop of Bombay, Mr. D. S. Sawarkar, Miss Gordon.
- **Bengal and Assam** — Rev. Dr. Ewan, Rev. B. A. Nag, Miss Rivett.
- **Bihar and Orissa** — The Right Rev. the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Rev. S. K. Tarafdar.
               Rev. Yohan Masih.
               Rev. F. Kilbey.

Panjab .. Rev. Dr. J. C. Butcher.
              Rev. J. C. Chatterjee.
              Rev. A. McLeish.

United Provinces .. Rai A. C. Mukerji Bahadur.
               Canon B. H. P. Fisher.

Burma .. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Rangoon.
               Rev. A. H. Bestall.
               Rev. W. E. Wiatt.

Ceylon .. Miss Hornby.
               Mr. S. de Saram.
               Rev. F. L. Bevan.

The Business Committee, to which the work of nomination had been entrusted, made the following nominations for officers and Executive:—

Chairman: The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, Calcutta.

Vice-Chairman: The Rev. J. R. Chitambar, Lucknow.

Treasurer: The Rev. I. Cannaday, Ranchi. [Calcutta.

Secretary: The Rev. W. Paton (already appointed). 5, Russell St.,

Executive: The Rev. J. C. Chatterjee, Delhi.

The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Dornakal.

The Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Motihari, Bihar.

Mrs. Holland, Raipur.

The Rev. Dr. Howells, Serampore.


Miss M. Maya Das, Calcutta.

Rai A. C. Mukerji Bahadur, Benares.

Prof. S. C. Mukerji, Serampore.

P. O. Philip, Esq., Madras.


The Rev. Dr. F. H. Russell, Indore, and the officers.

It was

RESOLVED:—

XXIII. That these nominations be accepted.

It was further recommended that four Committees be constituted as follows, the first mentioned in each case to act as Convener:—

Public Questions: Prof S.C. Mukerji, Prof. J.R. Banerjea, the Rt.
Rev. the Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. H. Gulliford, the Rev. J.Z.
Hodge, Prof. R. Sirajuddin, Dewan Bahadur W.L. Venkataramiah.

German Missions: The Rev. J.H. Maclean, Rev. Dr. Aberly, Mr.
J.D. Asirvatham, Dr. P. de Benoit, the Rev. J. Bittmann, Rev.
Bishop Heuman, Rev. J.S.M. Hooper, Dr. L.P. Larsen, the Rev.
D.G.M. Leith, the Rev. V. McAuley, The Rev. W.E.H. Organe, Mr.
P.O. Philip, Rev. G E. Phillips.

Kanarese Evangelical Mission Committee: Rev. J.H. Maclean, Dr.
Aberly, Rev. J. Bittmann, Rev. H. Gulliford, Rev. D.G.M. Leith,
Mr. P.O. Philip, Dr. P. de Benoit, (Secretary.)

Christian Education; Rev. J.H. Maclean, Rt. Rev. the Bishop of
Madras, Miss Macdougall, Rev. J.D. Asirvatham, Rev. J.E. Neill,
Mr. K.T. Paul, Mr. W.J. McKee.
It was recommended that in view of the reorganisation of the National and Provincial Councils the co-option in accordance with Art. IV (2) be made by the Executive after the Provincial Councils have made their elections under Art. IV (1) but that the following persons whose services are desired as officers, members of Executive or conveners of Committees be co-opted by the Council now:—the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, the Rev. J.R. Chitambar, the Rev. I. Cannaday, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Dornakal, the Rev. Bishop Robinson, Miss Maya Das, Mrs. Holland, Dr. Howells, the Rev. D.G.M. Leith, Prof. S.C. Mukerji, the Rev. J.H. Maclean, the Rev. Dr. Griswold, the Rev. F.H. Russell, Mr K.T. Paul.

RESOLVED:

XXIV. That the nominations be accepted, with the proviso that the Rev. D.G.M. Leith on his return from furlough be appointed Convener of the German Missions Committee and of the Kanarese Evangelical Mission Committee, and that the Convener of the Provincial Educational Committees, Councils or Unions, be appointed corresponding members of the Christian Education Committee.

IX. Miscellaneous.

1. The "Harvest Field."—It was reported that the proprietors of the Harvest Field were still willing to hand over the paper to the National Council; that the paper was self-supporting; and that the proprietors, the Wesleyan Mission, were willing to hand it over without the small deficit which had accumulated during the war. It was

RESOLVED:

XXV. That the Council expresses its appreciation of the services rendered by the Harvest Field and thanks its different editors, especially the Rev. H. Gulliford; that it gratefully accepts the offer of the proprietors to hand over the paper to the National Christian Council, and that it invites the Rev. Dr. Macnicol, Mr. J. S. Hoyland, and the Rev. D. A. Yardi to form the Editorial Committee of the journal, which is to be the official organ of the Council.

2. Location of Office.—Discussion took place on the question whether, in view of the expense of rents in Calcutta, steps should not be taken to move the office of the Council to some other centre. It was

RESOLVED:

XXVI. That the Executive Committee be requested to take steps to remove the office of the Secretary of the Council to some place less expensive than Calcutta, as soon as possible.

3. Next Meeting of the Council.—It was

RESOLVED:

XXVII. That the Executive Committee be empowered to arrange the date and place of the next meeting of the Council.
4. International Missionary Council:—It was reported that the International Missionary Council is to meet in England in July, 1923, and that steps should be taken to fill the three places on it which are reserved for the nominees of the National Missionary Council. Of these two must be Indians. It was RESOLVED:—

XXVIII. That the Executive Committee be empowered to make suitable nominations after due enquiries as to who are likely to be in England at the time of the meeting of the I. M. C.

5. Christian Weekly Journal.—The Secretary reported that attempts to carry through the scheme of maintaining a weekly journal by the joint support of the Bombay Guardian Trust, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Y.M.C.A., had proved unavailing, and the Bombay Guardian Trust had decided to make the venture themselves. They had entrusted the matter to Mr. Joseph Taylor of Calcutta, and he had gathered a Committee similar to that which would have controlled the joint paper had it been undertaken. The paper was called the Guardian, and had precisely the same aims and objects as had been agreed upon the negotiations regarding the joint paper. Its objective was not solely the Christian community, but the English-reading public in general. He asked for the support of the Council members on behalf of this new undertaking.

6. India Sunday School Union.—The I.S.S.U. having requested the Council to appoint members of its Committee in place of Miss Ruttle and Dr. Parker, it was RESOLVED:

XXXIX. That Mrs. Holland and Prof. H. R. Hamley should be asked to serve on the General Committee of the I.S.S.U.

7. The Salvation Army.—The Secretary read a letter from the Bengal and Assam Council of Missions, drawing attention to the difficulties that had arisen in Bengal and Assam owing to the activities of the Salvation Army and its unwillingness to recognise the spheres of action of other Missions, and urging that steps should be taken to put the matter before General Bramwell Booth during his visit to India. It was RESOLVED:—

XXX. That a letter be sent to General Bramwell Booth, drawing his attention to the seriousness of the situation which had arisen in connection with the activities of the Salvation Army, and urging that the authorities of the Salvation Army should reconsider their policy of standing aloof from the Provincial and National Councils.
8. Reports of Provincial Councils.—It was

RESOLVED:—

XXXI. That the reports of the Provincial Councils be taken as read, and appended to the Proceedings of the Council.

9. The Secretary read the following cable which had been received from the Foreign Mission Conference of North America:—Foreign Missions Conference in session Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, greets Indian Christian Council. First Thessalonians Chapter one verses two and three.” It was

RESOLVED:—

XXXII. That the Secretary be authorised to send a suitable reply.

10. Votes of Thanks.—The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to the following:—

Mr. J. H. Oldham, for coming to India for a second winter and for the great help he had given throughout the deliberations of the Council;

the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Cashmore, for their uniform kindness and courtesy as host and hostess;

the Rev. and Mrs. I. Cannaday, and the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Spangler, for generously placing their cars at the disposal of the Council, and for other services;

Mrs. de Silva, for her care and consideration in looking after the catering arrangements.

Thanks were also accorded to the Chairman and the Secretary for their services.

After prayer, the Metropolitan pronounced the Blessing, and the Council separated.

(Sd.) FOSS CALCUTTA, Chairman.
(Sd.) WILLIAM PATON, Secretary.
Appendix I.

CONGRESS OF INDIAN CHRISTIANS
Ranchi, January 3-8, 1923.

RESOLUTIONS.

The proposals for reorganising the National Missionary Council on the basis of the representation of the Indian Churches as well as the missionary bodies, together with the plan for a group of whole-time officers was laid before the Conference by Mr. J. H. Oldham and fully discussed. The Conference unanimously resolved to record its warm approval of the constitutional changes proposed, and its hope that definite provision would be made that not less than half the members of the new Council should be Indians. Further, it unanimously approved of the proposed appointment of secretaries and registered its desire to co-operate in bringing the plans into effect.

Resolutions on Finance.

1. A sum of about Rs. 75,000 will be required if there are four whole-time secretaries. If there are to be four secretaries, two at least should be Indians.

2. The Conference believes that the contribution to the Budget of the the National Christian Council from Indian sources should be at least Rs. 5,000 and its members undertake to do all in their power to secure this amount. The Conference believes further that every effort should be made to increase this contribution as rapidly as possible.

3. This should be raised:
   (a) through the delegates present in this Conference, by their personal donation as well as by their undertaking to raise funds from their friends.
   (b) through the Churches which can be interested in the scheme, by Sunday offertories and by direct contributions if feasible.

4. The Indian members of the National Missionary Council should be requested to form themselves into a Continuation Committee with power to co-opt for the purpose of immediate and future propaganda work and also for the purpose of raising funds.

The Conference appointed three Committees
   (a) on Christian Education;
   (b) on Public Questions;
   (c) on the Indian Expression of Christianity.

The resolutions passed by the Conference on the reports of these Committees are as follows:

Public Questions.—This Conference of Indian Christians, representing the different Provinces of India, after discussing the attitude of Christianity to public questions resolves:

1. That Swaraj, Nationalism, or Self-determination helps the self-realisation of a people, that it is consistent with the Christian religion and helpful to the Christian life.

2. That it is the duty of the Christian Church in India to enrich the aspirations of Indians towards Swaraj with the spirit of Christ.
3. That Christian bodies and organisations should definitely take up the study of public questions and undertake social service so as to help both Christians and non-Christians. The following list of subjects is suggested. (The list is not intended to be exhaustive.) Education and citizenship, sanitation and health, temperance, commercialised vice and rescue work, gambling, prison reform, opium traffic, Indian emigration, treatment of Indians in the British colonies and dominions, conditions of labour in India, intercommunal and trade disputes.

Indian Expression of Christianity.—This Conference resolves that:
1. In order to give Indian expression to Christianity Indian leadership is essential.
2. Recognising that certain factors, both internal and external, have hitherto stood in the way of churches in India giving fullest expression to Christianity according to Indian genius, this Conference urges upon all the Churches the necessity for the thorough study of this question and suggests the formations of groups in different centres for the purpose of interpreting Christ to India, in worship, evangelisation, education, literature and social service. It further recommends to the National Christian Council that it should devote attention to the subject.
3. This Conference suggests to the National Christian Council that it is desirable that they create a centre of theological learning and seek to secure a select group of Indian thinkers who will devote themselves to the interpretation of Christianity in terms of Indian thought.

Christian Education.

1. (a) That the policy of Christian education in India shall be the building up of the Indian Church as well as the imparting of Christian education to the non-Christians.
(b) That at present the resources in men and money available in the mission field are thinly diffused and that in the interests of efficiency these resources should be concentrated upon a smaller number of institutions.
(c) That a survey of missionary educational work in each of the Provinces be made as soon as possible in order to find out how best this could be done.

2. That in the opinion of this Conference the residential system is of great educational value in schools and colleges and that it should be introduced wherever possible in middle schools and high schools or intermediate colleges. It is further of opinion that the residential system in case of middle or high schools should be of the type of small hostels or homes where the residential teachers may be in loco parentis to the pupils.

3. In the matter of education for Christian boys and girls it is desirable that schools should be predominantly Christian in strength. This Conference considers that in the case of high schools and intermediate colleges there should be in addition to the Christian pupils a minority of non-Christians and suggests that in the case of middle and primary schools it should be considered whether some of them should not be exclusively for Christians.

4. This Conference, while appreciating the efforts of missionary bodies in educating the children of Indian Christians, is of the opinion that such education has not always fitted those boys and girls to discharge their duties adequately as useful members of their homes and of society, and suggests that the common life of the school and curriculum should be more closely related to the environment of the pupil, and should be calculated to fit them to their homes and society.

5. It is the opinion of this Conference that in order to secure the
proper atmosphere in the Christian schools it is desirable that the staff should be at least predominantly Christian, and that the greatest care should be taken to secure teachers who are in complete sympathy with the ideals of the institution.

6. This Conference is of opinion that adequate attention should be given to the very important questions of dieting and medical examination of students in Christian schools and that wherever possible a trained physical director should be employed on the staff at every residential school. The Conference recommends that these questions be taken up by the Secretary of the National Christian Council.

7. This Conference recognised that the resolutions it has already passed can be carried into effect only through the co-operation in Christian education of a large number of Christian graduates. At the same time we recognise that service in Christian institutions in many cases presents to Indian Christian graduates certain difficulties such as salary inadequate to genuine needs, fear that independent expression of opinion will be penalised, opposition on the part of Christian workers to their sons taking up the same work, and a common lack of the spirit of fellowship both between Indian and non-Indian workers and among the Indian workers themselves.

We therefore recommend that in order to secure the maximum usefulness of Christian schools and colleges and the hearty co-operation in them of Indian Christian graduates, they should be encouraged to join, if possible in groups, on the basis of fellowship with those that are already in the service, both Indian Christians and foreigners, and that they be given full scope to make their contribution in the determination of the policy and programme of such institutions. We are glad to know of experiments that are being made along these lines and desire that Indian Christians should co-operate in making them a success.

Appendix II.

REPORT FOR 1922 OF THE BENGAL AND ASSAM REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

The Secretary of the Council, the Rev. A. W. Young, returned from furlough during the year but through pressure of other work felt compelled to resign the Secretaryship. The Acting Secretary, Mr. C. S. Paterson was appointed Secretary. Mr. Paterson resigned in December and the Rev. Dr. Geo. Ewan was appointed to the post.

The Committees of the Council have been more or less active during the year and the net result has been some solid work accomplished.

The Survey Committee completed the figures for the statistical returns of this area as far as they were able to gather them. At the earnest request of the Rev. A. McLeish these figures were sent to be printed. The Committee recognise that there are many omissions due to faulty returns but they feel that the figures give at least an approximate idea of the work, strength and diverse operations of the Christian forces in the area and are probably as complete as it is humanly possible to make them at any one time.

The Committee on Higher Education report that no progress has been made in the problems of a United High School and of higher theological training during the year. This Committee separately and jointly with
the Committee on Primary and Industrial Education considered the question of an Educational Council for this area. A recommendation from their joint meeting that such a Council be formed was presented to the Provincial Council and referred back to them for the preparation of a detailed scheme.

Under the auspices of the Primary and Industrial Education Committee a vacation school for Primary school teachers was held at Bishoptpur during the Puja holidays. Forty-five teachers were present for ten days representing six Missions. Half the expense was met by the fees charged and half was shared by the Missions participating. The school was most successful and plans have been made to hold another one just after Easter of next year.

The scheme proposed at the last Council meeting for the employment of two men to give their whole time to developing Christian Literature in Bengal and Assam failed to receive any support from the Missions approached and had to be abandoned. Lack of funds was the chief reason given for the refusals. A grant from the Indian Literature Fund of the N.M.C. has been obtained which will make possible the publication of two books in Bengali—a Life of St. Paul and the College St. Mark. The question of the publication in Bengali of the magazine, "The Treasure Chest" by the Literature Committee of the Council was referred back to the Committee for further investigation.

At the request of the N.M.C an investigation into the extent to which Missions are carrying on direct work amongst the Moslems was made and the Committee reports that with one or two notable exceptions no specialised work is being done. The Council passed a resolution drawing the attention of the Missions in the Provinces to this fact.

The Medical Missions Committee have been working on an average height-weight table for Bengali boys and girls, a standard dietary for schools and a system of drill and breathing exercises as a prophylactic against consumption. They hope to have definite results to report later.

Much of the Executive Committee's time as the Committee on Cooperation and Unity has been taken up in using their friendly offices in several cases of Comity. It is a matter of great regret that so far none of these have been settled. The Council in taking action on one of these cases has suspended one of the Missions concerned from membership on the Council. It is hoped that the other cases may soon be settled to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned.

The Executive Committee very carefully considered the suggestions of the Poona meeting of the N.M.C re the formation of a Christian Council in Bengal and Assam. They drew up a statement embodying their views on the matter and sent it to all the Church bodies and Missions in Bengal and Assam for consideration. Subsequently the Churches were invited to send fifteen representatives to confer with an equal number of representatives of the Council about the matter. This Conference was held at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Council and it recommended the formation of such a Christian Council and drew up the objects, functions, composition and finance for its constitution. This report was then considered by the Council and resolutions were passed approving it, with some minor alterations. This will now be sent to the Churches and Missions and it is hoped that the formation of the new Council will speedily take place.

No action was taken by the Council in regard to the Poona resolutions on officers for the N.M.C as it was brought to the attention of the Council that the proposals had undergone radical changes. The Council therefore felt that it was inadvisable to make recommendations on the original proposals.
The Treasurer reported that the finances were in a healthy condition due to the payment of a number of long outstanding arrears in subscriptions.

The delegates to the National Missionary Council were appointed as follows:

- Dr. G. Ewan — One year.
- Rev. B. A. Nag — Two years.
- Miss E. H. Rivett — Three years.

C. S. Paterson,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BIHAR AND ORISSA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS FOR 1922.

The main concern of the Council during the year has been the drafting of a new Constitution. The Executive Committee took the matter in hand and drew up a scheme setting out the proposed changes and indicating how these would affect representation in the new Council. This scheme was considered in detail at the Annual Meeting of the Council held in Ranchi, October 11–13, and approved after discussion and amendment. The new Constitution follows the spirit if not the letter of the Poona Resolutions and ensures a more representative and authoritative expression of the Christian opinion and interests of the Province than was possible under the old order.

The Council deprecates the proposal to give statutory numerical representation to any particular section of the Christian Community on the Council, either National or Provincial, and while favourable to the creation of a group of National Council officers thinks that not more than three should be appointed at present.

The outstanding features of the Annual Meeting were:
1. A comprehensive and illuminating Report on the recent Missionary Survey of the Province drawn up by the Rev. A. G. Atkins. Impressed by the facts the Council resolved on action along the following lines:
   (1) In view of the deplorable lack of workers to recommend to the Missions and Churches that a strong appeal be made for more workers and to emphasise in this connection the importance of utilizing the services of voluntary helpers. A Sub-Committee was appointed to see this matter through.
   (2) Recognizing the need for more trained pastors, evangelists, deaconesses, and biblewomen and the desirability of formulating and carrying through some United Training Scheme appoints a Sub-Committee to investigate and report to next meeting of the Council.
   (3) That as the time seems ripe for a United Evangelistic Campaign among the English speaking people of the Province remits to a Sub-Committee to consult the Missions and Churches interested and carry through if possible such a campaign under the sanction of the Council.

2. The Third Annual Report of the Advisory Board of the G.E.L. Mission, submitted by the Secretary, the Rev. I. Cannaday, was another illuminating document. It was a record of difficult work patiently done, and left with the Council the cheering impression that the day of full
autonomy, if still distant, was drawing appreciably nearer. The follow-
ing quotation reveals in some measure the service being rendered to their
brethren in Chota Nagpur by the American Lutherans—“The net cost to
the National Lutheran Council in America of financing the work of the
Advisory Board during the year was Rs. 81,934.” There is a still higher
debt in the devoted personal service of Mr. and Mrs. Cannaday and Mr.
and Mrs. Spangler lent for this important work by the Guntur Mission.
We have here a happy object lesson in Christian Co-operation. Two
important actions of the Advisory Board have to be noted.

(1) A local vacancy occurring in its membership Mr. D. M. Panna, B.A.
M.L.C., a Lutheran was appointed with the cordial approval of
Council.

(2) In accordance with the wish of the autonomous Church the Board
made a move to get Government’s permission for a deputation of
two former German missionaries to visit Chota Nagpur and study
the whole situation.

The relations of the Advisory Board with the Board of Trustees
the Church Council and other august bodies were described as
friendly.

3. Another Report that impressed the Council and moved it to action
was a ‘Report on the Progress of the Co-operative Credit Movement in
Bihar and Orissa ‘presented by the Rev. J. Jardine, Convener of the
Standing Committee on Co-operative Credit. It is significant of our
changed angle of vision that the following resolution was unanimously
adopted: “That this Council recognizing the value of the Co-operative
Movement as a branch of Christian Social Service recommends that all
Societies working in the Province give this movement an acknowledged
place among their missionary activities and encourage their missionary
and other Christian workers to establish and develop the movement in
their districts and further to train at least one worker for the definite
work of organising and supervising Co-operative Societies.”

The following Standing Committees reported to purpose:—Education
Christian Conventions, Indian Church, Temperance, Women’s Work,
Literature and Work among Young People. Arising out of these Reports
and the accompanying discussions the Council committed itself cheer-
fully to—

(1) The furtherance of the scheme for an Inter-Mission Vocational
School in Siwan, Saran District.
(2) The promotion of Christian Conventions in the Province.
(3) The necessity of making provision for the spiritual oversight of
isolated Christian families.
(4) Total Prohibition as the ultimate and Local Option as the imme-
diate goal of temperance effort in India.
(5) The necessity of shepherding the Christian young men who go to the
Industrial centres for work and training by providing suitable
Hostel accommodation.

A notable feature of the discussions was the emphasis laid on co-opera-
tive effort and the genuine desire on the part of the members to devise
ways and means of giving effect to this admirable sentiment.

In the absence of a Report from the Public Questions Committee the
Council was happily inspired to send a message of good-will to Dr. J. H.
Jowett of London wishing him God-speed in his campaign against war.
A delightful reply shows how much the message was appreciated.

The suggestion that the N.M.C. be invited to hold its next Annual
Meetings in Ranchi was received with acclamation and the invitation
telegraphed enthusiastically forthwith to the President. We count it an
honour to house the National Council within our borders, all the more since it has been long in coming. This is its first visit to Bihar and Orissa.

Devotional services were held morning and evening during the Council sessions; and the fact that they were held in the Cathedral Church was in keeping with the spirit making for unity that marked the meetings throughout.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Z. HODGE,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT FOR 1922 OF THE BOMBAY REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

The Council at its meeting in September unanimously approved the general lines of the draft constitution for the National Christian Council, and welcomed the proposal for a secretarial group of five, provided that the cost of the scheme does not lead to the curtailment of existing work on the field (the last clause, from the word ‘provided,’ being added by a majority vote of 19 to 16, the rest being carried nem. con.). The proposal of the N.M.C. for a change in the character of the Provincial Councils was also approved, and a new constitution for the Bombay Council, in accordance with the Poona proposal, was adopted by the Council.

Language School.—This was held during March, April and May at Mahableshwar, when 65 students registered. During the year 20 candidates were declared to have passed their second examination, and 30 their first examination.

Salaries in Mission Schools.—A committee of the Education Board is considering an interim report on the possibility of a uniform standard of salaries for teachers in Mission schools.

Bombay Prostitution.—In view of possible legislation on the lines of the Bombay Prostitution Report, which would result in large numbers of women being turned out of the closed houses, the Public Questions Committee is watching for the most suitable moment for action in relation to Government, and Missions and Churches are being invited to help.

Amended Christian Marriage Act.—The Council resolved to recommend that in an Amended Christian Marriage Act: (1) it is desirable to retain the present minimum permissible age; (2) that the marriage of a man with his deceased wife’s sister and of a woman with the husband of her deceased sister should not be placed in the Table of Prohibited Degrees. Any Church can make such prohibition in its own ecclesiastical law.

Marathi Literature.—The following books and pamphlets have been published during the year:

- Clayton’s Graded Bible Lessons, Book 2.
- The Story of Bamboo.
- Village Sunday School, by E. A. Annett.
- Shorter Catechism, Revised edition.

Other works are in preparation.
Gujarati Literature.—The following books and pamphlets have been published during the year:

Manhood of the Master, by Fosdick.
Twenty-four Bible Studies for Mass Movement Workers, by G. and M. Ingram, and R. John.
The Prophet and the Leper, by A. L. O. E.

Among books in preparation are the following:
Meaning of Prayer, by Fosdick.
Meaning of Service, by Fosdick.
What a Young Boy ought to know, by Stall.
The Practice of the Presence of God.
Chandra Lila.
Graded Bible Lessons, Book 1, by Clayton.
Sadhu Sundar Singh, by Mrs. Parker.
Our Lord's Teaching, by Dr. James Robertson.
The Alcohol Menace to India, by Dr. E. Landon.
Ahmed Shah's Decision, by Miss L. Marston.

It is calculated that at least Rs. 5,000 a year will be required for the salaries of the Literature Missionary and his Indian assistant and for the remuneration of authors and translators, and the Council has recommended Missions to urge their Home Boards to make special and liberal grants for this purpose.

Temperance Work.—A monthly temperance supplement has been added to the Marathi periodical Dnyanodaya, and the Gujarat Temperance News is published quarterly at the Mission Press, Surat. Plans were laid for a Temperance Conference at Nadiad. Evidence was given by members of the Committee to the Government Committee on Excise, and representations were made to Government urging the importance of providing more adequate temperance instruction, especially in primary schools.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium.—Application has been made to the Legislative Council, supported by the Surgeon General, for a grant-in-aid of one lac of rupees to be included in next year's budget for the establishment of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Union Mission Hospital for Bombay.—A committee has been appointed to report to next year's Council on proposals for a Union Mission Hospital for Bombay.

The Rev. J. McKenzie acted as Secretary after the departure on furlough of the Rev. J. F. Edwards, who is expected to return in April, 1923.

REPORT FOR 1922 OF THE BURMA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

Survey of the Field. Not much has yet been accomplished in the way of making a survey of Burma. Rev. Gordon, the present Secretary of the Committee, is working hard to get statistics by districts and may have something more definite to report later on.

Christian Education. An effort is being made to get Government to simplify its scheme of medical examinations for aided schools and to reduce the cost of same to mission bodies.

Christian Literature. (1) With the grant of Rs. 900, received from the Literature Committee of the National Council, the publication of Rev.
Whitehead’s book, *The Life of Our Lord*, in Burmese, has been taken in hand. (2) In order to prevent duplication of effort, the Burma Council and the Christian Literature Society have made an arrangement whereby the C.L.S. agrees to make the Chairman of our Literature Committee the Chairman of its Publication Committee, and we, on our part, agree to appoint as members of our Literature Committee the members of the C.L.S. Publication Committee.

**Young People’s Work.** The municipality has been approached on the subject of public playgrounds. If sufficient public sentiment can be aroused on the subject, it is thought by some that action on the part of the municipality can be secured.

**Public Questions.** (1) The municipality was approached during the year with a view to getting the age limit of children putting things in pawn raised, and a notice was received recently from the Secretary of the municipality, saying that the age had been raised from 10 to 16 years. (2) A special Sub-Committee on Temperance which is under the Public Questions Committee, was appointed in response to the request contained in Resolution 14 of the National Council. (3) The question of gambling at race courses is now under consideration and a carefully prepared resolution on the subject has been circulated to all members of the Council for consideration.

**Training of Missionaries.** (1) A Committee has been appointed to draw up rules for the examinations of missionaries in the Karen language. (2) Two examinations for candidates studying Burmese were held. The first was on October 20 and 21, 1921. The second was on May 26 and 27, 1922. At the former, seven candidates appeared for the Elementary Examination, four of whom passed. Three appeared for the Intermediate and two passed. At the second examination, seven appeared for the Elementary and five passed. Two appeared for the Intermediate and both passed. (3) A course of reading in Buddhism for the new missionaries for the first year, has been prepared. It is very elementary and is intended to acquaint new missionaries with Buddhism as we have it in Burma. This course is found in the Eighth Annual Report, 1922, on page 12.

**Revised Constitution.** The Constitution of the Council has been revised to bring it into line with the proposed new Constitution of the National Council, in so far as that provided for a larger representation of indigenous Christians. This Constitution will come into operation after the National Council has finally approved of the draft Constitution put up at the Poona Conference.

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**REPORT FOR 1921-22 OF THE CEYLON REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.**

The Executive Committee of this Council has met four times during the year and the Council has met twice. At the first meeting of the year the present Secretary asked to be relieved of his duties as Secretary, but as no one could be found to take up the Secretaryship, he consented to continue in office for another year.

On March 27 the Council had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. H. Oldham. It was regretted by all that Mr. Oldham had only an hour to spend with the Council as he had to leave for the East earlier than had been expected.

The Ceylon Sunday School Union referred to in my last report was
constituted during the year and a full-time Secretary appointed. The C.S.S.U. is affiliated to the W.S.S.A; but affiliation with the Indian Sunday School Union may be considered after the I.S.S.U. has been formally re-constructed. The C.S.S.U. is controlled by a Governing Board representative of affiliated bodies on the Ceylon Representative Council of Missions.

Most of the various Standing Committees of the Council have met regularly during the year and their findings have been submitted to the Council.

The Committee on Survey submitted its final report on March 9 and it was decided that the report be sent to the heads of the various Constituent Bodies for careful consideration and any other action they consider necessary in the interests of the Christian Church in Ceylon.

The Committee on Education gave its attention to co-operation in educational work. The principal matter discussed was the formation of a Christian Hostel for students attending the Ceylon University College. With the co-operation of the Y.M.C.A. the Hostel was opened by Principal Marrs in October last. The initial and running expenses are met by grants from the Ceylon Government and from the Constituent Bodies of the Council. Efforts had been made during the last two years to secure permission for representatives of the Constituent Bodies to visit their students attending the Government Training College, but without avail. The question was again taken up after the arrival of the new Director of Education. With the approval of the Director and the Principal of the Training College, an arrangement has been arrived at that entirely meets the wishes of the constituent bodies concerned.

The Literature Committee has had before it several important matters, but owing to the lack of funds nothing much of a practical nature has been accomplished. A revised "Programme of Advance" was drawn up and submitted to the N.M.C., and a promise of financial assistance has been received. The question of a Sinhalese Christian Newspaper formed a subject of earnest discussion. In view of the present vigorous Buddhist propaganda carried on by the press, the Committee was impressed with the urgency of the need of a Sinhalese Newspaper which would record life in Ceylon from the avowedly Christian standpoint. The Sinhalese Christians are at a considerable disadvantage as they are largely dependent upon Sinhalese Newspapers that are either strongly biased against Christianity or that give little or no space to Christian work and Christian ideals. The Council is now making an urgent appeal for financial assistance with a view to establishing a weekly paper early next year.

A Temperance and Social Welfare Committee was formed during the year. This Committee has met twice and has drawn up a detailed plan of work which includes the following matters: (1) Study of the whole field within and without the Churches and of what is being done to occupy it; possible lines of advance and points of agreement. (2) Promotion of co-operation among Christian bodies in temperance work, especially in educational temperance. (3) Work through Watch Committees, following Local Option campaigns, to put down illicit sales of liquor. (4) To represent the Churches to Government on special occasions. Arrangements are to be made for the holding of a large temperance Conference for the purpose of unitedly discussing important matters which come under the purview of this Committee.

The Propaganda Committee has considered plans for carrying on propaganda work effectively. Three methods were decided upon and are being given effect to, viz.—Lantern Lectures, Suitable Literature and Courses of Public Lectures.
The Re-Union Committee has not met during the year.
The Committee on Animistic Practices in Ceylon has drawn up a programme of work and is collecting material from a wide area.
Our delegates to the next meeting of N.M.C. are, Rev. F. L. Beven, M.A., Mr. S. de Saram and Miss C. B. Hornby.

December 5th, 1922.

TROS. GRACIE,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT FOR 1922 OF THE MADRAS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Council was held on August 17, and 18, 1922. Its time was chiefly taken up with matters of organization. The Poona Resolutions had already been approved by the Executive in February. They were referred by the Executive to Hill Conferences for discussion. With the action of these Hill Conferences before it, the Council in August took the action which has already been referred to the Council through its Executive Committee, in the following resolutions:

I. That the Constitution of the Provincial Council should be so changed as to ensure the effective representation of Churches as well as Missionary Bodies.

II. That the Madras Representative Council heartily accepts the principle of the Constitution of the National Christian Council (IV. Membership), namely, that not less than one half of the representatives from Provincial Councils to the National Christian Council should be Indians, but regrets the use of phraseology which suggests racial distinctions. This Council therefore recommends that both 1 and 2 of No. IV should be amended by some such phrase as 'shall be representative of Churches and indigenous Christian organizations' in the place of 'shall be Indians.'

III. That the name of the Council should be the National Christian Council and that each Provincial Council should be called the Representative Christian Council.

IV. That 4 be changed to read that 'the only bodies entitled to determine the policy of the Missions and Churches are the Missions and Churches themselves.'

V. That there should be appointed by the National Christian Council a Secretarial Group whose duties should be similar to those performed by Mr. J. H. Oldham and his associates at Edinburgh House.

An amendment to this was proposed 'That the Madras Representative Council agrees to the proposal of five officers to serve the National Christian Council and the Provincial Councils, suggesting, however, that one of the five shall be located in the Madras Provincial Area and act as the Secretary of the Madras Christian Council.

In view, however, of the fact that it is unlikely that the five can be appointed at once the Madras Representative Council would not press its proposal for one to be set apart as its Secretary until the whole scheme comes into effect.'
The amendment was lost, eighteen voting for and twenty against it. This vote was ordered to be recorded, after which the original motion was carried.

VI. That the Madras Representative Council approves of the proposed Constitution of the National Christian Council subject to the following amendments:

(a) That in fixing the number of representatives from any Provincial Council the Christian population and strength of Mission work in that area should be taken into consideration.

(b) That while approving generally of the proposed Constitution the Council requests the National Missionary Council to reconsider Art. VIII and more especially to consider whether for certain subjects, e.g. education, it may not be necessary to have Standing Committees.

The Reorganization of the Madras Council along the lines of the Poona Resolutions was also considered. The basis of representation is still under consideration. The Council is to be finally reorganized along the lines proposed at its next meeting.

In accordance with the recommendations of the National Missionary Council the Executive Committee proposed a Constitution and Bye-Laws for the reorganization of this Council.

A matter that has been under consideration for some time is the withdrawal from the Council of the Telugu members to form a Telugu Christian Council of their own. It is recognized, however that in the same Province there may arise need for joint consultation after such withdrawal has been effected, and a Joint Committee of the M.R.C. and Telugu Missions Conference was appointed to consider what provision should be made for such consultation. The Report of this Committee was adopted:

1. That as the Missionary Educational Council is a body affiliated to the M.R.C. we recommend that it may be also affiliated to the Telugu Christian Council as may be mutually agreed by the M.E.C. and T.C.C., and that Missions in the Telugu Area continue to be represented on the M.E.C.

2. That the Joint Examinations in Vernaculars and Knowledge of Hinduism continue with the proviso that the Board on Examinations appoint the General Convener at its Annual Meeting in the year preceding that during which the General Convener appointed is to serve, and that the Board make its report both to the M.R.C. and T.C.C.

3. If in the judgment of either Council it would be desirable that joint consultation or action be taken on any public question, such as temperance, disabilities, etc., or on any other questions, either Council may take the initiative in requesting the other Council for such co-operation. It is desirable that the Bulletin of each Council should be communicated to the members of the other Council.

4. Each Council shall recognize the President and Secretary of the other Council as Honorary members both on the Council and on its Executive. 

Adopted by the Council.

In accordance with the action of December 1 and 2, 1921, the request of the Telugu Missions Conference is now transmitted to the N.M.C. for disposal. That action was as follows:
The Committee to which was referred Executive Committee’s proposal concerning a separate Representative Council of Missions for the Telugu Missions Conference reported the following as a substitute for the Executive’s:

That the M.R.C., while naturally regretting any step which deprives it of the presence of representatives of a large section of the area hitherto included in its scope, yet sympathises with the strong feeling expressed by the Telugu Missionary Conference in favour of a separate Council for the Telugu language area. It declares its readiness to transmit the resolution of the T.M.C. to the N.M.C. Believing, however, that it is exceedingly desirable that the Telugu Council when formed should be in close affiliation with the M.R.C., the Council resolves,

1. that the Executive of T.M.C. be invited to confer with the Executive of the M.R.C. with a view to devising a scheme by which the two Councils may be effectively linked together, and

2. that in the event of such a scheme being acceptable to both executives, the whole matter be referred to the Missions concerned, and

3. that if the scheme is adopted by a decided majority of the Missions, the resolution of the T.M.C., together with the scheme of affiliation, be transmitted to the N.M.C.

Report adopted.

As for other matters before Council the following may be of interest:

1. The Telugu Literature Missionary Scheme has been adopted and Rev. F. L. Marler has accepted the appointment as Literature Missionary.

2. No less than 150 missionaries were examined during the year, November, 1921, and June, 1922 (in Telugu 67, in Tamil 53, in Kanarese 22, in Urdu 2, and in Knowledge of Hinduism 6) by the Board of Management for Vernacular Examinations.

3. The Joint Mission Institutions, viz., the Tuberculosis Sanitorium at Arogyavaram, the Women’s Medical School at Vellore and the Women’s College, Madras, all presented encouraging reports.

4. An interesting report was submitted on Training of Workers and Co-ordination of Salaries and is printed in full in the Bulletin.

5. The Educational Council, which is in affiliation with the M.R.C. has made a full survey of educational work and needs in South India. The following co-operative lines of work are about to be started:

   An L.T. Training College for Women at Madras.
   An L.T. Training College for Men at Madura. Other co-operative work chiefly in Training Schools is proposed.

   It may also be of interest to note that tentatively the Church Mission and the Mission of the United Lutheran Church have a united work now in the Noble College. It is hoped that when the matters connected with the proposed Andhra University, its location and character are once settled, this may be one of the first co-operative efforts of all Telugu Missions. The Council was much benefited by the presence of the N.M.C. Secretary at its meeting in August. Mr. Paton also interested himself in the question of a United Telugu Christian College which has no
doubt prepared the way for definite work when the University scheme is once definitely adopted.

Guntur, 11-12, 1922.

J. Aberly,
Retiring Secretary.

REPORT OF THE MID-INDIA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS FOR 1922.

At its meeting in last January the Council asked the Executive Committee to consider the advisability of increasing the membership of the Council, and as the National Council made proposals with reference to new Provincial Constitutions, the Executive Committee, at its meeting in July, prepared a draft of a new Constitution for the Mid-India Council, and this was submitted to the Council at its Annual Meeting on September 7-8. The draft, with slight changes, was approved with the understanding that further modifications might be made after the National Council meeting, and before its final adoption at the next meeting of the Council.

With reference to the proposed new Constitution for the National Council it was recommended:—

(1) That the word "National" be deleted.
(2) That the National Council meet annually instead of every second year.
(3) That the Provincial Council should not pay the expenses of the members attending its meetings.

The Committee on Comity and Co-operation presented resolutions for consideration by the National Council, relating to the Preparation of missionaries. These were adopted.

The Committee on Education reported that the C.M.S. High School in Jubulpore had been discontinued.

The Educational Union had a very profitable meeting in Jubulpore the day preceding the Council meeting. The following resolution was presented by the Educational Committee and passed by the Council:—

"Resolved that it be the sense of this Council that for the present it is desirable that the National Missionary Council retain its Committee on Education in view of the continual changes in educational policy which have a national bearing on missionary education, and that the Secretary of the N.M.C. be written to expressing this conviction of this Council and urging that whatever changes in reorganization the N.M.C. may undergo this be kept in mind."

The Union proposes to compile and publish a Children's Hymnal and a Sub-Committee is now collecting material. Another Sub-Committee is preparing a syllabus for the proposed Primary and Vocational Middle Schools, and the Council has given Rs. 100 to help in defraying expenses.

The Committee on Industrial and Agricultural Work submitted a questionnaire to be used in making a Survey of the field in its Department and the Council approved.

The Committee on Survey and Occupation reported that all the 23 districts in the Central Provinces are occupied by Missions working in them.

A small number of the Feudatory States are occupied. Valuable statistics were presented and the Council approved the recommendation
that all Missions accept the Statistical forms supplied by the National Council.

The Committee on Public Questions reported some encouraging facts regarding the progress of Temperance in the area.

A Standing Committee on Temperance was appointed by the Council.

The Literature Committee presented an extensive and valuable report concerning the "Spread of Interest in Hindi," and "The Literary Activity in Hindi."

An excellent paper by Dr. F. E. Keay on "A Program for Christian Literature in Hindi," was read and the Committee was authorized to publish it provided funds permit.

The resolutions with reference to the proposed Union Hindi Weekly provides for the managing body and the Editorial Staff, and presents a plan for financing the project for at least three years. The responses from various Missions are assuring and it is practically certain that the new Union Weekly will be launched in January or February.

The Rev. W. C. Macdougall read an interesting and thought-provoking paper on, "How to Present Christ to Educated Indians."

There was regret that the Christian and Missionary Alliance had decided to transfer their membership to the Bombay Representative Council. This was done because most of their work is in the Marathi area.

The Wesleyan Mission has again appointed a representative to the Council, and some other Missions working in the area have expressed their intentions of sending representatives.

The delegates for the January meeting of the National Council are Rev. W. C. Macdougall, Rev. Yohan Masih and Rev. F. Kilbey. Rev. D. G. Abbott was elected for three years commencing from the close of the January meeting in the place of Rev. W. C. Macdougall, retiring.

The Executive Committee remains the same, but Rev. W. B. Alexander was made President and Rev. Yohan Masih Vice-President.

D. G. ABBOTT,
Secretary.

REPORT FOR 1922 OF THE PANJAB REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was antedated by special vote of the Council to allow Mr. Oldham to attend and was held in Lahore on Feb. 7th and 8th, 39 members being present. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Miss Gibson and James M. Speers, Esq., Treasurer of the International Missionary Council and Vice-President of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the year. Great interest was aroused in the address given by Mr. Oldham in presenting his proposals, which were fully considered, the greater part of the meeting being definitely assigned for the purpose. Eventually the Council accepted Mr. Oldham's suggestions on the understanding that the selection of the five full-time Secretaries and the securing of their support would be left to the Executive Committee of the National Missionary Council and Mr. Oldham.

Co-operation and Unity.—One matter, in which the Baptist Mission and the Methodist Episcopal Church, both in Delhi, were interested had been
referred to this Committee. Two members had been deputed to go to Delhi to investigate and had reported to the Executive Committee and the two bodies concerned. The Council adopted the resolution presented by the Executive and requested the M.E. Church to withdraw from the specified section.

**Survey and Occupation.**—The Committee had confined itself to the collection of statistics. Mention was made of the difficulty of collecting these owing to the forms used by different Missions and the N.M.C. not being identical. It would greatly facilitate matters if some uniform system could be adopted by all Missions, with supplementary columns for each, if required.

**Indian Church.**—Special mention was made of the visits to India of representatives from the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Church Missionary Society and the Church of Scotland. Three Indians, including one lady for the Dehra Dun Girls' High School, had been appointed Principals of High Schools in connection with the American Presbyterian Mission.

A Special Conference consisting of an equal number of A.P. missionaries and Indian Christians met at Saharanpur in the spring and drew up certain proposals with a view to giving the Church a larger share in the administration. These were brought up for further consideration later in the year when Dr. Robert Speer was present, and accepted with certain modifications. By this plan the work done by the Mission is to be delegated to three Committees Presbyterial, Educational, Medical: American missionaries and Indian Christians being equally represented on each. In addition an Intermediary Board has been provided for, consisting of missionaries and Indians selected from the above three Committees. The duties of this Board will be to receive, modify and transmit estimates to the Home Board and to co-ordinate all the branches of work.

The Committee believed that the Indian Church was increasing its financial contributions for Christian work every year; as an example the Lahore Naulakha Presbyterian Church was mentioned, which had carried on its own pastoral work and also the Home Mission field work, which had been formerly directed by the Presbytery.

**Medical Work.**—The necessity for a sanatorium in the Panjab for tubercular diseases was again urged on the Council. A good site in a very good situation and three well-built houses, built on purpose for tubercular patients, was available at Dharmpur. Twenty cases could be accommodated and there was a site for another building. The whole was being offered for Rs. 35,000.

The Committee were considering the rates of pay in Mission hospitals with a view to securing uniformity.

Negotiations were still going on for the establishing of the Women's Christian Medical College at Ludhiana, as a Union Medical College with the help of, and under the guidance of the British Advisory Board of Medical Missions.

**European and Anglo-Indian Community.**—The Report urged that the interests and problems of the European and Anglo-Indian Community were properly among the concerns of a Missionary Council, if only because of the actual and possible relationships of the Community to missionary problems and to the Indian Christian Community.

**Mass Movements.**—The Committee had been asked for their opinions on some questions of Mission policy: (1) the relation of Christian education to the general educational policy of the new administration and to national education; (2) the place of Christian instruction in missionary institutions; (3) the recommendations of the Committee on village education. This last question had been fully discussed at the last meeting of
the Council, and a meeting of women missionaries, convened in Murree and representing several societies had also discussed it. The result of this meeting was embodied in a report which was submitted to the Executive Committee and is printed in full in the report of the Council meeting (February, 1922).

Women's Work.—During the past year a holiday home for women workers had been opened at Bhogpur in the Dehra Dun District. This had been much appreciated by workers from the Panjab and the United Provinces.

Work among Young People.—The Committee had continued their efforts to evolve ways for sustaining and stimulating the spiritual life of the young.

Temperance.—Two resolutions were adopted, one calling the attention of missionaries to the course in scientific temperance as outlined by the North India Mission of the A.P. Church, and the second urging all missionaries to assist local authorities in the cause of temperance in the event of a Local Option Bill passing at the next meeting of the Panjab Legislative Council.

Work among Moslems.—The Committee were still considering a plan to appoint one or two lecturers for special series of meetings in different parts; funds for the expenses of such meetings would be raised locally.

Indian Christian Regiment.—Special mention is made of the good work done by the Rev J. H. Stewart while Chaplain of the regiment in the following terms: “The whole Christian Community is indebted to him for the most zealous and self-sacrificing way in which he carried on the duties of the chaplaincy for two years.” Certain suggestions for the future were made, but unfortunately these will not have to be considered as the regiment has since been demobilised.

Committee on Constitution.—Owing to the changes in the National Missionary Council it was not considered wise to submit for final approval the amendments which had received the assent of the Missions but four resolutions were adopted: (1) directing this Committee to draw up new proposals along the lines suggested for the N.M.C.; (2) the Executive Committee to amend and approve this draft and forward it on to the Missions for their consideration and approval; (3) when a majority of the Missions have accepted the proposed amendments the proposed Constitution be sent out to the members of the Council as notice of amendment to the existing Constitution; (4) the proposed amendments to come up, if possible, for approval and provisional acceptance at the next annual meeting of the Council.

W. H. L. CHURCH,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE UNITED PROVINCES REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF MISSIONS, 1922.

The Annual Council Meeting was held at Lucknow on February 14th and 15th, 1922, the usual date being anticipated to enable Mr. J. H. Oldham to be present, who spoke about the political and other activities of the International Missionary Council, the outlook for Missions in education, and the proposals recently made at the N.M.C. meeting at Poona for setting up a Secretariat and changes in the constitution and name of the Council.
With reference to the N.M.C. Secretariat the Council passed the following resolution:—

That the Representative Council of Missions of the U.P. welcomes the proposal of the N.M.C. to appoint five officers whose duties shall be, working under the instructions of the N.M.C. and the Representative Councils, to collect information both in India and elsewhere and put it at the disposal of Councils, Churches and Missions and individual Christian workers, to promote common thought and prayer, and the formation of a common mind on missionary problems, and to work out the details of schemes approved by Councils. The Council believes that in this way its usefulness will be much increased and that schemes of co-operation will be actually carried out.

The Council also passed resolutions approving the draft of the new Constitution for N.M.C., and also the proposal to call an All-India Conference.

Passing to the consideration of the Constitution of the U.P. Representative Council, the Council passed the following resolutions:—

1. The Council feels that for drawing up a satisfactory Constitution it is desirable that full information should be available in tabulated form regarding the Christian forces in the area and that the plan of an electoral college for the determination of Indian representation deserves further consideration in the light of all the factors in the situation, and therefore instructs the Executive Committee to collect the necessary information and place it in the hands of members of the Council at the next meeting together with one or more schemes for constituting a Council which will be as representative as possible of the Christian agencies in the Province. Any scheme for constituting the Council should provide that at least half of the membership be Indian and one fourth of both foreign and Indian members should be women. Co-option up to one-fourth of the total representative membership is to be used, (1) to bring the Indian membership up to at least the foreign, (2) to bring the number of women members up to one fourth of the total, and (3) to secure the representation of special interests. The name of the Council shall be the Christian Council of the U.P. The proposal of the Executive Committee shall be circulated to all Missions and Indian Christian bodies in the area long enough before the next meeting of the Council to enable representations to be made to the Council as to the acceptability of the changes proposed.

2. With a view to providing for adequate Indian representation at the next meeting, the Council invites the members of the electoral body to attend as consultative members.

Among the reports made to the Council the more important were (1) that announcing the publication of a monthly Hindi paper for the use particularly of village Christians, called Desh Hitkari: a resolution of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. W. McMillan, Editor, and Mr. N. K. Mukerji, Publisher; and (2) the institution by the Local Government of Licensing Boards, for which also a vote of thanks was passed.

It should be mentioned that, in view of the presence of Mr. Oldham, the Executive Committee had invited a number of extra persons to be present at this meeting of the Council.

Since the meeting of the Council the Government of the U.P. has issued the following regulations for a Conscience Clause in the Educational Code:—

(a) No one shall be compelled to attend any religious instruction or observance as a condition of his admission into or continuance in an aided educational institution if he, or his parent
or guardian if he is a minor, objects to it and informs the authorities of the institution of his objection in writing.

(b) The time or times during which any religious observance is practised or instruction in religious subjects is given at any meeting of an educational institution shall be in the beginning or at the end of such meeting.

*Note.*—Exemption from religious instruction or observance shall take effect from the commencement of a school or college term. Applications for exemptions should, therefore, be made at the commencement of a term. But, with the sanction of the Head Master or Principal, exemption may take effect at any time during the currency of a term.

It is not unlikely that the undoubtedly favourable form that this rule has taken is in part due to a carefully considered representation made to Government on behalf of our Executive Committee.

Three months ago the Council suffered a severe blow by the sudden death of its Secretary, the Rev. Ray C. Smith of the A.P. Mission at Fatehpur. He had been our Secretary for several years and was also Secretary and Treasurer to his own Mission in the U.P. Alike for his notable gifts of organization and for his cheerful and open-hearted Christian character his loss to us all is a grave one.

*7th December, 1922.*

B. H. Fisher,

Secretary.
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- The data is organized by state or division, showing the distribution across different regions.
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**Note:** The table contains population figures in thousands. The columns represent districts within various provinces, along with their respective population and district numbers. The data is for the year 1901. The table includes provinces such as Delhi, French Territory, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kashmir, Madras, Mysore, N.W. Frontier Province, Punjab, Rajputana, and Sikkim.
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