

**MINUTES**  
of the Meeting of the Executive  
Committee of the National  
Christian Council.

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# Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council

Held at Bishop's House, Calcutta, on Thursday and  
Friday, November 22nd and 23rd, 1923.

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A meeting of the Executive of the National Christian Council was held at Bishop's House, Calcutta, on November 22nd and 23rd, 1923. There were present: The Metropolitan of India (Chairman), the Rev. I Cannaday (Treasurer), the Rev. J. C. Chatterjee, the Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Prof. S. C. Mukerji, Bishop J. W. Robinson, the Rev. Dr. F. H. Russell and the Rev. W. Paton (Secretary).

The meeting was opened with prayer, read by the Chairman, and at a later point in the proceedings he conducted a service of intercession.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were presented from the Bishop of Dornakal, the Rev. J. H. Maclean, Mr. P. O. Philip, Mrs. Holland, Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji and the Rev. J. R. Chitambar.

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**1. Vacancies.**—Miss Maya Das intimated her resignation from the Council owing to private circumstances, and Dr. Howells informed the Committee that he was to remain in England until September, 1924. There being therefore two vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Council, it was

**RESOLVED :—**

- I. (a) To nominate Miss E. H. Rivett of the United Mission High School for Girls, Calcutta, to be a Member of the Executive ;
- (b) To nominate Dr. S. K. Datta, Calcutta, as a Member of the Council and as a Member of the Executive.

Miss Rivett and Dr. Datta thereupon joined the Executive.

## **2. Minutes and Interim Minutes.**

*Minutes*: Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on January 16th, 1923 at Namkom were presented and con-

firmed. They comprised two decisions: (a) that the last Sunday in July, 1923 should be appointed as the Day of Prayer for India, and that the Chairman of the Council should select the writer of the Call to Prayer; and (b) that the next meeting of the Council should be held in the autumn of 1924,—the precise date and the place to be determined later.

*Interim Minutes*: The Secretary reported that the Government of India had been informed of the change in the Constitution of the Council passed at the meeting held in January, 1923, and that the Government of India had written conveying their decision to recognise the National Christian Council in the same way and for the same purposes as the former National Missionary Council. A letter conveying this information had been sent by the Government of India to all Provincial Governments.

It was further reported that the Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. Yohan Masih, and the Rev. Thomas Sittler had been appointed as the delegates of the Council to the meeting of the International Missionary Council held at Oxford in July, 1923.

**3. Secretary's Report.**—The Secretary reported on his work since the last meeting of the Council. A considerable amount of time had necessarily been devoted to presenting and explaining the proposals passed at the Ranchi meeting of the Council to meetings of missionaries and others in different parts of the country. He was present at the Meetings of the Councils of Bombay, Burma, Madras, Mid-India, the Punjab and the United Provinces, and at an Executive Meeting of the Bihar and Orissa Council. Time had been devoted to the furtherance of the plans for educational co-operation outlined at the Conference held at Beas (Punjab), in December, 1922, and to a scheme for the formation of a United Boys' High School in Bengal, initiated by the London Missionary Society. Assistance had been given to Mr. McKee in arranging the Conferences on Rural Education held during the summer. In the course of travelling, and especially in South India, attention had been devoted to the work of the special Committee on Theological Education appointed at Ranchi. The Secretary had acted as Secretary also of the Indian Literature Fund, and in this capacity had conferred with literature secretaries and committees in different parts of the country and carried through the annual meeting of the Committee of the Fund. The ordinary work of the office, including correspondence with Britain and America, on matters relating to Alien Missionaries, had been carried on. In addition to this, the Secretary in the latter part of the year had acted as the Joint Editor of the

*Harvest Field* after the departure of Dr. Macnicol on furlough.

4. **Treasurer's Report.**—The Rev. I. Cannaday (the Honorary Treasurer) submitted the audited statement of accounts for the financial year July 1st, 1922 to June 30th, 1923. These accounts were accepted and are as follows:—

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1923.

		<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Payments.</i>	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
To Balance on July 1st, 1922—	.. .. .						
Bank	.. .. .	8,747	7 9				
Cash with Treasurer	.. .. .	704	11 0				
Cash with Secretary	.. .. .	60	7 6				
		<hr/>		9,512	10 3		
„ Contributions from Great Britain—							
(including £354 for special arrangements, 1923, and £200 special donation per Mr. J. H. Oldham)	.. .. .	....		14,868	14 2		
„ Contributions from America	.. .. .	....		5,139	2 8		
„ Contributions from Provincial Councils—							
Mid-India	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Bombay	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Bengal and Assam	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Ceylon	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Madras	.. .. .	400	0 0				
United Provinces	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Punjab	.. .. .	400	0 0				
Burma	.. .. .	400	0 0				
		<hr/>		3,200	0 0		
„ Transfer of Literature Account	.. .. .	....		55	8 0		
„ Post Office Cash Certificates	.. .. .	...		2,090	0 0		
„ Council Meeting contributions received	.. .. .	....		254	0 0		
„ Bank Interest	.. .. .	..		213	0 7		
		<hr/>		35,333	3 8		
	TOTAL	.. .. .	....				
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By Secretary—							
Salary, Allowances and Rent	.. .. .	7,343	0 0				
Travel	.. .. .	2,392	1 0				
Office	.. .. .	1,935	6 3				
Postage, Telegrams and Cables	.. .. .	846	4 3				
Stationery and Office Equipment	.. .. .	351	0 0				
Office Rent and other charges paid by Treasurer	.. .. .	931	1 3				
		<hr/>		13,798	12 9		
„ Council Meeting, January, 1923	.. .. .	....		7,426	0 6		
„ Special Conferences	.. .. .	....		5,254	9 9		
„ Standing Committees—							
Executive	.. .. .	767	8 0				
Public Questions	.. .. .	1,328	5 6				
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Carried over	.. .. .	2095	13 6	26479	7 0		

			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	Brought Forward		2095	13	6	26479	7	0
Literature	..	..	100	4	0			
Survey	..	..	640	0	0			
Education	..	..	10	0	0			
			<hr/>			2,346	1	6
By Printing and Publishing	..	..	....			517	1	0
„ Passage	..	..	....			551	11	6
„ Audit	..	..	....			32	0	0
„ Treasurer's Expenditure and Bank Charges	..	..	....			76	14	9
			<hr/>			30,503	3	9
„ Balance at Bank and with Treasurer ..			....			4,829	15	11
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	TOTAL		...			35,333	3	8
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Examined and found correct.

(Sd.) LOVELOCK & LEWES,

Calcutta : 31st August, 1923.

Chartered Accountants.

The Treasurer further submitted an interim statement of accounts from July 1st to November 17th, 1923.

The following resolution was passed :

RESOLVED :—

- II. That the Treasurer be authorised to make payments in accordance with the sanctioned budget, and that if adjustment between different heads in the budget should be called for, the officers be authorized to sanction it.

The Treasurer pointed out that under the new arrangements the Council was actually working on the basis of the Calendar year, whereas the financial year of the Council began with the 1st of July. Reference to previous decisions showed that this financial year was adopted in order that an audited statement of a year's accounts might be submitted to the annual autumn meeting of the Council. The following resolution was therefore passed, subject to the approval by the Council :

RESOLVED :—

- III. That the financial year of the Council should date from the 1st of January and that at each biennial meeting of the Council accounts should be presented up to date and the Executive empowered to pass the audited statement and include it in the proceedings of the Council.

*Note.*—This resolution having been accepted by the Council by correspondence, a statement of accounts from July 1st to December 31st, 1923 is here given.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, July 1st to  
December 31st, 1923.

*Receipts.*

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Balance on July 1st, 1923 ..	....			4,829	15	11
„ Contributions from Great Britain ..	....			546	0	0
„ Contributions from America ..	....			11,746	3	2
„ Contributions from Provincial Councils—						
Bombay .. .. .	400	0	0			
Mid-India .. .. .	400	0	0			
				<hr/>	800	0 0
„ Contributions from other sources—						
Indian Churches .. .. .	....			261	13	0
Interest from Bank .. .. .	....			87	5	10
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TOTAL .. .. .	...			18,271	5	11.

*Payments.*

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Secretary—						
Salary, Allowances and Rent ..	....			7,205	0	0
Office Expenditure and Rent ..	....			1,913	5	3
Travelling Expenditure .. .. .	....			1,341	0	9
Postage, Telegrams and Cables ..	....			457	10	6
„ Printing, Publishing and Stationery ..	....			1,211	0	5
„ Executive Committee Meeting .. .. .	....			585	13	6
„ Expenses of Honorary Officer .. .. .	....			1,068	13	0
„ Treasurer's Expenses .. .. .	....			46	10	9
„ Audit Fee .. .. .	....			32	0	0
„ Bank Charges .. .. .	....			7	4	0
„ Literature Account, transferred to Indian Literature Fund .. .. .	....			55	8	0
„ Balance—						
At Bank .. .. .	4,051	12	8			
In Cash .. .. .	295	7	1			
				<hr/>	4,347	3 9
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TOTAL .. .. .	....			18,271	5	11

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) LOVELOCK & LEWES,

Calcutta : January, 1924.

Chartered Accountants.

5. Secretariat for 1924–25.—The Secretary reported that the Women's Foreign Mission Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland had generously consented to allow Miss E. A. Gordon of Poona to serve the Council as an honorary officer for two years from the date of her return from furlough, which would probably be in the spring of 1924. This arrangement had been made possible by the co-operation of the Girls' Auxiliary of the United Free Church of Scotland, which proposed to undertake Miss Gordon's support during the period of her service with the Council. It was further reported that Mr. W. J. McKee of Moga was permitted by the American

Presbyterian Mission to devote a part of his time to the work of the Council in fostering Rural Education. The Committee expressed its gratification at the generosity of these societies and endorsed the letters of acknowledgment already sent by the Secretary

It was further reported that Mr. K. T. Paul had been unable to accept the invitation extended to him by the Council at Ranchi, and that in spite of considerable discussion and correspondence, no other name could yet be laid before the Committee. The Executive realising the extreme importance of the appointment without delay of an Indian Joint-Secretary to the Council,

RESOLVED :—

- IV. That a committee consisting of Dr. S. K. Datta (Chairman), the Metropolitan, the Rev. I. Cannaday and the Secretary be appointed to consider names of persons suitable for the post of Indian Joint-Secretary to the Council and to nominate to the Executive.

It was further reported that the Canadian Boards had given the most careful consideration to the proposal made to them by the Council at Ranchi, and resolutions by the Canadian Boards were read conveying the heartiest interest and goodwill in regard to the work and plans of the Council. The financial position in which the Canadian Boards now found themselves had however made it impossible for them to accede to the proposals.

**6. Location of the Office of the Council.**—In accordance with the resolution passed at Ranchi, the Secretary had taken steps in regard to the transference of the office to some place less expensive than Calcutta. It was reported that a bungalow in Poona had been offered for not less than a year from March, 1924, by the United Free Church of Scotland Mission at a rental of Rs. 150 per mensem. It was therefore

RESOLVED :—

- V. That the offer of a bungalow by the United Free Church of Scotland Mission, Poona, be accepted with thanks and the Secretary be instructed to transfer the office to Poona in March, 1924, the question of a permanent location there to be considered later.

*Note.*—Owing to unforeseen difficulties, the removal to Poona has been, for the time, abandoned.

**7. Suggested formation of Christian Councils in Assam and Travancore.**—The Secretary reported that the American Baptist Mission of Assam had severed its connection with the Bengal and Assam Council on the ground that that Council was unable to devote adequate attention to Assam, and that the Bengal and Assam Council had decided to invite

the churches and missions of Assam to consider whether they desired the formation of a separate Council for the province of Assam. No official proposal was yet before the Executive, but for the guidance of the Secretary the following resolution was passed :

RESOLVED :—

VI. That if the churches and missions in the province of Assam desire the formation of a Christian Council for Assam, the Executive would be prepared to recommend the affiliation of such a Council.

The Secretary further reported that he had been informally approached by individuals in Travancore with a view to the formation of a Christian Council for Travancore. The Executive having considered the matter,

RESOLVED :—

VII. That the Executive having heard that the Secretary had been informally approached by individuals in Travancore with a view to the formation of a Christian Council in that area, express the view that if the formation of such a Council is desired by the Christian bodies in Travancore, approach should formally be made to the Madras Representative Christian Council, through which the proposal would come to the Executive.

## 8. Public Questions Committee.

*The Legal Handbook* : Prof. S. C. Mukerji reported that the preparation of the "Legal Handbook" was practically completed. The Committee considered that as the book would be of a comparatively small size it would be possible to publish it without subsidy, and it was therefore

RESOLVED :—

VIII. That Prof. S. C. Mukerji should circulate the "Legal Handbook" to the members of the Public Questions Committee for comment; that the Secretary should arrange for the publication (the Copyright to be retained by the Council); and that the Treasurer should invite the repayment from the funds set apart by the (late) South India Missionary Association, of such moneys as have been expended by the Council on the preparation of the Handbook beyond the sum previously transferred to the Council for this purpose.

9. Matters relating to Alien Missionaries.—The Secretary reported that since the last entry in the Proceedings of the National Missionary Council the following American Missionary Societies had been recommended by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America for recognition, and had been accorded recognition by His Majesty's Government under Memorandum A, Paragraph 5 :—

- (a) The American section of the Ceylon and India General Mission.
- (b) Christian Missions in Many Lands.



- (c) The Mission Board of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana.
- (d) The Mission Board of the Pentecostal Bands of the World.

The Secretary further reported that the following five continental missionary societies have been recognised by the Secretary of State for India in Council. for the purpose of Memorandum A, and that the applications for missionaries of Alien Nationality belonging to these societies for facilities to enter India would in future be dealt with in accordance with the procedure described in Memorandum A :—

- (a) The Evangelical National Missionary Society of Stockholm.
- (b) The Church of Sweden Mission.
- (c) The Swedish Alliance Mission.
- (d) The Danish Missionary Society.
- (e) The Kanarese Evangelical Mission.

**10. Rural Education.**—The Secretary reported on behalf of Mr. McKee (who was unable to be present) regarding the work he had accomplished for the Council since the Ranchi Meeting. Committees on Rural Education had been formed by the majority of the Provincial Councils and correspondence undertaken with them. The Teachers' Training Class at Moga had been opened to teacher-pupils from other areas who had a working knowledge of Urdu. A special 4 months' course on Rural Education in English had been begun in November for selected representative Indians and missionaries from various provinces. Demonstration work at Moga had been inspected by some scores of visitors from different parts of India and from certain of the Home Boards. Five Rural Education Conferences or Teachers' Institutes had been conducted in the Deccan, Telugu country, Chota Nagpur, Central Provinces and United Provinces. Literature had been prepared, including a pamphlet on the Teaching of Reading, and the regular publication of *Village Teachers' Journal* in English and Urdu. This journal is also in the near future to be issued in Telugu, Marathi and Hindi. Some work had been done by the committee appointed to prepare and publish a Curriculum on the basis of the Project Methods. The Secretary further reported that several missions were considering plans for the promotion of village teachers' training institutions similar in type to that at Moga.

**11. Industrial Education.**—The Secretary reported that it had been suggested by several people in the course of the

Conferences on Rural Education (see above) that the Council should undertake the holding of a Conference on Industrial Education on the same lines as the Conference held at Moga in December 1922. It was

RESOLVED :—

- IX. That if the Secretary found it possible to organise a Conference on Industrial Education without interfering with the efficient carrying on of the work already begun, such a Conference should be held in consultation with those immediately concerned in the work of Industrial Education.

12. **Indians in Kenya.**—A letter was read addressed to the Secretary by a prominent missionary in Kenya urging on the attention of the Christian forces in India the extreme importance of undertaking some effective Christian work in Kenya on behalf of the Indian population. It was pointed out that virtually no missionaries who were sent to Kenya came with any other preparation than that for work among Africans, and they could not be reasonably expected, in view of the engrossing nature of their work and their limited numbers, to give effective attention to the needs of the Indian population. Mention was made of proposals that had been put forward for a possible Mission by an Indian Church to the Indians in Kenya. The Committee felt that it was highly desirable that some preliminary exploration of the needs and possibility of such work in Kenya should be made. Dr. S. K. Datta, who had recently returned from a visit to Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, gave an intensely interesting account of steps which are proposed to be taken by the Y.M.C.A. in co-operation with the London Missionary Society on behalf of the Fiji Indians. After hearing this statement, the Executive

RESOLVED :—

- X. That subject to the provision of funds apart from the regular budget of the Council, Dr. S. K. Datta be invited to go to Kenya as the representative of the National Christian Council and to make a report to the Council on the possibilities of work for the Indians of Kenya being opened up by Christian bodies in India.

13. **The "Harvest Field."**—The Secretary presented a financial statement on the *Harvest Field* for the period December 1st, 1922 to October 31st, 1923, as follows :—

## THE "HARVEST FIELD."

Statement of Account, 1st December, 1922 to 31st October, 1923.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>				
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		
To Indian Subscriptions	1,522	11	8	By Printing Bills ..	1,388	8	0
„ English „	78	6	0	„ Postages ..	192	5	9
„ Advertisement Revenue ..	295	5	0	„ Sundry Expenditure	42	15	6
					1,623	13	3
				Balance in hand ..	272	9	5
<b>TOTAL</b> ..	<b>1,896</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b> ..	<b>1,896</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

It was further reported that Dr. Macnicol and Mr. J. S. Hoyland (two of the Editorial Board appointed at Ranchi) had gone on furlough and that since April Mr. J. S. Prentice of Nagpur had assumed the major responsibility for the paper, while since July the Secretary had helped with the editorial work. The *Indian Christian Review* of Bombay had been incorporated with the *Harvest Field*, and its editor (the Rev. D. A. Yardi) was assisting with the editorial work. Through the co-operation of the Secretaries of the Conference of Missionary Societies of Great Britain and of the Conference of Foreign Missions of North America extensive advertising of the paper was being carried on in those two countries. It was further reported that Mr. Hoyland did not feel that on his return to India in 1924 he would be able to devote time to the paper. In view of the relation of the *Harvest Field* to the Council and the degree of responsibility which the Secretary must unavoidably bear for it, it was decided that he should assume full editorial responsibilities. It was also felt that the name of the paper was somewhat unsuitable as entirely failing to suggest to possible new readers the scope and purpose of the paper. It was accordingly

**RESOLVED :—**

- XI. That the Rev. W. Paton be appointed Editor of the "Harvest Field" and that the name of the paper be changed to the "National Christian Council Review."

**14. The Indian Literature Fund.**—The Secretary presented an interim statement on the Indian Literature Fund, pending the publication of the annual statement. The Executive Committee appointed to carry on the work of the Fund had met in Lahore in September 1923, and having a total of almost Rs. 25,000 to allocate in grants for literature workers and for publications, had allocated Rs. 22,087 and carried forward the sum of Rs. 2,764 as a reserve. An account of the

objects to which this money was to be put had appeared in the November issue of the *Harvest Field* and in the leading Christian papers of India.

**15. The International Missionary Council.**—It was reported that the Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. Yohan Masih, and the Rev. Thomas Sittler had represented the Council at the Meeting of the International Missionary Council held at Oxford in July 1923, and that the Secretary of the Council (Mr. J. H. Oldham) had expressed his sense of the great value of the contributions made by the delegates from India. On three points definite overtures were made by the I.M.C. to the National Christian Council :

(a) *The Opium Traffic.*—Dr. A. L. Warnshuis (Joint-Secretary of the International Missionary Council) wrote conveying the resolution of the I.M.C. and inviting the co-operation of the National Christian Council. The resolution of the International Missionary Council is as follows :—

**OPIMUM.**—The Council again calls the attention of all the national organisations represented here to the increasing menace of the traffic in opium, its derivatives and other narcotic drugs all over the world, and urges upon them the importance of doing all in their power, both by their own direct action and in co-operation with other organisations, to awaken public opinion in effective support of the efforts of their own Governments to control this traffic through international agreement (a) by limiting the cultivation of the commercial poppy and the coca plant to the medicinal and scientific needs of the world, and (b) by enacting and enforcing adequate national legislation making illegal all manufacture and trade in these drugs in excess of the needs of science and medicine.

Dr. Warnshuis suggested that the Council should especially endeavour to supply information on two points : (1) There is need for an expression of Indian opinion regarding the use of opium. It has been repeatedly stated on the Advisory Commission of the League of Nations with regard to the opium traffic that there is no opinion in India against the use of opium. It is desired to ascertain whether this statement is true, and if not, what is the attitude of Indians towards the opium traffic and the use of opium in India. (2) Information is further desired as to the effect of opium as commonly used by the Indians. Unbiased medical opinion is required. The Secretary reported that since receiving these communications from Dr. Warnshuis he had got into touch with the League of Nations Union in England, and the two Anti-Opium societies in London and Edinburgh, also with the China Christian Council and the Anti-Opium Association of Peking. A special Conference on the Opium Traffic is to be convened by the League of Nations in the

autumn of 1924, and any statement prepared in India should be ready by that time. It was

RESOLVED :—

XII. That a careful statement of the points at issue should be sent to each Provincial Christian Council, and the Councils be invited to co-operate with the N.C.C. in the gathering of exact information with a view to presentation at the Conference on the Opium Traffic to be held in Europe in 1924.

(b) *The Training of Missionaries.*—Dr. Warnshuis further conveyed the resolution of the I.M.C. on the question of Training Schools in the Mission Field; the relevant portion of which is as follows :—“The Council therefore recommends that the National Christian Councils in Japan, China, and India should be asked to prepare statements regarding the future development of training facilities in their respective countries, forwarding these statements to the officers of the Council at the earliest possible time.” Further correspondence with Dr. Warnshuis showed that it is mainly, though not exclusively, language training that the enquiry is concerned with. It was

RESOLVED :—

XIII. That a statement with regard to the enquiry proposed by the International Missionary Council about the training of missionaries be communicated to the Provincial Councils and their co-operation requested.

(c) *The Place of Women in Christian and Missionary Work.*—It was reported that the International Missionary Council proposed to conduct an investigation into this subject, but the National Christian Council was not invited to take any action at this point.

16. *Committee on Higher Theological Education.*—The Secretary reported that in the course of his visits to the different parts of the country he had taken the opportunity of conferring with the members of the Committee in the different areas, and that in particular a meeting had been held in Madras at the time of the meeting of the Madras Christian Council, attended by a number of representatives of theological institutions. The Executive considered that there were two aspects of the whole subject entrusted to the Committee :—(1) the urgent problem in higher theological education presented by the difficulties in which Serampore College found itself; (2) the wider questions relating to both higher and lower theological education. In view of the uncertainty as to the funds available for the Council in 1924 it was thought inadvisable to call the entire Committee together as had been hoped, early in 1924, but as the Convocation and Senate Meeting of

Serampore coincided with the Meeting of the Episcopal Synod of India towards the end of January, it was thought best to call together at that time such members of those two bodies as were members of the Council's Special Committee on Theological Education. It was

RESOLVED :—

- XIV. That a Meeting should be called in January 1924 of members of the Theological Committee who would be in Calcutta or Serampore at that time, to consider especially the problems in the re-organisation of higher theological education raised by the situation of Serampore College.

17 **Conferences in the Near East.**—The Secretary reported that Dr. John R. Mott had communicated to him the proposal to hold a series of conferences in North Africa and the Near East on Christian work in Mohammedan Lands, with a final representative Conference at Jerusalem in April 1924 and had desired to invite delegates from India to that Conference. The Secretary had consulted representative men in India and had suggested to Dr. Mott the names of Prof. Mohammed Ismail, the Rev. M. T. Titus, and the Rev. L. Bevan Jones. It was understood that these delegates would not be formally representative of the Council, invitations being issued by Dr. Mott's committee on their own responsibility

18. **Correspondence with the Salvation Army.**—The Secretary reported that in pursuance of the resolution passed at Ranchi with regard to the disputes between missions in different parts of India and the Salvation Army, he had corresponded with General Bramwell Booth. General Booth maintained the refusal of the Army to take any part in the Provincial or National Christian Councils and made certain observations with regard to the allegations brought against the Army authorities. Further information has been received from the London Missionary Society of great difficulties caused in South Travancore by the policy of the Army. It was

RESOLVED :—

- XV. That the correspondence with the Salvation Army on the difficulties created for other Christian bodies in India by the policy of the Army should be referred to the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland for their consideration and such action as they might deem suitable.

19. **Medical Missionary Association of India.**—Dr. E. Muir, President of the Medical Missionary Association of India, was present by invitation and addressed the Executive in regard to the relation between the Medical Association and the National Christian Council. He felt that as the Association conducted both provincial and national activities an attempt

should be made to avoid overlapping between it and the medical committees of the Provincial Christian Councils. He explained that the matter had not yet been before his own Executive but invited some expression of opinion from the Executive of the Council. The Executive thanked Dr. Muir for his statement and

RESOLVED :—

XVI. That the Council, having appointed no Committee on Medical Missionary Work, regard the Medical Missionary Association as the body to which it would look for help on medical Missionary questions; and suggests to Provincial Councils that they should consider whether any overlapping exists between the Medical Missionary Association and the medical committees of the Provincial Councils and should take steps to eliminate any such overlapping.

20. Statement on Comity.—A letter from the Secretary of the Bengal and Assam Council was read pointing out that the constitutional changes in the National and Provincial Councils necessitated certain verbal changes in the statement on Comity, and further that experience in Bengal had shown certain ambiguities in the statement, which should be removed. After discussion it was

RESOLVED :—

XVII. That the Secretary present to the next Meeting of the Council a report on the verbal alterations required in the statement on Comity and on any points regarding which alteration of the statement was suggested.

21. Budget for 1924.—The budget prepared at the Ranchi meeting of the Council was scrutinised with the object of effecting economies where possible.

Alterations were made in the Budget in consequence of the decision to transfer the office to Poona and certain other economies were effected. It was

RESOLVED :—

XVIII. That the following Revised Budget be adopted for 1924 and be communicated, with explanation, to the Conferences of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and America.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Revised Budget for 1924.

	Rs.	Rs.
Salary and Rent .. .. .	..	13,600
Rent of Office, Calcutta, 2½ months .. .. .	..	250
Office expenses—		
Stenographer .. .. .	2,100	
Telephone and Chaprassi .. .. .	600	
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Travel .. .. .	..	4,600
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Carried over ..	..	20,550

		Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward ..		20,550
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Cables ..	..	..	2,500
Council Meeting ..	..	..	7,500
Executive ..	..	..	1,000
Committees and Special Conferences ..	..	..	4,000
Honorary Officers (including special provision for Rural Education) ..	..	..	4,000
Provision for furloughs and possible visit abroad ..	..	..	3,000
Contingencies ..	..	..	1,000
Salary and Rent for Indian Joint-Secretary (maximum) ..	..	..	9,000
	TOTAL		52,550

*Note.*—Arrangements have been made temporarily in Calcutta which will not cause the above budget to be exceeded.

**22. Constitutional Changes in Provincial Councils.**—It was reported that the following Provincial Councils had met since the Ranchi Meeting of the National Council and had carried through constitutional changes along the lines previously reported :

Bengal and Assam,  
Bombay,  
Burma,  
Madras,  
Mid-India,  
Punjab,  
United Provinces.

### **23. Date and Place of next Meeting of the Council.**

**RESOLVED :—**

**XIX.** That the next Meeting of the National Christian Council be held from November the 5th to 11th, 1924, and that provided suitable accommodation can be found the place of meeting be Waltair.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the Benediction.



## Appendix I.

No. F. 46/162-Jails.

From

A. LAWRENCE, ESQ., M.B.E.,  
*Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,*

To

THE REVEREND W. PATON,  
*Secretary, National Christian Council of India, Burma and  
Ceylon, 5, Russell Street, Calcutta.*  
*Home Department.*

Delhi, the 28th February, 1923.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, dated the 10th February 1923, regarding the changes in the constitution and title of the National Missionary Council, I am directed to say that the Government of India agree to recognise the National Christian Council in the same way as they did the National Missionary Council and that local Governments are being informed accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. LAWRENCE,  
*Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.*

## Appendix II.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE INDIAN LITERATURE FUND.

The Executive Committee of the Indian Literature Fund met in Lahore on September 15th, 1923. The total amount of money available for distribution was Rs. 24,851. During the year the following sums had been received from Boards in Great Britain and America :—

From London—

C.M.S.	..	..	..	£400
C.E.Z.M.S.	..	..	..	„ 80
Welsh Presbyterian Mission	..	..	..	„ 6
Other sums collected since 1920	..	..	..	„ 60
				<hr/>
				£546

Diocese of Tinnevelly .. .. . Rs. 75

From America—

Federation of Women's Societies in N. America				\$1,000
A.B.C.F.M.	..	..	..	„ 780

The sum of \$2,015 was paid in by the Methodist Episcopal Church in December 1922 and acknowledged by a typed inset in the Report of the

I.L.F., 1922. Of the sums voted in 1922, Rs. 5,000 earmarked for the support of a Hindi literature missionary was not required owing to the appointment not being made, and this sum was added to the grants received during the year.

The principle on which the grants of the I.L.F., are made is that only money actually in hand is disbursed. The Committee therefore having in hand at the date of meeting a grand total of Rs. 24,851, devoted all except Rs. 2,762 to grants, either for workers or for books,—the sum mentioned being kept as a reserve. The following recommendations were circulated to the larger Committee, appointed by the N.C.C. in January 1923, and approved :—

(A) Literature Workers—

(1) Telugu Literature Secretary.—Rev. F. L. Marler began work in January of this year, and the grant for 1924 is Rs. 1,800. The remainder is found by missionary bodies in the Telugu area.

(2) Marathi 2nd assistant to Rev. D. S. Sawarkar.—This appointment was sanctioned last year and the money then provided has proved sufficient for more than one year. The grant for 1924 will be Rs. 320.

(3) Kanarese literature assistant.—Rs. 600 was given to the Rev. E. S. Edwards for an assistant beginning with June of the present year, and a further Rs. 300 will continue the assistant until the end of 1924.

(4) New appointment.—The Committee for Christian Literature among Moslems, appointed by the N.M.C. at Ranchi, as a sub-committee of the I.L.F., urges the appointment of a literature worker to write and promote the writing of Christian literature for Moslems. The name put forward by them is that of Canon Ali Bakhsh (now retired on pension from C.M.S.), and we propose a grant of Rs. 1,000, for one year, from the beginning of October.

(5) New appointment.—An English editor for the Christian Literature Society, Madras. This proposal is given prominence in the Programme of Advance, pages 24–26. It was there laid down, and accepted by the N.M.C. in 1920, that one of the most urgent needs is for a competent man to write, promote the writing of, and edit, Christian literature in English, for the English-reading public. No appointment for this post, in spite of the urgency which was attributed to it in 1920, has been made, for the reason that C.L.S. Madras, to which body it was proposed the English editor should be related, had no name to put forward. They have now suggested the name of Dr. A. J. Appasawmy, who is uniquely qualified for this work. He is a B.A. of the Madras University, M.A. of Harvard, B.D. of Hartford Seminary, and Ph.D. of the University of Oxford. He is the joint author with Canon Streeter, of the well-known book “The Sadhu.” The proposal is not only made by the C.L.S. but backed by influential missionaries, including the Bishop of Madras. The total expenses involved by the appointment, including the office charges and some allowance for travel, are estimated at Rs. 7,500, and in the Programme of Advance it is proposed that Rs. 6,000 should be supplied by the I.L.F. and Rs. 1,500 by the C.L.S. A grant of Rs. 6,000 has been made, on the understanding that Dr. Appasawmy work under the direction of the I.L.F. Committee, being attached to the C.L.S. Madras.

The total amount proposed for Literature Workers is there-	Rs.
fore	9,420
..	..
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**(B) Grants for Publications—**

	Rs.
(1) <i>Gujrati</i> :	
“ Love of God ”—by St. Bernard, subsidy ..	100
“ Tauler’s Sermons ”— ..	500
“ Meaning of Prayer ”—by Fosdick ..	500
“ Meaning of Service ”—by Fosdick ..	500
TOTAL ..	1,600
(2) <i>Hindi and Roman-Urdu</i> :	
(a) Roman-Urdu—	
“ Metrical Psalms with Tunes ” (for Mass Movement work), by Canon Crosthwaite ..	100
“ Three Stories ”—by Danielsson ..	158
“ Graded Bible Lessons Book II, Clayton ..	251
TOTAL ..	509
(b) Hindi—	
“ Graded Bible Lessons Book III ” ..	139
“ Graded Bible Lessons Book IV ” ..	155
“ Graded Bible Lessons Book V ” ..	209
“ Nine Stories ”—Danielsson ..	107
“ Guldasta-i-Atfal Carstairs ..	81
“ Helps to the Study of the Bible ” Y. Sinha ..	264
“ Subject Index to the Bible ” Y. Sinha ..	515
TOTAL ..	1,470
(3) <i>Kanarese</i> :	
“ Bible Studies on St. John’s Gospel ”—Edwards ..	111
“ Essays on General Subjects ”—Edwards ..	55
“ Our Daily Life and Religion ”—Christlieb ..	54
“ The Might of Sacrificial Love ”—Warne ..	52
“ Graded Bible Lessons ” Book II—Clayton ..	200
TOTAL ..	472
(4) <i>Marathi</i> :	
“ Life and Teaching of Tukaram ”—J. F. Edwards ..	300
“ The Miracles of Jesus ” in verse—Salve ..	100
“ Life and Teaching of Jeremiah ”—Felt ..	300
“ Monthly Family Supplement to ‘ Dnyanodya ’ ” ..	300
TOTAL ..	1,000
(5) <i>Literature for Mohammedans</i> :	
(a) In Bengali—	
“ Islame Khoda ”—Goldsack ..	130
“ Islame Isa Nabi ”—Goldsack ..	120
“ Islame Hadis ”—Goldsack ..	250
TOTAL ..	500

(b) In Urdu—	Rs.
“Chippa Hira Khazana”—Richards ..	94
“Khilafat”—Ali Bakhsh ..	133
“The Inward Way”—Takle ..	139
“The Traditions in Islam”—Goldsack ..	192
“The Holy Spirit in Quran and in Bible”— Mylrea ..	139
“The Bible in Islam”—Goldsack ..	225
“Mohammed in Islam” ..	360
“A Moslem Seeker after God”—Zwemer ..	600
TOTAL ..	1,882

## (6) Urdu (General):

The suggestions put forward by the Punjab Religious Book Society had not been before the Literature Committee of the Punjab Christian Council and were not considered, in most cases, suitable for a subsidy. They had therefore been referred to the Punjab Christian Council Committee on literature, but the Executive proposes to reserve for this area the sum of Rs. 1,000.

(7) Sinhalese :	Rs.
“Swarna Nidhanaya” (Golden Treasury) by A. S. Amarasekara ..	337
“Christu Anuchara Vakya Sangrahaya” (Imitation of Christ)—S. de Saram ..	235
TOTAL ..	572

## (8) Madras, Christian Literature Society :

(a) Garo—	
“Garo Hymns” .. ..	200
(b) Tamil—	
“Graded Bible Lessons,” Book III ..	310
“Haridas”—A temperance story ..	180
(c) Telugu—	
“The Second Mile”—Fosdick ..	74
“Graded Bible Lessons,” Book III ..	440
“Old Testament Commentary”—MacNair ..	460
TOTAL ..	1,664

(9) A request was made by Dr. J. N. Farquhar for help in publishing volumes in the “Religious Life of India Series” and “Heritage of India Series.” The Association Press has never asked for help before, and only does so now in consequence of a number of very desirable manuscripts being available which it is unable to publish without help. In view of the proved influence of the books in Dr. Farquhar’s Series among the non-Christians as well as Christians the Committee decided to grant Rs. 2,000 to aid the following books:—

- “The Chaitanya Movement”—Kennedy.
- “Poems by Indian Women”—Mrs. Macnicol.
- “Bengali Religious Lyrics”—Thompson and Spencer.
- “History of Bengali Literature”—Paterson.
- “N. V. Tilak”—Winslow.

SUMMARY.				Rs.
Literature Workers	..	..	..	9,420
Grants for Publications—				
Gujrati	..	..	..	1,600
Roman-Urdu	..	..	..	509
Hindi	..	..	..	1,470
Kanarese	..	..	..	472
Marathi	..	..	..	1,000
Literature for Moslems—				
In Bengali	..	..	..	500
In Urdu	..	..	..	1,882
Urdu—General	..	..	..	1,000
Sinhalese	..	..	..	572
C.L.S.	..	..	..	1,664
Y.M.C.A. Association Press	..	..	..	2,000
TOTAL				22,089

The grand total available for distribution, consisting of monies received from the Literature Committees of the Conference of Foreign Missions of North America and the Conference of British Missionary Societies is Rs. 24,851. The Committee proposes to leave the remaining sum of Rs. 2,762 as a reserve.

It ought perhaps to be explained that of the sum voted in 1922 the following have not yet been paid out as the books had not been finished and demands therefore had not been presented:—

Hindi and Roman-Urdu	..	..	..	486
Marathi literature worker	..	..	..	500
Bengali	..	..	..	1,000
Gujrati	..	..	..	250
Marathi	..	..	..	550
Burma	..	..	..	900
Ceylon	..	..	..	350
Tamil	..	..	..	355
Telugu	..	..	..	405
Kanarese	..	..	..	100
Malayalam	..	..	..	183
Urdu	..	..	..	856
TOTAL				5,935

This has been deducted from the present balance to the credit of the I.L.F. in arriving at the amount given above as available for distribution.

It is gratifying to be able to say not only that a larger amount of money was disbursed for Christian literature in 1923 than was the case in 1922 but that there is abundant proof of increasing interest in the Fund among the Missionary Boards in America and Great Britain and every hope that the total amount available in the near future will be increased.

W. PATON,

*Secretary, Indian Literature Fund.*

*Note.*—Resolution on the application of the C.L.S., Madras for the appointment of Dr. A. J. Appasawmy as English editor:—

“The Executive Committee of the I.L.F. recognises the importance of the proposal for the appointment of an English editor as sketched in the Programme of Advance, pages 24–26. It agrees to the appointment of Dr. A. J. Appasawmy as a literature worker, who under the direction of the Committee of the I.L.F. shall work as an English editor in connection with the C.L.S. Madras. The Committee will guarantee the sum of Rs. 6,000 for one year from October the 1st, 1923, and will recommend the repetition of the grant for the two succeeding years on the following conditions:—

(1) that an account of the work of Dr. Appasawmy be supplied by him every six months to the Secretary of the I.L.F. for submission to the Executive ;

(2) that the I.L.F. be permitted to nominate a representative on the Committee of the C.L.S., as laid down in the Programme of Advance, page 17 (iii, a) ;

(3) that at the end of one year the situation be reviewed by the I.L.F. Committee in consultation with Dr. Appasawmy and the C.L.S. Madras, with a view to determining how far the purposes for which the grant is being made are being fulfilled.”

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