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Years 30th October 1912 (Miller Mission Inty)
to

17th January 1917. (Leontata Inty)



Miller Mission, Gomsanalant.

30th October, 1912.

12.30 pm

Which place and time the Mission Council of The Seaside met and was constituted, being opened with prayer.

Chairman

1. In the absence of the Chairman the Rev. J. H. Soga was appointed.

Minutes

2. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

3. There were present - Rev. J. H. Soga (Chairman pro tem.), James M. Auld, John W. Shering, Peter L. Hunter, and Wm. Auld (Secretary).

Re. Minutes

4. The Secretary intimated that after last meeting it was found inconvenient to have a meeting at Miller. He had accordingly, on the notice issued, called the meeting at the Bawa to suit both Presbyteries. As none of the members of the Presbytery of the Seaside could attend, he had, by telegram, changed the place of meeting to Miller realising that all those who could attend would be assembled there. The meeting supported the action of the Secretary.

Apologies

5. Apologies for absence were accepted from Revs. D. D. Young, B. J. Ross, D. D. Stormont, J. Thomson, R. Inure, W. Gavin, J. Dundie, J. A. Davidson, and W. J. Brownlee.

Re. Minutes

6. The Chairman informed the meeting that Rev. A. L. Grant was unable to attend (although at Miller) on account of severe illness. The meeting re-



-ceived this information with profound regret.

7. Read Minute 2363. of Foreign Mission Committee (23/4/1912) sanctioning an additional grant of £250 for Mount Fletcher Mission House. (Keph to him.

8. Read Minute 2412 of F.M.C. (25/6/1912) sanctioning a "Grant of £25 p.a. per child for five years for children over 10 years of age and under 18, and not more than three per one on the Missions' Children Fund at one time, a grant from any public fund of £15 and upwards to be imputed to account of this sum" Recorded

9. Read F.M.C. Minute 2416. (25/6/1912) recording receipt of M.C. Minute (no.) re. Rev. D.D. Young. Recorded

10. Read F.M.C. Minute 2416. (25/6/1912) stating that the pair of fencing should come out of the Repair fund, and that by 'local sources' is meant 'the Latin Congregation', but in the circumstances agreed to pay to Gillespie £5. 15. 0. and to Miller £6. out of the balance of the Building Repair Fund" Recorded.

11. Read Minute of F.M.C. 2416 (25/6/1912) recording findings of Meeting of Joint Councils that Rev. J.H. Davidson be continued at Mount Fletcher. Recorded

12. Read F.M.C. Minute 2416. (25/6/1912) sanctioning a Sigo Joga Bursary of £25. p. Head. B.B. James. Recorded

13. Read F.M.C. Minute 2416. (25/6/1912) postponing consideration of Pondolano Extension till the next Councils forward



their promised statement on the Peter Mackinnon Memorial Station." Recorded

14. Read 7th M.C. Minute 2417 (25/6/1912) recording that Joint Meeting of Councils contemplate issuing a Handbook of Work.
Recorded.

15. Read 7th M.C. Minute 2417 (25/6/1912) agreeing to pay the travelling expenses of the Councils two delegates to the General Missionary Conference, Cape Town, July 1912.
Read letters from the delegates Revs B. J. Ross and W. Jervis stating that expenses were respectively £6. 8. 0. and £10. 14. 1.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Foreign Mission Committee of these amounts.

16. Read 7th M.C. Minute 2417 (25/6/1912) recording funding of Joint Meeting of Councils re. Peter Mackinnon Memorial Station to effect that advice of General Missionary Conference (Cape Town July 1912) be received.

Secretary states that the delegate Revs B. J. Ross and W. Jervis had as yet sent no report. The Secretary was requested to remind delegates.

17. Read 7th M.C. Minute 2417 (25/6/1912) replying to Minute of Joint Meeting of Councils re. transference of Rev. J. A. Davidson to Tongvali. Recorded.

18. Read 7th M.C. Minute 2417. (25/6/1912) agreeing in this case to pay travelling expenses of members of Kaffrarian Mission Council to Joint Meeting held at Ghytheswood on 24th April 1912.
Recorded.



19. Read correspondence (letters from Rev. D. L. Evlake and F. M. C. Secy) and medical certificate re. health of Rev. D. L. Evlake and immediate need for Six months' furlough.

Read abstract minutes of meeting of Trustees to effect that in the absence of Rev. D. L. Evlake from Somerville, Rev. W. Davis would act as Moderator and Rev. H. Lane would have charge of schools.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Evlake had already been obliged to leave before the meeting.

Agreed to recommend to the Finance & Mission Committee the necessary furlough, and to sanction necessary departure of Rev. D. L. Evlake.

20. Read letters from Messrs Ralph Dunn Esq., H. M. Barnett Esq., and W. Auld Esq. (Elders representing this Council in last General Assembly).

Council records its gratitude for their services.

Re. Representatives to next General Assembly it was agreed to appoint Revs. D. L. Evlake, J. H. Sage, A. D. Grant, Ministers, and to re-appoint Messrs Ralph Dunn, W. Auld and H. M. Barnett, Elders.

21. Re. map read letter from Dr. Miller (6/5/1912).

The Secretary stated that the Committee were still awaiting the issue of a new map of the Parishes.

22. The Secretary stated that he had received the sum of £2.4.6 in expenses from the F. M. C. Secretary & Co.

23. Read letter from Rev. Wm Auld (Paterson) stating that



he had exchanged the mission wagon for a good Scotch
Cart, about six months old, and valued at £21.
Comal expressed its satisfaction.

24. Read letter from J. McLean Esq, Ketterworth, (19/7/1912)
resigning his seat in Mission Council.
Agreed to delete his name from the roll.

25. Re. Revised Kofar Hymn Book read letter from Principal
of Lovedale (Rev. J. Henderson) acknowledging receipt of abstract
minutes of last meeting (25/4/1912).

Discussion re. Hymn Book followed; it was then agreed -
"That mission Council instruct its Committee to arrange
with the Joint Committee for issuing a new Edition
of the Revised Kofar Hymn Book; to get estimates from
other printing firms as well as from Lovedale, on
terms more favourable than those existing; further
to arrange for a cheaper edition which might be
sold at a price not exceeding Six pence, sterling."
That Mission Council instructs its Committee to arrange
with the Joint Committee for the issue of a musical
Edition."

26. Read letter from Rev. J. Lumsden, Hon. Secretary - Executive
Board, Inter-State Native College (dated 18/9/1913) re -
-specting the Mission Council of the Churches to appoint
a representative (to represent the United Free Church
of Scotland) from one of its own members.
Agreed to postpone consideration of this matter.



27. Read Act about Collections (W.F. Church Scotland), 7 30th May 1912. Revised

28. Re. Outbuildings at Inbonda agreed that the old Committee be dissolved and a new Committee consisting of Messrs B.J. Ross, A.F. Lyon, and the Secretary be appointed to carry through the matter.
(Cf.)

29. Read letter from Rev. A.L. Grant in which he applied for six months' furlough during 1913, and giving the following reasons for his application -

- (a) That he had been 10 years a minister in South Africa.
- (b) That his eldest child, aged eight years, was deaf, and that he had been advised to take her to Great Britain for examination and treatment.
- (c) That Mrs Grant's health did not permit her to undertake the responsibility of the journey.
- (d) That his furlough would not be due till 1919, and that it was not possible to delay till then.
- (e) That he had come to South Africa at his own expense.

Read also Extract Minute of the Kaffrarian Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa re. arrangements at Inbonda during absence of Rev. A.L. Grant, Presbytery undertaking to supply.

Agreed - "That, considering all the circumstances of



the case, the Mission Council forwards the above application to the Foreign Mission Committee for its favourable consideration."

30. Read Application from Rev. J. H. Soga for Ordinary Furlough during 1913 and 1914.

Mr. Soga stated that he had completed Ten Years since his last furlough.

Read Extract Minute of the Kaffrarian Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa re. arrangements for carrying on the work at Miller during Mr. Soga's absence.

Agreed "That Mission Council recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee that Mr. Soga be granted furlough about May 1913."

31. Read the following Extract Minute of the Kaffrarian Presbytery of the ~~Kaff~~ Presbyterian Church of South Africa -
"Miller Church, Elliotdale
26th October 1912.

Which place and time the above Presbytery being duly met and constituted.

Inter alia. 5. Call from Malan to Rev. S. W. Njikelana as colleague and successor to Rev. J. Sundie -

"Returned to the Request of Malan Session re. Colleague and successor. Rev. J. M. Ando left the Chair which was taken by Rev. J. A. Soga, and moved the following motion.

"Presbytery after long and serious consideration of this



request in all its hearings, has come to the decision to advise Malan Session to withdraw its request, and to allow the work to continue as at present; or to take a part of the mission and give in full charge to a native minister; and it does so for the following reasons -

- (1) that the request is premature.
- (2) that the Church Oversea has not intimated its intention of denuding itself of its right to appoint an European missionary.
- (3) that any such appointment would not secure the object for which the request was first made by the Malan Session, namely to secure Mr. Spike-Lana's permanent services, as he would still be free to accept any call that might be presented to him.
- (4) that this is a step that is quite new and unprecedented in our Mission, and requires very careful consideration, and would require the consent of the Church Oversea.

(Read page 197 of last minute re. the subject.)

After further discussion, Rev. J. W. Stirling, with the consent of his successor Mr. Hunter, withdrew his motion. Rev. J. W. Stirling seconded Mr. Hunter's motion. Elders S. Mchaba and D. Mchaba withdrew their motion.

Rev. J. W. Hunter's motion was then put as a substantial motion when it was unanimously agreed to.



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Res. J. B. Soga moved - " That this finding be sent to the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Mission Council, with a view to obtaining the views of the Foreign Mission Committee on this whole matter, or similar cases." Seconded by Elder D. Mketche, and agreed to unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to send extract minute to the Indian Session.

Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery, by me,
 Peter L. Muntse
 Clerk of Presbytery "

Agreed " That the above extract minute be sent to the Foreign Mission Committee, and that Mission Council in forwarding the minute would inform the Foreign Mission Committee that the request referred to was one for leave to call a native minister to be colleague and successor to Mr. Dundie. The Mission Council found the minute under a very deep sense of the vital importance and the far-reaching consequence to our mission of the subject; and desires to receive clear guidance from the Foreign Mission Committee as to its policy, not only in this, but in similar cases."

32. Read the following Extract Minute of the Koppoanin Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

" Indian Church, Caledon
 26th October, 1912.



which place and time the above Presbytery, being duly met and constituted -

Inter alia 3. Application from Nation Palanca Makaluga to be received as a theological student -

"The moderator then put as the substantive motion that of the Rev. I.B. Soga - "that the applicant be accepted", which was carried without dissent. Rev. I.B. Soga then moved & seconded by Elder George Janney, "that Nation P. Makaluga be recommended for the usual help from the Gigo Soga Fund." Agreed Presbytery desired the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Secretary of the Mission Council, to furnish general information re. the resources and administration of the Gigo Soga Fund."

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery
by me, Peter S. Hunter.
Clerk of Presbytery"

Mission Council agreed that the above extract minute be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Committee with the recommendation that help from the Gigo Soga Fund, if available, should be granted to N. P. Makaluga.

93. Motion re. Standing Committee (C)

was not considered as the mover was absent.

94. Re. Future Mission House - Rev. J.M. Auld stated that the Committee's report was incomplete.



It was decided that the Committee frame their report and forward copies to all the members of Council for their opinion; and to report result to next meeting.

35. Re. Caretakers at Miller and Mbona Mission, during absence on furlough of Bros J. H. Soga and A. D. Grant (Should their furloughs be granted), it was decided to request the Foreign Mission Committee to grant the usual allowance of £1. per month for each Caretaker of Mission premises.

36. Applications for Grants from Repair Fund.

(a) Read letter from Bro. G. J. Ross requesting the sum of £6. towards Boys' Hut.

Agreed that this cannot be granted, as Mr Ross had already received a considerable sum from this fund.

(b). Read Application from Bro. J. W. Sterling for materials etc for repairs on Buchanan Mission House, estimate amounting to £21. 6. 6.

Agreed that this sum be granted if available from the Repair Fund.

A discussion then took place on "Repair Fund", and the method of allocating grants.

Agreed that a Committee consisting of Messrs Sterling and Hunter be appointed to frame rules for administration of the "Repair Fund", and to submit to next meeting for approval.



37. Re. Caretaker at Lutere Mission House from period 1st October 1911 to 30th September 1912, it was decided to request the Foreign Mission Committee to remit to the Secretary of Mission Council the sum of £12. (£1. per month).
The Secretary stated that this sum had been advanced from the Mission Council Funds.
38. Agreed to forward Extract Minute of Kaffrarian Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa and Call to Rev. J. J. Jolobe from Tuyo Soga (Matatiele) Mission to the Foreign Mission Committee for its information.
39. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Rev. J. H. Soga and to Mrs Soga for their kind hospitality.
40. Agreed that next meeting be held at Molar (if convenient) about the time of the meetings of the Presbytery of Kaffrarian, the exact date to be arranged later by the Secretary after conferring with the Clerks of the Presbytery of Kaffrarian and the Presbytery of the Transkei.

This concluded the business of the meeting which was closed with prayer at 4. pm.

23/4/1913. { John Lindie Chairman
Wm Auld Secretary



Malan Mission, Willowvale.
23rd April 1913. 10. am.

At which place and time the Mission Council of the Transkei met and was constituted, being opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Dundie.

- (1) It was agreed that Rev. J. Dundie be appointed Chairman for another six months.
- (2) The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
- (3) There were present. Revs. J. Dundie (Chairman), James M. Anel, Peter L. Hunter, J. H. Soga, and W^m Anel (Secretary).
- (4) Apologies for absence were accepted from Revs. D. D. Young, J. Thomson, B. J. Ross, D. D. Sturmont, A. L. Grant, J. W. Stirling, J. A. Davidson, W. Gavin, R. Mure, and from Dr. W. A. Soga, Alex. F. Lyon Esq., and W. J. Brownlee Esq. A.E.M.
- (5) Re. Replies from the Foreign Mission Committee, the Secretary stated that he sincerely regretted that there had been delay in forwarding the minutes of last meeting, and that therefore there were no replies as yet.
- (6) Re. Map of Area in which the work of the Council is carried on (cf.) letters from Messrs W. Gavin and R. Mure (Map Committee) were read explaining the delay in the publishing of the new



map: that the map is in Ten large Sections, and requires to be mounted before it can be sent round to missionaries for corrections; that Mr. Mure had to pay £1. for the map.

Agreed. (1). That the unmounted sections be sent to the various missionaries for inspection of Stations, and that they then be returned to the Convenor of the Maps Committee, who can forward the map in sections to the Foreign Mission Committee.

(2). That the expenses of £1. incurred by Mr. Mure, be recommended for payment by the Foreign Mission Committee, at whose request the map was ordered.

(3). That the Council regret the delay in this matter, which was unavoidable.

(7) Intera Mission House. The Committee reported that it had sent out to all members of Council Copies of their report, and that only three members had replied. A prolonged discussion took place.

It was finally agreed that Mission Council would respectfully submit to the Foreign Mission Committee the following recommendations with regard to the Mission Property at Intera -

(1) That the Mission House and but houses together with 30 acres of land be offered for the use of the native pastor at Intera at a nominal rent, such as would cover the upkeep of the



- Property, say not less than £12. per annum.
- (2). (a) That all fields on the rest of the Property be rented.
- (b). That all funds accruing from such rental be applied -
 firstly, To upkeep and improvements (a.g. fencing, etc.)
 secondly, for mission purposes in Tatura Mission -
- (c). That the management of the fields rented be in the hands of a local Committee elected by the Tatura Deacons' Court, which shall report to a Committee of Mission Council, or its representative.
- (3). That the general administration and control of Tatura Mission Property be in the hands of a Committee of Mission Council, consisting of three members, one of whom must visit the Property at least once a year, and meet with the local Committee.
- Further that this Committee report annually to Mission Council.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the above funding to the Rev. I. B. Sigg of Tatura (as an act of grace) for his private information. It was further resolved to record the thanks of the Council to the Tatura Mission House Committee (Messrs J. M. Cooles (cashier), D. D. Stormont, and J. Lundie) for the work done, and at the same



time to continue the same committee until such time as its services could be dispensed with.

The Convener of the Committee (Rev. J. M. Auld) reported:

(a) That £26. 15. 0. had been obtained from the sale of the Dispensary.

(b) That the rent for Intero Mission House (£2. 10. 0. per month) for February and March 1913, consisting of £5., had been sent to the Secretary of Mission Council.

It was decided that, for the present, all Funds accruing from Intero Mission Property, be placed in the hands of the Convener of the Committee.

(8) Proposed Peter Mackinnon Memorial Mission.

Read letter from Mr. Gavin to the effect that three Council delegates to the General Missionary Conference (Cape Town, July 1912) had forwarded their report to the Foreign Mission Committee (along with report re. Pondoland West).

Agreed "That Mission Council would recommend Southern Rhodesia as a suitable sphere for the Peter Mackinnon Memorial Mission, and Pondoland West as an alternative sphere."

Adjourned at 1. p.m.

Resumed 2.30 p.m. Adjourned the same.

Re. Needs of Pondoland West.

Read letter from Mr. Gavin in which he states, that the Committee appointed by Mission Council



forwarded its Report on Western Pondoland to the Foreign Mission Committee. (Attached to Mr. Gavin's letter was a copy of Report for inspection of Council) Agreed. "To Recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee the urgent need for relieving Mr. Gavin by establishing a new mission in Pondoland West. It bears that a Report has already been forwarded by its Committee, as instructed."

(10). Inter-State Native College - Executive Board.

Read letter from Rev. J. Lunnor, Hon. Secretary of the Inter-State Native College, Executive Board, dated 18th September 1912, stating that the Executive Board requested the United Free Church of Scotland to appoint a representative to cooperate with it. The Rev. J. Lunnor suggested that this representative be appointed by the Transkei Mission Council of the United Free Church of Scotland. Agreed: "That the appointment of such a representative be left in the hands of the Kaffrarian District Council of the United Free Church of Scotland."

(11). Furlough of Rev. B. J. Ross. Read letter from Mr. Ross enclosing medical certificate. Also read letter and telegram from Clerk of the Presbytery of the Transkei, re. proposed supply at Cunningham Mission



should furlough be granted to Mr Ross.

Agreed " That Mission Council strongly recommends to the Foreign Mission Committee that Mr Ross be granted leave to proceed home on furlough in July 1913; and that the matter of supply at Cunningham be finally settled at a meeting of the Presbytery of the Transkei, to be held some time in July, 1913. "

(12). Expenses of the Rev. J. A. Davidson.

Read letters from Mr Davidson stating that the new Mission House at Mount Fletcher had not been taken over yet (22/3/1913) from the Contractor, and applying to the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Council, for Refund of -

(a). Travelling Expenses in Removing from Durban to Mount Fletcher :-	£ 78.	19.	6
(b). Renting Rooms, etc, in Mount Fletcher :-	£ 38	0	0
Total	£ 116.	19.	6.

Agreed " To forward simpliciter to the Foreign Mission Committee, the list of expenses incurred by Mr Davidson. "

(13). Joint Meeting of Mission Councils.

Read letter from Rev J. Leano (17/2/1913), Secretary of Mission Council of Kaffrarian, suggesting September 1913, as a suitable time for a joint meeting.

It was resolved: " That the Mission Council of the Transkei do not consider that there is any



urgent need for a joint meeting at the present time. They would respectfully point out that this is owing to no lack of brotherly feeling but it is on account of the great distances separating members of Council, and the difficulties experienced in members attending meetings of the Transvaal Council itself."

(14) Re. Revised Kafir hymn book.

Mr. J. H. Soga reported that he had been trying to get the original manuscript, but without success; also the original manuscript Tunes. Agreed "That Council re-affirms its instructions of last meeting."

(15) Re. Somerville Mission - Mr Erskine's Health.

Read Minute 2491 (24/9/1912) of Foreign Mission Committee. Also read letters from Messrs. Sargin and Hure, and a telegram from meeting of Presbytery of Johannesburg requesting a missionary to take over the work at Somerville during Mr Erskine's absence. Agreed (1) "That the Rev. J. M. Ludo be instructed to write to Mr Erskine, expressing the deep sympathy of the Council at his continued ill-health. (2) That Mission Council would point out that it is absolutely impossible that the present arrangements with regard to supplying Somerville be continued longer for the



following reasons: - (a). "That the needs of Somerville Mission are such that a resident missionary is essential, and that without delay.

(b). "That the present burden laid upon Messrs Gavin and Innes is over-taxing their strength, and is impairing the efficiency of their work at their own stations."

Mission Council therefore most earnestly request the Foreign Mission Committee that a missionary be sent out without delay to Somerville, who might later be transferred to Pondoland."

(16). Re. World's Sunday School Association. A Schedule, with infinite details, was presented from the above named Association.

Agreed. That if practicable, the Secretary was to complete the schedule and forward to the proper authorities.

(17). Mr. Innes's Expenses - Somerville - Read letter from Mr. Innes submitting statement of expenses (three visits) incurred in travelling to Somerville, amounting to the sum of £1. 12. 0.

Agreed "To recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee that this sum be paid direct to Mr. Innes."

Mr. Thomson's letter - Duff. Read letter from Rev. J. Thomson (Duff Mission) dated 31st March 1913, in which



he stated that he had written "Home" for financial help to erect a fence round the Residency School site in Idutywa. The site consists of one morgen; it lies between the township and the station; and the railway passes very near to the Building. Station traffic passes within about 7 yards of the school Building, thus endangering the lives of the children. Agreed - To hold letter as read, but Mr. Thomson's action in seeking help from Home, was not approved."

(19). Mr. Ross's Letter. (7/4/1912) Read letter from Rev. B. J. Ross stating that, re. Proposal to request permission to ordain Alex. F. Lyon Esq., Vice-Principal of Glynwood, he would point out that the idea emanated from Rev. J. M. Auld, and not from himself, as some supposed.

(20). re. Transfer of former United Presbyterian Church Property into name of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Read letters (24/10/1912 re. Melan Mission), (19/12/1912) from Rev. J. Semmox, Secretary of "The South African Board of Representatives of the General Trustees of the United Free Church of Scotland" intimating that it is hoped that the whole transfer will be successfully accomplished early in 1913.

In this connection read the following extract from the Minutes of the Assembly of Messrs. of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa:-



"Melan, 22nd April 1913.

"Presbytery being met and duly constituted:—
 "Ita alia. Recd letter from Rev. J. Lunnok re. Transfer
 of Mission Property, stating that titles were now being
 prepared. On the proposal of the Rev. J. M. Auld, seconded
 by the Rev. G. B. Soga, it was agreed, that Mission
 Council be asked to make representations in the
 proper quarter against the transfer duties being
 charged in this case, seeing that there is
 no money transaction, and the parties to whom
 the property is being transferred are the same as the
 present occupants."

Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery
 by me, Peter I. Hunter, Clerk."

Agreed - "That Mission Council urges the Board
 of Trustees representing the United Free Church
 of Scotland to endeavour, if possible, to have
 the Transfer of Property effected without payment
 of the usual transfer dues in as much as there
 is no money transaction, and no passing of
 property from one party to another."

The Secretary was instructed to forward a
 copy of this finding to the Secretary of the
 Civil Board of Trustees, and also to the
 Foreign Mission Committee.



of the Foreign Mission Committee stating that allowances for two children, who are being educated away from home, are granted to Alex. F. Dixon Esq., Blythwood.

(22) Mrs Forsyth's Travelling Expenses Read Minutes 25/19 (19/11/1912) of Foreign Mission Committee agreeing to pay half Mrs Forsyth's passage home.

The secretary intimated that Mrs Forsyth had not been properly consulted in the matter; and that, in any case, she was not going home at present.

(23) Mrs. Lewis' letter re. Date of Council meeting, read letter from Mrs Lewis calling attention to the fact that hitherto Mission Council had met on the Thursday after both Presbytery meetings and not on Wednesday as in this instance (Malan).

Recorded.

(24) Furlough. Rev. J. M. Auld, 1914. Read extract minute of Presbytery of Kaffrarian ~~minutes~~ of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

Agreed "That Mission Council reports to the Foreign Mission Committee that the Rev. J. M. Auld desires to take furlough in 1914 (that he was due in 1912)"

(25) Possible Furlough - Rev. Wm. Auld, Read extract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffrarian of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.



Agreed - "That Mission Council informs the Foreign Mission Committee that the purchase of the Rev. Wm. Auld would be due in 1914, and that he might possibly desire to take it then."

(26). Re. Gift of Lantern Slides to Council by W. Briggs, Exp. Four -
March, Mithochry in 1907. Read letter (28/3/1913) from Rev. F. Ashcroft (Foreign Mission Secretary) stating that the gift had never been acknowledged by the Council, and requesting that this be done through him.

It was found that no members of Council present at the meeting knew anything of the gift. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the missionary of Emowali as there is an impression that the Lantern and Slides did reach Emowali Mission.

(27). Arrangements Inbonda - During Mr Grant's absence.
 Read extract minute (23/4/1913) of the Presbytery of Napparia of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa stating that in the event of Mr Grant's purchase being granted, the Rev. James Foloke, have general oversight of the pastoral work at Inbonda, and Rev. J. A. Davidson Superintendent the Day School.
Agreed - "To recommend these provisional arrangements to the Foreign Mission Committee."

(28). Travelling Expenses - Rev. A. E. Grant.
 A request was submitted by Mr Grant for the



payment of expenses amounting to £5. incurred while in charge of Matatiele Mission.

Agreed. "That Mission Council recommends to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of this sum to Mr. Grant."

(29) Expenses - Matatiele Central Site -

Read the following Extract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffraria of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa -

"Malan Church, Willowvale.

23rd April 1913.

At which time and place the Presbytery of Kaffraria of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, being met and duly constituted -

Inter alia "Presbytery requests the Mission Council to recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee to refund Revs A.S. Grant and P.L. Hunter their necessary expenses incurred in visiting Matatiele District in connection with fixing a Central Site for the Tuyo Soga Mission at Imbobo, Matatiele District."

Extracted from the Minutes by me,
Peter L. Hunter

Clerk of Presbytery"

Agreed "That the above minute be forwarded by the Council to the Foreign Mission Committee with the recommendation that the expenses be paid for the following reasons

(a). The site referred to is for a main station.



(b). That this place was distant two days' journey (75 miles approximately) from Galespie and Inbouda.

(c). That the only accommodation to be found was in hotels."

[The expenses of Mr Hunter amounted to £3. 14. 0.]

(30) Miller Mission Supply. Dr Soga's Offer.

In connection with the supply of Miller during the absence on furlough of the Rev. J. H. Soga, a letter, dated 14th April 1913, from Dr W. A. Soga, was read, in which Dr Soga applies to be taken on as "an honorary and unpaid agent" of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Read also the following extract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffrariania of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

"Malan Church, Willowvale C.P.

23rd April 1913.

At which time and place the Presbytery of Kaffrariania of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa being met and duly constituted:

Inter Alia - Arrangements for Miller Mission -

It being intimated that Rev. J. Henderson Soga intended leaving Miller Mission on ordinary furlough in May, the following letter from Dr W. A. Soga was read in this connection also extract minute of Miller Mission as follows.

The Presbytery gratefully accepted Dr Soga's offer of service, and his willingness to superintend Miller Mission during Rev. J. H. Soga's absence, and agreed that the Clerk



Should attend to the following matters:-

- (1). That Dr. Soga be appointed Interim Moderator of Miller Mission.
- (2). That Dr. Soga be notified to the Education Department and the General Council as Interim Superintendent of Miller Mission Schools.
- (3). That the Marriage Office be informed that Dr. Soga is a Marriage Officer, and will act in Miller Mission.
- (4). That these decisions be passed on to the Secretary of the Mission Council with the request that they be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Committee, Edinburgh, with the Councils approval.

Further, that Dr. W.A. Soga be recommended to the Foreign Mission Committee to be enrolled as an honorary agent of the United Free Church, with full status.

It was unanimously and heartily agreed to record the great joy Presbytery felt in receiving Dr. Sogas generous offer, and to express deep gratitude to God for His leading and guidance in the whole matter."

Extracted from the minutes, by me,
Peter L. Hunter

Clerk of Presbytery "

Mission Council in forwarding the request of Dr. Soga to the Foreign Mission Committee would express its



meeting to frame rules for the administration of the "Repairs Fund" be given the necessary information for the carrying out of their work.

(33) Bank Book. The Secretary tabled the bank book, and informed the meeting that the loan made to Rev. A. L. Grant had not yet been refunded.

(34) Motion re. Standing Committee for Business Purposes.

(cf. p. 10). As the mover of the motion was absent it was decided that the Chairman and Secretary, as hitherto, form such a Committee.

(35) Present Position of Presbyteries' Meetings to Council Meeting.

A discussion took place on the difficulty of getting a proper, full and representative meeting of Council, owing to the different times and places of meetings of both Presbyteries. It was pointed out that some members now could never attend a Council meeting, as it met either at some inconvenient spot or at some time that did not suit. Remedies such as a fixed place and time of meeting, the separation of Council into two Councils, were suggested, but nothing definite was decided.

(36) Salaries and Present Cost of Living.

A discussion took place on the increased cost of living owing particularly to the East Coast Famine. It was agreed to forward the following resolution to the Foreign Mission Committee:-



Mission Council desires to bring to the notice of the Foreign
 Mission Committee the very greatly increased cost of living
 existing through the Transkeian Territories due to the pre-
 -valence of East Coast Fever and the necessary restrictions
 connected therewith. For fully two years the hardships arising
 therefrom have been felt and there is little prospect
 of things returning to their normal state for years to
 come. The carriage of goods, and consequently all prices,
 have greatly increased.

The Mission Council therefore respectfully requests the
 Foreign Mission Committee to consider the desirability of
 increasing to £320 (inclusive of allowances) per annum the
 salaries of those missionaries who are not receiving at
 that rate; or otherwise of making a proportionate
 increase in salary.

Council would suggest that the Foreign Mission Committee
 confer in this matter with the missionaries from the Trans-
 -kei who will be at home.

(37) next meeting. It was agreed that next ordinary be held
 at the time and place of meeting of the Presbytery of Kaffrarian
 the date to be fixed later by the Secretary after con-
 -sulting with the Clerks of the two Presbyteries concerned.
 Further, that should a special meeting of Council be
 necessary, say about July 1913, the Secretary is
 authorised to call it, fixing place and date of
 meeting.



Meeting 23/4/1913 cont.

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This concluded the business of the meeting, which was closed with prayer at 6.30 pm.

- 21/1/1914 John Lundie (Chairman)
- 21/1/1914 Wm Auld (Secretary)

Rhythwood

5th July 1913

Which place and time the Mission Council of the Inanchei met and was constituted being opened with prayer by the Rev. R. Mure.

(1) In the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. R. Mure was appointed Chairman pro. tem.

(2) There were present: Rev. R. Mure (Chairman pro. tem), J. M. Auld, D. D. Sturmont, B. J. Ross, and Wm Auld (Secretary)



- (3). The Revs J. Lennox and D. W. Sample were associated.
- (4). The Secretary stated that the meeting was a Special one, called at the request of the Clerk of the Presbytery of the Transkei for the purpose of making arrangements for supply at Cunningham during the absence on furlough, on account of ill health, of the Rev. B. J. Ross.
- (5). Read Minute 2683 (29/4/1913) of the Foreign Mission Committee sanctioning the furlough of Mr. Ross.

Also read the following extract Minute of the Presbytery of the Transkei:-
 "at Blythwood, on Friday, 4th July 1913, which day the United Free Church Presbytery of the Transkei met in hunc effectum, and was constituted. Read letter from the Foreign Mission Committee, of 29th April, 1913, agreeing to Rev. B. J. Ross's furlough in July 1913.

The Presbytery recommended that for the next 6 months Rev. J. K. Bokwe be appointed Moderator of Cunningham Kirk Session and Chairman of Cunningham Deacons' Court, and correspondent of Cunningham Schools, in room of Mr. Ross; that the Synod of Kaffraria be asked to release Mr. Fisher for service at Kgie during Mr. Bokwe's absence; ^{along with another evangelist at Kgie during Mr. Bokwe's absence,} the salary of this extra evangelist and the travelling expenses of Mr. Bokwe and Mr. Fisher to be paid by the Foreign Mission Committee. (Extracts by R. Mure., Clerk.)"



Mission Council agreed to recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee the arrangements proposed in the above extract minute.

(6). The Rev. B. J. Ross stated that in the opinion of the Cunningham Session and the Presbytery of the Inverness the time had now arrived that Cunningham Mission be divided into two missions.

Council however agreed, that in view of the absence on furlough of Mr. Ross it would be wiser to delay the consideration of this matter until his return from Scotland.

(7). Mission Council expressed its satisfaction that the Foreign Mission Committee hoped shortly to send out a missionary for the Inverness, especially to assist in carrying on the work at Somerville Mission.

(8). The Rev. J. Lunn was given an opportunity of bringing to the notice of Council certain important matters. He stated -

(a) That with reference to the transfer of Title Deeds to Property into the name of the United Free Church of Scotland, all difficulties had been overcome, and the transfer was about to take place.

(b). That re. Question of Transfer Duties the fees may perhaps be returned, but that



this matter is still most uncertain.

(2). That a new principle is being started with regard to Lands - viz - that of charging Outrent on arable land in connection with Missions - e.g. on Evangelists' lands. This had occurred in connection with Evangelists' lands belonging to Linnampham Mission. Both Mr. Ross (the Missionary of Linnampham) and Mr. Samson (as Secretary of the Board of Trustees) had objected, but the Government had insisted that in such cases the Outrent of 15% per annum must be paid. At present there were three such cases. Was the Board of Trustees to become responsible for an indefinite number of such Land? No.

In the present instances the Board of Trustees was responsible for the Outrent, as the Title was in the name of the United Free Church of Scotland, but the Missionary of Linnampham was responsible to the Board and that he should get the 15% from each Evangelist.

- (1). That a joint meeting was desirable, if possible about April, and at Blythwood.
- (2). That the question of issuing a joint Annual Handbook (as suggested at last joint meeting of Councils) did not seem practicable. Further that it would perhaps be wiser to return the £10. sent by the Foreign Missions Committee towards helping to



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publish such a handbook, as the scheme now seemed impracticable.

Rev. J. Lunn thanked the Council for the opportunity afforded of bringing these matters to its notice.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which was closed with prayer.

21/1/1914. John Lunn (Chairman)

21/1/1914. Wm Auld (Secretary)

Butterworth, Transkei.

21st January 1914. 11 am

At which place and time the Mission Council of the Transkei met and was constituted, being opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Lunn.

It was agreed that the Rev. J. Lunn take the Chair.



- (2) The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed.
- (3) There were present, Rev. J. Dundie (Chairman), James M. Auld, D. D. Stormont, and W^m Auld (Secretary).
[a quorum - being a third of the missionaries at present in the field]
- (4) Apologies in absence were read from the following -
Mess. D. D. Young, J. Thomson, W. Gavin, R. Hume, J. W. Sterling, Peter L. Hunter, J. A. Davidson, Dr. W. A. Soga, W. T. Brownlee by a.c.m.; Alex. J. Lyon, Esq; and Mr. J. L. Hunter.
- (5) Regarding the meeting fixed at Gillespie for 15th October 1913, the Secretary stated that notices and agenda had been properly issued, but that no regular meeting had been held, as only two members had turned up at Gillespie Mission. The following record of a certain amount of business that had been done was read.

"Gillespie, Mount Lyell
15th October 1913.

At which time and place the Mission Council of the Branch (as summoned by notice of the Secretary) met.

Sedressant. Rev. P. L. Hunter, and Rev. J. A. Davidson.
In the absence of the regular Chairman and Secretary, the Rev. P. L. Hunter was appointed Chairman



pro. tem., and Rev. J. A. Davidson Secretary, pro. tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

525 The minutes of the two previous ~~minutes~~^{meetings} were read. There being no quorum it was decided that no regular meeting could be held. It was resolved however to pass on to the next regular meeting of Council the relative matters dealt with by the Presbytery of Kaffraria at its meetings held on 13th and 14th October, 1913.

(a) The Rev. J. A. Davidson reported to Presbytery that the extension of the site at Mount Fletcher applied for, had been granted by Government - the whole extent now being 5. morgen. Reported also that the Mission House had ^{now} been completed and taken over. (account of expenditure will be forwarded to next meeting).

(b). The Presbytery approved of the proposed furlough of Rev. J. M. Auld, to take effect as from April 1914.

(c). It was reported to the Presbytery by the Clerk, Rev. P. L. Hunter, that the Togo Soga Bureau of £25, referred to by the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Committee in a letter dated 1st April 1913, had not yet been sent out.



(d). The Presbytery desires to inform the Mission Council that the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society has offered to the United Free Church of Scotland, a site, in extent 23 morgen, situated at Springside (Khosana) to be used as a central station for the Tjjo Soga Mission (Matatiele). The Presbytery has gratefully accepted the offer.

(e). The Presbytery received with satisfaction the report that the transfer of the titles of the old United Presbyterian Church properties had been satisfactorily completed.

(f). That the Presbytery having given interim guarantee of the survey expenses of Miller Mission now desires to hand on, through the Mission Council, the responsibility to the Trustees.

(g). The Presbytery desires to inform the Mission Council that it has resolved to bring forward at its next meeting the question of the division of the Presbytery into two new Presbyteries.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Peter L. Hunter Chairman pro-tem.

James Allan Davidson, Secy pro-tem.

The Secretary (Rev. Wm. Auld) stated that he had forwarded to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee a copy of the above record of meeting held at Gelluspie.



Mission Council then proceeded to consider matters referred to under headings (a) to (g) inclusive.

(a). Agreed to record, as no account of expenditure had yet been sent.

(b). Recorded.

(c). Agreed to remind Foreign Mission Committee of the promise promised to Walter Palmer Makaluso, Student at Lusaka.

(d). Agreed that Mission Council takes no responsibility in the matter until it obtains more information regarding the conditions attached (if any) to the acceptance of this site, etc.

(e). Recorded.

(f). Agreed to point out that the matter of survey etc. is not a Presbytery one. It is one to be dealt with by the Resident Missionary and the Local Board, representing the General Trustees of the United Free Church of Scotland.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Rev. Dr. W. A. Soga (at present in charge of Miller Mission) to complete the application forms and to forward them to Rev. D. D. Storkow (Principal of Bethlehem), convenor of the Local Board.

Agreed to instruct the Clerk of the Presbytery of



Kaffraria that this is the procedure to be adopted in all similar cases that may arise.

(g). Recorded.

(c). Replies from the Foreign Mission Committee. (Copies of these Final Minutes were sent out to members).

A. Read Minute 2650 (25/3/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee sanctioning purchase of Rev. J.H. Soga, and Special Leave for Rev. A.L. Hunt, also granting a Bursary from Teyi Soga Fund for Walter Palmer Makelaza of £20.

The Secretary pointed out that the sum mentioned as a Bursary was £20, whereas the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee in a letter dated 21st April 1913, states that "£25 of Teyi Soga Bursary is being lent to Mr. Heie".

Agreed that the Secretary communicate with the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee about the matter.

B. Read Minute 2679 (29/4/1913) of the Foreign Mission Committee stating that it had agreed on some place in Northern Rhodesia as a suitable spot for the Walter Makelaza Memorial Station.

C. Read Minute 2682 (29/4/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee agreed the call from Malawi Division to Rev. S. W. Njikelana as colleague and Successor to Rev. J. Lundie (C. P. and indicating that there can be no Colleague and



Successor (see) appointed to a Missionary; also indicating the policy and practice to be adopted in this and similar cases.

The Secretary stated that the matter had still to be considered by the Presbytery of Appraia at its next meeting. Agreed to record.

D. Read Minute 2794 (23/9/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee in which the following matters were dealt with - :

- (1) Future Mission House, (2) Heads of Pondoland West, (3) Furlough of Mr. B. J. Ross, (4) Expenses of Rev. J. A. Davidson, (5) Heads of Somerville, (6) Furloughs of Rev. James M. Auld and Wm. Auld, (7) Bonds Arrangements, (8) Resumption by Rev. Dr. W. G. Soga of Active Mission Work, (9) Supply at Cunningham, (10) Proposed Division of Cunningham, and (11) Increased Cost of Living in Transvaal.
- Mission Council agreed:

① That the Chairman of the Future Mission Deacons' Court be forwarded a copy of the Decision of the Foreign Mission Committee re. Mission House in which it agreed that the House etc. be offered to the Deacons' Court for the use of the Native Pastor etc.)
 that the Deacons' Court be requested to state whether they accept or not, on the conditions laid down.

In this connection the Rev. James M. Auld (Censusor



of Tutira Mission Property Committee) reported that the following moneys were on hand

On hand from sale of Duponway	£ 26.	15.	0.
From February to July 1913	£ 15.	0.	0.
" November 1913 to July 1914	7.	10.	0.
	<u>£ 49.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>0.</u>

That the Rent previous to February 1913 were handed to the Secretary. That the Mission House is still occupied, one month's notice is due to Tenant if he has to quit. The monthly rental is £2. 10/. The house requires some repairs especially door handles. In view of Reply of Foreign Mission Committee, what is to be done -

Mission Council agreed (a) That the Committee be retained with power to elect another or other members in place of any who may be going on furlough.

(b) that the monies obtained from Rent should go to the Foreign Mission Committee.

②. That re. Pondoland West, no native pastor is available to take up a District in the Transkei, and so release an European Missionary to start a new mission in Pondoland; that there is urgent need for another European Missionary for Pondoland.

③. Fairbank, Rev. B. J. Ross is granted. Recorded.

④. Expenses of Rev. J. A. Davidson. Recorded.

⑤. Somerwill [Rev. M. L. Knigson sent as layman tenens for one year]. Recorded.



⑥. Furloughs, Rev. J. M. Lewis and Wm. Lewis [Granted if Council can make suitable arrangements for carrying on the work] Recorded.

⑦. ⑧. ⑨. ⑩. All Records.

⑪. Increase Cost of Living. [Special Grants of £20. each made to Revs. P. L. Hunter, J. Thomson, W. Quinn, and R. D. D. D.]

"Mission Council respectfully points out that it regrets that the Foreign Mission Committee have made distinctions between the claims of missionaries to an increase of salary. It still adheres to the request made at the meeting held at Inyan on 23rd April, 1913. It would point out that the increased scale in the cost of living is not temporary; but has in a general way, continued during the last fourteen years (since the Boer War), and this is seen in its affecting all classes of the Community, and in the various movements throughout the Country. Locally (in the Transkeian Territories) the increased cost of living has been intensified by the advent of the East Coast Fever"

In this connection a letter was read from Revs. J. H. Laga and G. L. Grant; also one from Rev. P. L. Hunter, stating that he could not accept the £20.

E. Read Minute 2705 (29/5/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee re. Retiral of missionaries on account of old age or sickness, and their rights in Courts of Church. Recorded.

F. Read Minute 2759 (5/7/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee to the effect that all appointments,



in future, to Mission Councils of nominated members one
for a period of five years, subject to reappointment
Recorded. Adjourned 1.10 pm Resumed 2.15 pm Subsequent same.

G. Read Minute 2889 (16/12/1913) of Foreign Mission
Committee stating that the fortnight of missionaries in the
South African Field would now fall due every
seven years, a 12. months' return ticket to be taken
Recorded. [The Secretary was requested to prepare a
list of fortnights due, under the new rule, during the next
few years, for the information of the Foreign Mission Committee]

(7)

Letters from Rev. J. Thomson re. Fencing School Funds.
Read all correspondence.

Mission Council would point out that all such fencing,
and repairs connected therewith, should be done locally,
as is the usual custom.

(8). Introduction - Rev. J. R. L. Kingon - Somerville - (cf. Min. 2837.7 MC)
Read letter from Rev. W. Gavin, Chairman of Committee, appointed
by Council (see correspondence), to introduce Mr. Kingon,
stating that the Committee decided that Mr. Kingon be introduced
by the Presbytery of the Transkei.

Read letter from Rev. R. Hunt, Clerk of the Presbytery of the
Transkei stating that Mr. Kingon's introduction took place
on 30th September 1913, when the work generally was handed
over to him, owing to his being unwell, some difficulty
was felt about his missions and communications.

Read letter from Mr. Kingon stating that he was at



work and enjoying it.

Read also Minute 2837 (21/10/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee stating that Mr. D.L. Watkins is improving in health, and that a further extension of sick leave by six months had been granted. It is hoped that Mr. Watkins may be out to South Africa in April 1914.

Mission Council agreed to report that Mrs. J.H.L. Hingon was introduced at Swemville on 20th September 1913. At the same time it expresses its regret that a fully ordained man was not sent out so that full relief might have been given to Rev. Mr. Gavin and Mr. Hare.

9. Revised Hymn Book. The Secretary stated that no members had been appointed by Council to represent it on the General Committee, in the absence of Rev. J.H. Soga and B.J. Ross (Home on furlough); and that the previous appointment of Mr. Alex. F. Lyons [] as a third representative was not valid without the sanction of the bodies concerned in the publishing etc. of the Hymn Book. Further that Mrs. John Harper Convenor of the General Committee had suggested the names of Rev. J.H. Bokue (at present in Charge of Campher Mission) and that of the Rev. Wm. C. (Secretary of the Trans-Kee Mission Council) as substitutes for Revs. J.H. Soga and B.J. Ross.



Union Council agreed that Alex. F. Lyon, Esq. of ~~Chatham~~ ~~Chatham~~,
and Rev. Wm. Gaird (Secretary) represent it on the General
Committee during absence of Rev. H. Lige and B. J. Ross,
with power to appoint another representative should
one of them go home on furlough or be incapacitated
from acting as representative.

Union Council would also point out to Rev. J. Harper,
Chairman of General Committee, that while recognizing the
ability of the Rev. J. H. Roberts, Jr. ^{member in ex.} ~~in ex.~~, he was not a
member of the Transatlantic Council.

The Secretary stated that Mr. A. F. Lyon and himself had
in a measure, represented the Council during the past
few months. They were both much dissatisfied with the
manner in which business of the General Committee
had been conducted, especially in the way the meetings
were called. Several important meetings had been held
at which they could not be present, principally
owing to too short notice.

On the 3rd September 1913, an important meeting had
been held in King William's Town, which they did not attend
owing to the short notice received. At that meeting the
contract for the publishing of the Second Edition had
apparently been given to the Travellers Printing Press.
They had both written ^{afterwards to the Secretary} ~~to the Secretary~~ in the name of the Council stating
that the Transatlantic Union Council could not be bound
by any finding of that meeting.



On the 19th November 1913, they had both gone to King Williams Town to attend a meeting summoned by the Council for the 20th November 1913 and on reaching there they had found out that the meeting had been postponed. Their errand proved fruitless. They could not attend the next meeting called for 15th December 1913.

The Secretary tabled a copy of minutes of the meetings of the General Committee from and including that of 3rd September 1913. There were only read. Other correspondence was tabled. Mission Council unanimously passed the following resolutions with instruction that a copy be forwarded to the Rev. J. Harper (Convener of General Committee) -

A. That Mission Council is of the opinion that its representatives during the past few months, have not received sufficient consideration in the matter of the time and place of meeting, especially in view of the importance of the matters dealt with particularly at the meeting held on 3rd September 1913: That there was undue haste.

B. That the Mission Council & the Transkei cannot hold themselves bound in any way by the decisions arrived at at meeting held on 3rd September 1913, re. 'Contract, publishing, copy-



right, cost, etc. of the proposed second Edition of the Revised Kafir Hymn Book.

C. That Mission Council does not approve of any alteration in the name of the Hymn Book without fuller and further discussion on the matter by the General Committee.

D. That Mission Council would beg to point out that the name of the proprietors of the Hymn Book does not appear on the title page thereof, but that the name of the printers appears on the outside cover, whereas it should be elsewhere in accordance with the usual printers' statutory custom.

E. That Mission Council objects to a representative of the Printing Firm which is extanting being on the General Committee.

F. That Mission Council would point out that it has received no statement as to the financial etc. position of the first Edition of the Hymn Book. It insists that before the matter of a second Edition is finally settled a full and clear statement should appear as to the first Edition.

G. That Mission Council insists, through its representatives, that the usual business method of calling a tender or tenders for a second Edition should be adhered to.



Mission Council further agreed that the expense of its representatives to meetings of the General Committee should be defrayed by Council, temporarily from the Mission Council fund, but finally from the profits of the Wynnum Brook.

(10) (a) Journal of the Rev. James M. Auld, read Minute 2794 (23/9/1913) of Foreign Mission Committee sanctioning the Journal if suitable arrangements can be made by Council for carrying on the work.

Rev. J. M. Auld stated that he was anxious to leave if possible about the beginning of March. He had no proposal regarding the carrying on of the work other than that, in the event of no better one being put forward, that the Rev. W. Auld of Malabar and Dr. Charles Auld be responsible for supervision, temporarily.

Mission Council agreed:-

- (1) That until suitable relief can be given, the Rev. W. Auld have general control of Columbia Mission, assisted, in the matter of schools, by Dr. C. Auld.
- (2) That in the event of the return of the Rev. D. I. Graham in April 1914, the Rev. J. L. Kingston be temporarily placed in charge at Columbia.
- (3) That in the event of the Rev. W. Auld taking leave about October 1914, the Rev. B. J. Ross, or



Rev. D. W. Sample be requested to temporarily super-
intend the work at Inhulu (Pateros) Mission.

(4) That should Rev. D. L. Eukhine not be able
to return soon, the Council request the Foreign
Mission Committee to consider the necessity of
sending out another ordained missionary.

(5) The Rev. Wm. Lewis stated that it was not his in-
tention to go on furlough immediately. The letter
last year to the Foreign Mission Committee was
in the form of an intimation that furlough would
be due in 1914. At present he could not
see his way to go.

(11) Joint Meeting of Councils. It was agreed that if
such a meeting was considered necessary and desir-
-able, and that if the main matter for consideration
at such a meeting was the question of honest-
-ly endeavouring to come to some solution with
regard to the lack of unity in policy etc. in our
United Free Church Missions in South Africa,
then let it be held at some centre conven-
-ient to both parties concerned.

(12) Transfer of Bibles. Read correspondence from
Rev. J. James, Secretary of Local Board of Trustees
stating that he had received the completed transfers
to the General Trustees of the United Free Church of Scotland
of the titles of the following missions - Columbia, Malan,



Jatura, Gillespie, Yungwali, Adelaide, and
 Glenethorn: the Total cost being £276. 2. 0.
 That Messrs Innes & Hunter had reduced their charge
 from £78. 1. 8. to £60. ∴ that efforts are being
 made in conjunction with other denominations to ap-
 proach Government for relief in matters of expenses
 recorded.

(13) Meetings of Council - Time and Place. The Secretary stated
 that owing to the dissatisfaction prevalent amongst
 members of Council, he had written to all and solici-
 ted their opinions re. the matter of Time and Place
 of Council meetings. Few members had replied.
 Some favoured a fixed calendar, such as Blyths-
 ward and Lunata, twice a year, at a definite
 time from the meetings of Presbytery.
 The Secretary stated that matters as they were
 at present could not go on much longer. It
 was difficult to get a quorum at any meeting to
 conduct ordinary business, still more difficult to
 obtain a larger meeting to discuss the deeper
 questions affecting our whole Mission.

Mission Council agreed: -

That the Foreign Mission Committee be requested
 to sanction the division of the present Mission
 Council into two separate Councils attached
 to the two Presbyteries, until such time as



there is greater unity, in matters of policy and organisation, in our mission fields.

(4). Representatives to General Assembly, 1914.

Read letters from Messrs Ralph Dunn, ~~Esq.~~ W. C. Caud, and H. M. Barnett. A Vote of thanks was passed to these Widors for their labours.

Agreed that the following ~~missionaries~~ Widors be appointed to represent the Council at the General Assembly 1914.

Missionaries - Revs. J. H. Soja, B. J. Ross, and James W. Caud.

Widors. Nelson R. Dunn, W. Caud, H. M. Barnett.

(5). Expenses Revs. W. Soja and H. M. Barnett. Somerville

(a) The Secretary tables a list of expenses incurred by Rev. W. Soja amounting to £2. 4. 3. for period 20th Sep^r. 1912 to 20th June 1913, in superintending the work at Somerville. He had sent these over to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee at the end of July 1913, stating that he was sure that Council would recommend the payment of the expenses.

Council supported the action of the Secretary and approved of payment.

(b). Read letter from Rev. W. Soja (9/10/1913) stating that expenses in connection with Somerville for Third Quarter



1913 were as follows -

17 th Sep. Fares	6/.
29 th Sep. Fares & accommodation	20/.
2 October	8/
Total,	<u>£1. 14.</u>

Agreed - To recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee, the payment, direct to Rev. W. Moore, of these expenses.

(c). Read letter from Rev. W. Moore (3/10/1913) giving the following list of expenses incurred in Superintendent's work at Somerville during the Second and Third Quarters of 1913 -

June 1913 - Journey by coach there and back and 6 days stay -

Fares 14/.

Meals 10/.

Accommodation on road 35/.

September 1913, Help in crossing full river 8/6

Fares and accommodation 16/.

Cheque Books - 5 - Quarters - 14/6

£4. 12. 6.

Agreed. To recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee, the payment of the above expenses, direct to Mr. Moore -

(6). Expenses of Rev. J. H. G. G. G. - Cunningham, etc.

The Secretary stated that this matter had not been considered in October, as no regular meeting had been held, and



in any case all the correspondence now tabled, had reached the Sec-
-retary too late for a meeting which might have been held then.
(a) Read letter from Rev. J. Lunnos, Senior Clerk of the Synod of Kaffaria,
dated 16th August 1913, stating that the Municipal & District and
the Education Boards there, maintain that the salary of Mr. Fisher
while in charge of high mission [sent there at the request of the
Synod of Kaffaria], should not be defrayed from Insti-
-tutional Funds but should be otherwise met.

(b) Read letter from Rev. J. Lunnos, Senior Clerk of Synod of Kaffaria
(dated 24th October 1913) enclosing abstract minute of Presby-
-tery of the Transkei; and requesting as members of
the Finance Committee of the Synod of Kaffaria that
the Foreign Mission Committee be requested to
pay the sum of £72 - being 6 months' salary
due to Mr. Fisher while acting at high mission.
The extract minute of the Presbytery of the Transkei
is as follows.

"Transkeian A. F. C. Presbytery

at Tora on Wednesday, 15th October 1913, which
day the Presbytery met and was constituted: -

Inter alia: - Read letter from the Clerk of Synod with
reference to the amount of grant which should be
asked from the Foreign Mission Committee through
the Mission Council in connection with the carrying
on of the work at high during the high missionary
absence while in temporary charge of Cunningham



Mission: the following being suggested:

(1). Mr. Fisher's salary for 6. months	£72
(2). " " Travelling Expenses	£4.
(3). " " Borknes " " "	£9.
(4). Grant for breakfast at lodge	£15
	<u>£100</u>

The Presbytery recommended that a grant as follows be asked.

(1). Mr. Fisher's Travelling Expenses for 6. months	£4.
(2) Mr. Borknes " " " " "	£12.
(3) Grant for breakfast at lodge " " "	£6
	<u>£22.</u>

and further agreed that the matter of Mr. Fisher's salary for the above 6. months is one which the Presbytery do not feel themselves in a position to deal with: it being a new matter outside of the Presbytery Minute of 4th July 1913; a matter as between the Lonsdale Convention Board and the Synod of Kaffraria. Accordingly the Presbytery respectfully refer the item to the Synod of Kaffraria for consideration.

Witnessed by
R. Mure - Clerk. "

20th Oct. 1913

(C). Read over from Rev. J. Lunnex, Convenor of Finance



Committee of the Synod of Kaffraria inquiring what action shall
the Transkei Mission Council intend to take with regard to the
application for £72. - Mr. Fisher's salary while at home.

(1). Read letters from Rev. J. K. Bokone re. his expenses and
grant for evangelists at home.

After due deliberation Mission Council agreed: -

That it recommends to the Finance Mission Committee
the following payments for the 6. months (July - Dec. 1913)
in connection with arrangements for the supply of
Cummucham Mission during the absence of Rev. B. J.
Doss -

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|---|------|
| (1) Mr. Fisher's Travelling Expenses for 6. months. | £ 4. |
| (2) " Bokone " " " " " | £ 12 |
| (3) Grant for extra evangelist at home " " | £ 6 |

It would print out at the same time £ 22.
that it did not understand at the meeting held at
Rhettsward on 5th July 1913, that by "expenses of Mr.
Fisher and Mr. Bokone." expenses, other than travelling
to home and to Cummucham respectively, were
meant: that it did not understand that the expenses
of Mr. Fisher while at home, and the Quarterly visit
of Mr. Bokone to home (while at Cummucham) were
included:

Further, that the matter of the salary of Mr. Fisher
is for the consideration of the Synod of Kaffraria:
and that in any case, this Mission Council



cannot recommend any such payment by the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the above finding to the Clerk of the Executive Synod, to the Clerk of the Synod of Massachusetts, and to the Foreign Mission Committee.

(17). Inter-State Natni College. Read Minute 2792 (22/9/1933) of the Foreign Mission Committee re. Inter-State Natni College, and requesting the opinions of Mission Councils regarding the scheme.

The Secretary stated that copies of this minute had been sent out to all the members, and he had requested them to express their individual opinions to be presented at this meeting. A few members had replied. These replies lay on the table. The Secretary had also requested the opinions of Bro. J. H. Brown (from the Natni point office) and the Rev. J. Henderson, Principal of Mount Dale. Their replies were also tabled.

Agreed that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Bro. D. S. Sturmont (Principal of Shytheswood) and the Rev. Wm. Coad (Secretary), and that they draft a reply and forward to the Foreign Mission Committee.

(18). Pondoland West. Tabled proposed scheme for the Division of Training Mission (already sent to F.M.C.).



Agreed That Council would impress upon the Foreign Missions Committee the urgent need for another European Missionary to start a new mission in Pondoland West; and that Rev. W. Gavin would be enormously relieved by the arrival of a fully sustained missionary.

- (19). (a). Application from Rev. P. L. Hunter - Hut, Ceresopie
Read letter (27/11/1913) from Rev. Peter L. Hunter requesting £12. to erect a sod hut, plastered, to be used as an office and spare-bedroom; and stating that the hut was absolutely necessary.

Agreed: that Council could not sanction any sum for such a purpose from the 'Repairs Fund'; and that it would point out that it was customary for missionaries to erect such huts at their own expense.

- (b). Read letter - Application from Mrs. Hunter - (7/10/1913) for repairs on Ross Mission House - as follows -

Plastering study and living room £ 1. 10. 0.

Papering 2. Rooms - repair roof. £ 4. 0. 0.

£ 5. 10. 0.

[This for material only]

Agreed: that the sum requested be granted from the 'Repairs Fund'.

- (20). Repairs Fund. Secretary takes letter from Secretary of Foreign Missions Commission dated 10/11/1913, stating that £70. was Repairs Grant sent out to her in the year (1913); and that under Minute 2815-



"a report on condition of the property under each Mission Council every three years" will be called for; that arrangements must be made for such a report to be ready for meeting of Foreign Mission Committee in September; and that the money must be used purely and simply for keeping the property of the mission in a state of thorough repair."

Recorded.

- (21) Mission Council Bank Book was tabled.
- (22) Malan Verandal. Read letter (24/11/1913) from Rev. J. Lumie stating that the Verandal on Malan Mission House (three sides) had now been completed at a cost to himself of £16. 10/-, over and above what he received plus interest on the money during the delay caused by East Coast Fever.

Mr. Lumie stated that he made no claim for a refund of the £16. 10/-.

Agreed. - That Mission Council expresses its satisfaction that this matter is now settled.

- (23) Next meeting. It was agreed that, if possible, another meeting of Council be held at Columba about 25th February 1914.

(4) The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to the Wesleyan Minister of Butherton for the kind use of



his Church Vestry for this meeting & Council.
This concluded the business of the meeting: which was
closed with prayer at 4.15 p.m.

16/4/1914 B. B. Morrount (Chairman)

16/4/1914 W. C. C. (Secretary)

[Forwarded to Foreign Mission Committee the following - on 3rd February
1914 - Minutes, nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23.

(with covering letter n. b. A., b. C, b. D, b. G., 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20.)]

[Sent to Clerk & Presbytery & Kaffrarian in the following on 10/2/1914 -

nos 5. (findings) b. A., 10 (a) & (b), with covering letter.

To Clerk & Presbytery of Travels - 10/2/1914.

nos 8., 16. with covering letter

To Rev. J. Lumsden, Senior Clerk (Synod Kaffrarian) on 10/2/1914. no. 16.

To . . . Secretary (Kaffrarian Mission Council) 10/2/1914 - nos. 11, 17.

To Rev. P. S. Hunter 9/2/1914 no. 19. (a).

" " B. S. Soga 9/2/1914 no. 5. (b) with covering letter.

" C. P. T. Soga (Chairman & Treasurer African Church) no. b. D. 9/2/1914.

" " J. Thomson no. 7. 9/2/1914.

" " W. Sumner 9/2/1914. nos. 15 (a) & (b), 18.

" " R. Dumas 9/2/1914. nos. 15. (c), 19. (b).

" Rev. J. Hunter (Assistant Kaffrarian) 9/2/1914. no. 9.

" Alex. J. Lyon Esq. 9/2/1914. no. 9.

" Rev. J. H. Brown 9/2/1914. Findings (no 16).

" To all Representatives concerned (6). sent no. 14 11/2/1914

" Rev. J. Soga - B. J. Ross (Edinburgh) no. 9. 10/2/1914.

" " " " " " same as to F. M. C. (above) 2nd Oct.



Blythwood.

16th April 1914. 11 am

At which place and time the Mission Council of the Tsimshian met and was constituted being opened with prayer by the Rev. D. D. Stormont.

- (1). It was agreed that the Rev. D. D. Stormont be Chairman for the ensuing year.
- (2) The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
- (3). There were present. - Rev. D. D. Stormont (Chairman), D. W. Sample, Wm. Auld (Secy.) Agreed that Mr. Duquane (vice Mr. Lyon on furlough) be associated, a quorum being obtained. (a third of the members at present in the field).
- (4). Apologies for absence were read from the following - Rev. J. W. Stirling, P. D. Hunter, G. L. Grant, J. A. Davidson, W. Gavin, R. Murray, J. Thomson, D. D. Young, Dr. W. A. Soga, and J. R. L. Kingston.
- (5). Read Minute 2916 (20/1/1914) of the Foreign Missions Committee re. Furlough of Rev. James M. Auld, expressing the hope that Council will make local arrangements for carrying on the work in the absence of Rev. James M. Auld from Columbia.



(6) Re. Somererville Mission Read letter from Foreign Mission Secretary (27/2/1914) stating that Mr. Kington is proposing to go back to Scotland to complete his theological course and is presenting a petition to the Assembly to complete his remaining subject in one year; and re-
 -questing a minute or letter testifying to Mr. Kington's work at Somererville.

The Secretary then read ^{a copy of} the letter he had forwarded with regard to Mr. Kington's work at Somer-
 -ville, which Council accepted.

Read letter from Mr. Kington stating that he wished to leave in September.

Agreed - That Mission Council respectfully bring to the notice of the Foreign Mission Committee that Mr. Kington leaves in September; and at the same time points out that as a number of missionaries are at present on furlough, those in the field will be con-
 -siderably overburdened; especially Revs W. Gavin and R. Innes. That, in the event of the Rev. J. L. Brooke being unable to re-
 -turn, another fully ordained missionary be sent out."

(7) Re. Supply - Columba Mission (p. 49.) The Secretary reported that the Rev. James M. Auld sailed for



Scotland early in March (1914); and that he was now superintending the work at Columbia as instructed by Council (p. 49).

Agreed, that in the event of the arrangements already made being unable to be carried out, the Chairman and Secretary are authorized to make necessary arrangements for carrying on the work.

(8). Blonda Mission. It was reported that the Rev. A. S. Grant had returned from Scotland and was re-
-suming work.

(9). Re. Furloughs due under new Rule (Seven Years)
A list was tabled as drawn up by the Chairman, giving an approximate idea of years when furloughs were due to each Missionary.

(10). Inter-State Nativi College Scheme. The Committee reported that no statement on the matter had been yet summarized.

(11). Suggestion - re. United Council (Kaffrine - Transkei)
Read extract from letter of the Foreign Mission Secretary (dated 30/1/1914).

Resolved postponed consideration of the matter.

(12). Repairs Fund - Applications - Estimates submitted
(a). Mellon Mission House. Letter from Rev. J. B. G. Toga (19/2/1914) was read stating that certain



repairs were needed amounting to £21. 10/.

[Painting all outside wood work, material and labour etc.]

(6). Read letter from Rev. Wm. Curo requesting that certain necessary repairs on Inuhuk Mission House be done by the Rhthwood Carpentry Department -

Estimate was submitted amounting to £35. 10/.

[Painting all outside wood work, new iron on kitchen roof, Cementing front chaise, Ceiling kitchen & Servant room, new door study etc. etc.]

Both Applications were granted by Council.

(13) - Inuhuk Mission House and Property

(a). Read letter from Rev. T. B. Soga, pastor of Lutera Mission (dated 9/3/1914) stating that as the Mission Council has not sent the reply of the Foreign Mission Committee, about the Lutera Mission Property, through the Presbytery, he does not feel at liberty to submit it to the Deacons' Court of Lutera Mission.

(b). Read letters from Mrs. Allen (Tenant - Lutera Mission House) to Rev. James M. Curo (5/2/1914) and Rev. Wm. Curo (22/3/1914) wishing to know whether Mr. Allen can obtain a twelve months lease, as he would like to effect some repairs.

Council agreed: That in view of the fact that there is no reply from the Deacons' Court of Lutera, the Committee is instructed to grant Mr. Allen



lease till the end of the year (1914). Further that the Deacons Court of Tutuā be informed that, in the opinion of Council, the whole matter is one between the human Council and the Tutuā Deacons' Court; and that no reply has yet been received from the Tutuā Deacons' Court with regard to the decision of the Foreign Mission Committee as to the Mission property at Tutuā.

(14) Revised Kaffir Hymn Book. The Secretary stated that in the absence of Rev. J. H. Soga and Rev. J. Ross on furlough (M.C. representatives on Gen. Committee), Mr. A. F. Lyon and the Secretary were representing Council.

A meeting of the General Committee was held in King Williams Town on 1st April 1914. Mr. Lyon had not been able to attend on account of illness. The Secretary was present. He tabled ^{a copy of} the minutes of the meeting which were read as follows—

"King Williams Town

1st April 1914

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Kaffir Hymn Book met for business in St. Andrew's Hall, N. W. T. Mr. Harper being in the Chair. Present: Rev. W. J. Harper, Chairman, J. Kuni



- Benson, W. Amis, and E. Makwame.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. Amis. Mr. E. Makwame was appointed to act as Secretary as the Rev. Dr. Rubusana, the Secy, was ~~absent~~ present.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Henderson that the Rev. Dr. W. Sample of Gungwani, who was present be associated.

The Chairman expressed the great pleasure they got in having a representative of the Transkei Mission Council.

The minutes of Sept. 12th and Dec. 17th 1913, and Jan. 6th 1914, were read and agreed to. The meeting of Sept. 3rd 1913 was also read for the information of the members who were not present on that occasion.

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Rubusana expressing his regret that he was not able to be present.

An abstract minute of the Transkei Mission Council was read. This minute is dated "Butterworth, 12th January 1914". It sets forth the attitude of the Transkei Mission Council to the proceedings of the Committee on the 3rd Sept. 1913, and the reasons for that attitude. The minute of the T. Mission Council was



then discussed by the Committee: It was agreed as follows:-

That the Committee expresses its regret that there has been any occasion for the T. M. Council to complain of their being unrepresented on such an important meeting as that of the 3rd Sept. 1913. When the Committee met they found that it was necessary to proceed with the printing of the Second Edition as soon as possible, that the members on this side the Sea had expected all parties would be present: and that there was no intention on the part of those who were present to act as if the absence of the Representatives of the T. M. Council was a small matter: that when the First Edition was under consideration, it was sometimes found necessary to proceed with what had to be done although the contracting parties were not all present.

That the Committee are already to receive and discuss suggestions on what was done on the 3rd Sept. 1913 but they do not consider that the said meeting was not



valid. They would point out that in some of the meetings of the Committee, the contracting parties were not always all present when the final Edition was under consideration and yet important steps were taken.

That although the question of altering the name was discussed on Sept. 30, it was agreed to make no alteration.

That the Committee agree with the suggestion of the T. M. Council to have the names of the Proprietors on the title page of the H. Book, and instruct the Sub-Committee appointed, to make corrections to see that this was carried out.

Also that the name of Lovetall on the outside cover be changed.

That the remarks of the S. M. Council re. the Representation of the Printing Firm in the General Committee was very unfortunate and the Committee hopes that it will be withdrawn. The Committee regard both the Hymn Book and the Lovetall Printing Department as part of one Mission work and that Mr Henderson's presence is proper and helpful, and that his case was not the same as that of a representative of a private firm, who



represented the interests of the firm as distinguished from the interests of the Hymen Book.

On the need of having a Financial Statement before the Second Edition was proceeded with, the Committee merely advised the T. M. Council that what Somerville was required to do in connection with the First Edition was to print 20,000 copies, and to sell those at a stated price, and that this Somerville had done. The Committee on 3rd Sept. had however made enquiry and found that Somerville had made the work at a loss to themselves. In any case the Committee do not consider that it is necessary to insist on such a statement, and that therefore this consideration should not delay the printing of the Second Edition which is urgent. - by request.

On the question of fixing the printing of the Second Edition to Somerville without calling for tenders, the Committee hoped that this would not be insisted upon. The printing of the Second Edition is now urgent. Then also when the First Edition was under consideration, the price of the book was



not the only deciding consideration. It was found that it could be done cheaper in Scotland but the delay connected with the reading of proofs, and the necessity of paying for the 20,000 copies at once, had to be considered. It is, the Committee believes, correct to say that Loredale would have no chance in competing with Scotland in any class of printing and that if the price of a book was to be the deciding consideration, the Printing Dept. at Loredale would be abandoned. The Committee on the 3rd of Sept. was guided by considerations as those now stated: considerations which had influenced the Committee who had charge of the First Edition.

The Committee still thinks that the decision of the 3rd Sept. to give the printing of the second edition to Loredale was in the circumstances the best. The point of view of the S. M. Council was fully explained by its representative and appreciated by the other members.

After full consideration of all the circumstances including the very urgent need of the Book, and the steps already taken, it was unanimously agreed that the arrangement of 3rd Sept. 1913



he adhered to with the modification, that the book was to be sold to Missionaries at the wholesale price for 6. dozen copies and to other parties for quantities not less than 250 copies.

It was suggested that a Royalty of 2nd per copy be put on the H. Book to be collected by Lowndale and distributed to the Proprietors. This would raise the wholesale price to 12^a per copy. You to refer this suggestion to the Proprietors of the Hymn Book.

It was agreed that it was necessary to have additions to the Hymn Book but by Appendices. Hymns for the young, for special occasions, and for Evangelistic meetings were required.

It was agreed that the sub-Committee appointed to see to the music be urged to proceed without delay. The Committee consist of Messrs Henderson, Soga, J. Bokue, and J. Henderson, Chairman.

It was agreed that Mr. Mr. Hunter should act for Mr. Soga during his absence, and act with him after his



return. Mr. Makwane on behalf of the sub-committee appointed to make corrections, explained that they had completed their part of the work, and that the only important change was that of changing a few hymns or rather the order of a few hymns to put them under appropriate headings: and that they had made provision by which the people would have no difficulty in using the two editions together. He stated that as suggested a Index had been prepared.

The Committee in concluding expressed its thankfulness to find that the misunderstanding which had arisen had been explained and that the work was to be proceeded without delay.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. D. W. Lempke.

Elijah Makwane
acting Secy

The Secy stated that he had expressed the views of Council, but found that individually he could not alter the decisions of previous meetings of the Committee: that the price of the second edition would be 10/- per copy, 10/- per dozen: and



missionaries would need to take a half gross, or six dozen.

Agreed - that as so many members of Council are absent, the matter be recorded, but that no change in point of view take place -

(15). Reports re. Property, Lands. The Secretary reported that information was being collected for the Foreign Mission Committee, as he understood, largely through Rev. J. Roux. Adjourned 1.15. Resumed 2.15. Agreed the same.

(16). Mission House - Mt. Fletcher.
Read letter from Rev. J. A. Davidson dated 7/2/1914, submitting balance sheet of expenditures and receipts; and stating that there was a deficit of £119. 1. 8. - Total cost of house being £1069. 1. 8.; and explaining that draught, cost of transport, and quantity of material required were reasons for the additional cost of £119. 1. 8. - that he himself, in meantime had defrayed the deficit.

The Secy stated that he had forwarded Rev. J. A. Davidson's letter and balance sheet



direct to the Foreign Mission Committee, as Rev. J. G. Davidson has requested that delay might be avoided.

Council endorsed the action of the Secretary, and recommended to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of the deficit of £119. 1. 8.

(17) Rev. D. W. Sample - Gungwali.

It was stated that Gungwali mission had now be received back into the Presbytery of Kaffraria (i.e. in the Transkei).

Agreed that Rev. D. W. Sample be enrolled as a member of the Transkei Mission Council.

(18). Re. Illness of Rev. Dr. W. A. Soga.

(a) Read letter from Mrs Soga stating that Dr Soga was unable to attend owing to a serious illness and threatened breakdown in health.

It was agreed that the Secy convey to Dr Soga the deep sympathy of Council, and to express its wish and prayer that he be speedily restored to his usual health.

(b) Read letter (26/2/1914) from Rev. Dr. Soga expressing his gratitude to Council for its kind welcome to him on resuming his own work, and desiring it to convey to the Foreign Mission Committee



his great joy in receiving their sincere and hearty welcome extended to him in again taking up Acting mission work.

(19). Applicants for work under Canal
Read letter (20/3/1914) from a "Rev. Bennett" (sp. Howick), dated applying to fill a vacancy for six months or a year. There were no credentials. Agreed to leave the matter in hands of Chairman and Secretary for consideration.

(20). Magazine Club: Read letter from Rev. James Webster (24/2/1914). Joint F. M. Secy. re. starting of a Magazine Club - sending of periodicals to some Centre and allocated to various known F. M. Secy. - Agreed that all members who favour idea communicate with Rev. James Webster.

(21). Letters from Representatives - Jan. Ass. 1914
Read letter (19/3/1914) from Mr. H. M. Burnett, thanking Council for nomination.

(22). Re. Prof. Mrs. Death - vacant Chair, Glasgow College
Read letter (23/1/1914) from J. J. McCandlish, Secy. College Committee, inviting nomination to reach Edinburgh not later than 15th April 1914.
Recorded - (Too late. No meeting in time)

(23). Re. "Record"

Read letter from Editor of "Record" (W. F. Clark Magazine) inviting missionaries to contribute



interesting articles from time to time re. their work
 Recorded - (Secretary if necessary to send copies
 of letters to members of Council)

(24). Fort Hare Examination, Rev. D. W. Simple - Engwale
 Rev. D. W. Simple expressed his desire to be examined
 in the near future.

The Secretary tabled Syllabus left by Rev. D. L. Gosling,
 one of the examiners. There being doubt as to who
 the present examiners were, it was agreed that
 the Rev. W. S. Jani ^{examine} take the written part, and Rev.
 W. S. Jani take the oral.

(25). Re. Price of map of Transkei (in Foreign Mission Committee)
 Read letter (24/2/1914) from Rev. R. Mure stating that he
 had received £1. for mounting of map: but that he still
 was due £1. for price of map.

Agreed to recommend to the Foreign Mission Com-
 mittee the payment to Mr. Mure of this sum.

(26). Re. Engwale Mission - Transfer to Kaffrarian Presbytery.
 Read extract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffrarian
 of the Presbyterian Church South Africa as follows -

"Makulu Mission

11th April 1914.

Which time and place the Presbytery of Kaffrarian
 being met and constituted -

Inter Alia - 6. Reception of Engwale: The
 Convenor of this Committee (Rev. C. Koto) re-



- reported that Rev Wm Aird and himself had visited Gungwali on Sunday, 8th February 1914. They had first met with the Session reading the Extract Minute of Presbytery explaining the purpose of their visit - viz - to receive and welcome back Gungwali Mission to their Presbytery. Two services were held; words of welcome were addressed to Mission Session and congregation.

The Committee was instructed to convey to Presbytery the gratitude and joy of Gungwali Mission on its being again connected with its old Presbytery.

It was agreed by Presbytery, that an Extract Minute on the matter be forwarded to the Glasgow Mission Council.

Extracted from Minutes
of Presbytery by me
Wm Aird
" Clerk pro tem."

Agreed - To forward the above Extract Minute to the Glasgow Mission Council for its information.

(27) Re. Theological Students at Lovedale
Read the following Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Kaffrariania of the Pres-



-byterian Church of South Africa -

Mbala Mission.

13th April 1914.

which time and place the Presbytery of Kaffernia being met and constituted: -

Item also 13. - Theological Students - Read letters from the Principal of Lovedale, and the Rev. J. Lemmer, to the effect that Messrs J. B. James and N. P. Makalanga were both doing well and exerting a good influence at Lovedale Institution. Presbytery expressed its satisfaction, and desired that this information be conveyed to the Foreign Mission Committee through the Mission Council.

Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery by me
W. E. Lued

Check pro. tem.

Agreed. That this minute be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Committee; and that the Annual Bursaries of £25. each be paid for these students -

(28)

Re. Resignation of Rev. C. Kote from Nessimide

Read the following extract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffernia of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa -



Inchulu Mission

14th April 1914

" Which time and place the Presbytery of Kaffrarian
being met and constituted:-

Item 1st: - 31. Inseininde " The Rev. C.
Koto vacated the Chair during the Session.
The Rev. T. H. Siga took the Chair. Read from
Book of Order page 21. The following papers
were read and tabled:-

(a) Letter (20/10/1913) from the Rev. C. Koto to the
Clerk giving list of names of the Inseininde
Office-bearers.

(b) Copy of Abstract Minutes of Presbytery calling
Inseininde Office-bearers to confer with
Presbytery.

(c) Letter from Inseininde Office-bearers
dated 2/2/1914 replying to Presbytery
and stating that they are no longer able
to support their pastor for financial
reasons, scarcity of money, paucity of
Church subscriptions -

(d) Letter dated 2/3/1914 from Rev. C. Koto
to the Clerk stating that he would
not like to remain at Inseininde
any longer."

Presbytery noted that the reply (c) from



The Karamba Officers had not been signed
It was therefore incomplete.

Agreed to condone the irregularity in view
of the Conference.

Conference - The Karamba Officers were
then called in, and the Conference was opened
with prayer. Six Elders and Seven Deacons
appeared on behalf of the Karamba Congregation.

Officers' Statement: That the Karamba con-
-gregation had met and agreed to send the reply
to Presbytery, which was now on the table;
that they had no other reason for the action
they had taken than that owing to the
poor circumstances of church members they were
continually in arrears with their pastor's
salary, and found that they could no longer
support him. They wished to be relieved
by Presbytery of the responsibility and financial
burden, and to return to "Inkabi Kisiwa".
Opportunity was given by Presbytery to the
Officers to fully state and explain
the position.

Elders D. Ndeki and Mpongo in the course
of their statements dissociated themselves from
the reply sent to Presbytery. They admitted



that, as a whole, things were bad financially at Keisimise, but there were those who endeavoured to support their pastor and who did not wish to fail him up.

Adjourned 1.15 pm. Resumed 3 pm.

Rev. C. Kote was asked if he had any statement to make.

Mr Kote's statement - he said that he felt he must resign his charge at Keisimise as from 31st March 1914. He requested that he had to do so. He had no prospect of work and the position would be a difficult and trying one for him; that the arrears due to him were as follows: -

4 th Quarter 1913	£10. 3. 4.
1 st " " 1914	£27. 10. 0
<u>total</u>	<u>£37. 13. 4.</u>

The Officers have stated that they understood that the ^{total was} arrears were £30. 0. 6.

On the suggestion of Mr Kote it was decided that this difference be settled by the Officers and himself.

In order to find out the desire of the Keisimise

mission congregation with regard to their position as a mission and questions as the following were put by members of Presbytery to the Officers.

What is meant by the desire to return to Inhab? Is it as an ordinary outstation? Is all idea of a separate charge given up?

The majority replied that the congregation of Mission would have to be consulted before they could give a definite answer. It

was pointed out that six months would elapse before next meeting of Presbytery.

The Mission Officers then suggested that the Mission be put in charge of the Missionary of Inhab for the next six months.

On being asked by Presbytery if this were possible, the Inhab Missionary replied that it was not, as he was also working after Columbia Mission.

The Officers of Mission were then asked to return.

Discussion followed: Presbytery finally adopted the following findings:

(1) That it was, with great regret to accept the resignation of the Rev. C. Roth's his



Change at Heisimide

- (2). That it declares the charge at Heisimide to be vacant as from 1st April 1914.
- (3) That for the next six months the Rev. T. H. Soga of Tutuira superintends the work at Heisimide as Interim Moderator of Mission, Manager Schools, and Marriage Officer etc. (The Sup't Gen. of Education the Minister of the Lands & Survey Department's General Council, and the Registrar of marriages each to receive notice of this change at the hands of the Clerk)
- (4) That Heisimide Congregation in form definitely best meeting & pushing what their desire is.
- (5). That all arrears in salary be paid up to the Rev. C. Kote.
- (6) That Pukhety retain the names of the Rev. C. Kote on its rolls & members, and postpone the General Assembly 'till his position' be that of a Minister Emeritus (at present without charge).

The office-bearers were called in and the above findings were stated to them. The Conference was closed with Prayer.



Agreed that an extract minutes be forwarded
to the Secretary Mission Council for transmission
to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Extracted from the minutes
of Bushytree by me
Wm. Auld
Clerk. p.s. linn."

(29). Agreed. To forward to the Foreign Mission
Committee for its information.
Central Mission Site Matatiele.

and the following extract minute of the
Bushytree of Kaffrarian & the Bushytree
Church of South Africa -

Whitely Mission.

13th April, 1914.

Which time and place the Bushytree Kaffrarian
Gang met and constituted :-

Inter-Alia: 21, Central Site - Matatiele.

[Gift of Site from Paris Evangelical Mission]

A. Read Report of Committee

It states that it had met on 19th December
1913 at Khorana, Matatiele, with the Rev. P.

Ramsayer (Paris Evangelical Mission) for the pur-
pose of formally receiving the gift of the Site
called 'Springside' & generously offered by



the Paris Evangelical Mission to the United Free Church of Scotland.

A Representative of the Headman Mateta, and others were present.

The Rev. Paul Ramseyer had received the sanction of the Conference (Paris Evangelical Mission) at Morija to transfer the station to the United Free Church of Scotland. The title deeds of the site ('Springvale') were handed over to the Curator, Rev. P. L. Hunter, who gave hearty thanks for the gift.

The site covers about 50 acres. It was inspected by the Committee. On it stands a Church 45 by 24 feet: the cost of which will be paid in due course to Rev. P. Ramseyer by the Matetich Congregations.

B Request from Ned Selhosana for £39. 7. 6 as allowance for Fence.

Had correspondence between Clerk of Synod (Rev. P. L. Hunter) and Rev. P. Ramseyer and Ned Selhosana.

The fence in question was erected by Ned Selhosana. It bounds the site, ('Springvale') on three sides, and is a benefit to the owners of the site.



head Sekhosana makes no claim upon the money past or present, but simply requests reimbursement of a proportion of his outlay. The amount of outlay is £39. 7. 6., which does not appear to be excessive, each side of the square being about 120 yds long.

After due deliberation of the whole matter (A-13) Presbytery unanimously agreed:-

(1) That the Committee be continued:-

(a) to complete the transfer of the title of the site "Springside" into the name of the United Free Church of Scotland, acting through the local Board of Trustees.

(b) To settle the matter re. Request of head Sekhosana for reimbursement of part of expenses in securing

(2) That half of the expenses (£39. 7. 6) be granted to head Sekhosana, to be paid in the first place out of the Presbytery fund, but that application be made to the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Mission Council and the local Board of Trustees for the payment by the Foreign Mission Committee of this sum for the following reasons:-

(a) that the site "Springside" is a main station



(c), That the Matatiele Congregations have to pay for the Church already on the site, and also have to build their pastor a manse.

It was further agreed to authorize the Clerk to forward a copy of these minutes to the Secretary of Mission Council for transmission to the Foreign Mission Committee; and to the Secretary of the Local Board & Trustees.

Reports, Correspondence etc. re. the matter to be handed if necessary, by the Clerk to the Secretary of Mission Council.

Extracted from the
Minutes & Presbytery by me
Wm. G. G. G.
Clerk pro. tem. "

Councils funding. - That Mission Council having now heard of the terms of the offer of the site feels justified in accepting the same, and recommends to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of half the expenses of fencing to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Kaffraria. -



(30) Re. Reply of Foreign Mission Committee to Successor
 Rev. J. Tundia - Malan -
 Read the following abstract minute of the Study
 - Group of Kappanna of the Presbyterian Church,
 South Africa :-

— Mbulu Mawani
 14 April 1914.

At what time and place the Presbytery of
 Kappanna have met and constituted: -
 Inter alia: - 34. Discussion on U.F.C. Policy re.
 Malan etc

Read Foreign Mission Committee minute 2682
 (29/4/1913), also a translation of the whole minute
 into Kafir.

A long and animated discussion then follow-
 -ed: two divergent views developing, based
 on the interpretation given to the minute.
 A majority maintains that from the
 minute a native pastor could be
 such a ministering to a whole mission.
 A minority insisted that the minute
 indicated that a native pastor could
 be pastor of a part but not of the whole
 mission.

The Rev. T. B. Soga seconded by the Rev. J.
 Isobe proposed the following motion:



"That having read the reply of the Foreign Mission Committee (as contained in minute 2682) (in English and paper), regarding the proposed Colleague and Successor to Rev. J. Sandie (Malan), Bushytree are of opinion that the Union of Malan is at liberty to call Rev. S. W. Nyikelana as their pastor on the lines indicated therein." (a copy of the motion to be sent to the Foreign Mission Committee and to Malan Union)

The Rev. S. W. Sample recorded by the Rev. W^m Andrews proposed the following Amendment:

"That the Malan Union be not advised by Bushytree to call the Rev. S. W. Nyikelana as pastor of the whole mission, as it is not at liberty to do so in accordance with the Minute 2682 (29/4/1913) of the Foreign Mission Committee."

Voting took place as follows:-

For amendment . . . 2.

For motion . . . 8.

The motion was declared carried.
Rev. W^m Andrews and S. W. Sample



stated that they regretted that they must
enter their protest for the following reasons.

(a) That in their opinion, the Minutes of the
Foreign Mission Committee does not permit
Malan Session to act in accordance with
the terms of the motion just carried.

(b) That there are no papers from the
Malan Session about the matter on the
table.

I a copy of Minute to be sent to the Foreign
Mission Committee and to Malan Session

Extracted from Minutes
Presbytery, by me,
W. M. L. W. M. L.
Clark pro. Com. 4

Council's funding. Mission Council supports
the action of the Protesters and appeal for
the reasons indicated. It would also
respectfully request the Foreign Mission
Committee to give a definite reply
with regard to the important matter
as to the liberty of Malan Session to
call the Rev. S. W. G. M. G. as pastor
of the whole Mission -
Here the following extract Minute of the Presby.



tery of Kaffrania & the Bushy-tan Church
South Africa.

Inland Mission

14 April 1914

Which time and place the Bushy-tan Affairs
being met and constituted:

Item No. 32. Division Bushy-tan

It was agreed to postpone the consideration
of this matter in the hope that the effort
at present being made towards closer
co-operation with brethren in the other Bushy-
-tan of the United Free Church Mission,
might bring about the division of
Bushy-tan along more natural lines.

Rebtagled from minutes of
Bushy-tan by me
Wm. [unclear]

Clerk pro. temp.

Council agreed to forward the above
minutes to the Foreign Mission Com-
-mittee for its information.

(32) Mr. J. R. L. Kingon's Expenses.

Recd Letter (10/4/1914) from Rev. J. R. L. Kingon
'enclosing Statement of certain travelling expenses
- Edithburgh to Umatale amounting to £15. 10. 2. a
sum of £10 having been paid to him on account



leaving a balance of £8. 10. 2.

Agrees to transmit to the Foreign Mission Committee as the Council has no knowledge of the terms under which Mr. Kingston came out as locum tenens.

(33). Furlough of Rev. P. L. Hunter - etc.

Reads letter (4/4/1914) from Rev. P. L. Hunter in which he applies for furlough in 1915, as by that time he will have completed Eight Years Service since his return from last furlough (2/7/1909).

Further, that in applying for £10. for erection of a Hut at Selespic he was not requesting a grant from the "Repairs Fund", but a special grant; that the request should have been sent to the Foreign Mission Committee; that he was not aware that it was the custom for missionaries to erect such huts at their own expense, but that his reference was the reverse. He was asking for an additional room to the Mission House in requesting a Hut; that he did not repeat the request as household plans had now changed, two of his daughters now leaving for Scotland.

Council agrees to inform the Foreign Mission Committee that Rev. Peter L. Hunter requests furlough in 1915; but it notifies, at the same time, that the matter of furloughs is still in abeyance - subject to the completion of the Report of the



Committee appointed to deal with the matter,
(Chairman and Secretary).

(34). Re. Rev. R. Mure's Furlough. Read extract from letter from Rev. R. Mure. (9/4/1914) stating that according to his rule his furlough was over-due, but as he sees no chance of getting leave at present he prefers to abide by the old rule Ten years service - he therefore withdraws the matter of his furlough. Received.

(35). Re. Rev. J. K. Gorman's Expenses - Read extract minute of the Transkei Presbytery of the United Free Church of Scotland as follows:-

" At Meeting, on Tuesday 7th April 1914, which day the Transkeian Presbytery met and was con-
-stituted.

Inter alia:- Rev. Mr. Gorman stated that he had not yet received the sum of £12. re-
-commended first by the Presbytery, and later by the Transkeian Mission Council, being travelling expenses from Cunningham to Ngie and back during the months July to December 1913.

The Presbytery Clerk was asked to com-
-municate with the Clerk of the Transkeian Mission Council on the matter

Extracted by R. Mure,
Clerk. "



The Secretary stated that the minute on this matter had been sent in February 1914 to the Foreign Mission Committee (cf. minute page 2); no reply as yet.

Agreed to inform the Clerk & the Secretary; and also to draw the attention of the Presbytery & the Synod and the Synod & Kaffraria to the fact that the services of the Rev. J. K. Gomme at Cummestown, ten-
-minuted (according to arrangement for six months exp-
-ply) in December 1913; and that no information had reached the Council as to their renewal.

(30) Re. Resolutions of Transkeian Missionary Conference
Meeting held on 12th February 1914.

Read minutes of meeting of Transkeian Missionary Conference (12/2/1914) on the "Tunnay", "Cost of Survey", "Fair Valuation Charge", and "Church and School sites limited to $\frac{1}{2}$ morgen".

Mission Council supports the action of the Transkeian Missionary Conference with regard to these matters, and points out particularly that a grant of $\frac{1}{2}$ a morgen of land as a site for both Church and School purposes is not at all sufficient.

37. Secretary's Expenses. Agreed that the Secretary's expenses amount to £1. 9. 6. for period

to be recommended for payment to the Foreign Mission Committee.



(38). next meeting. Agreed that the time and place of next meeting be fixed by the Chairman and Secretary, after consultation with the Clerks of both Presbyteries.

This concluded the business of the meeting which was closed with prayer at 4 pm.

14/7/1915. D. B. Norman Chairman

14/7/1915 Wm. Reid Secretary

[Sent to F.M.C. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38.

Sent to Rev. J. Hamman (homestead) Secy Local Board & Trustees
Minute no. 29. also Presbytery Correspondence.

Sent to Rev. T. B. Sage - Chairman Tutera Deacons' Court
Minute no. 13. (a) and Councils papers

Sent to Clerks of Presbytery & the Treasurer Minute no. 35.



Blythwood, Transkei

14th July 1915. 9.30 am.

Which place and time the Mission Council of the Transkei met and was constituted being opened with prayer by the Rev. D. D. Stormont.

1. It was agreed that the Rev. D. D. Stormont be Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Re. Date and place of meeting. The Chairman and Secretary stated the great difficulty there had been in arranging a meeting to suit all members, and especially to coincide with the meetings of busy-termer. Efforts had been made to try and hold a meeting at Blythwood in April, then later at Umtata, and finally in the beginning of June at Blythwood, without success.
4. Minutes There were present: - Revs D. D. Stormont (Chairman), James M. Ruld, B. J. Ross, R. Mure, J. R. L. Kugon and Wm Ruld Secretary.
Later. Revs J. Thomson, D. W. Scoble, W.S.
5. Apologies for absence were received from the following: - Revs D. D. Young, J. Lundie, P. L. Hunter, Dr. W. A. Soga, W. Gavin, and Alex. F. Lyon Esq.
6. By emergency meeting held at Blythwood on 29th April 1915, it was explained that this meeting (the minutes)



of which has been sent to the Foreign Mission Com-
mittee) had been held to try and complete urgent
business re. (a) matter of a limited Council.

(b) Representations to General Assembly (May 1915).

(c) Ordination of Mr J. R. L. Kingon, and transference of
Rev. A. Godfrey from Piice to Somerville, and Rev. S. C.
Geddie from Somerville to Piice. (d) Furloughs, etc.

Agreed that this "Emergency meeting" be con-
sidered irregular, and its findings null and
void.

7. It was intimated that the meeting called for
10th June 1915 at Blythwood was not held,
as there was not a quorum.

8. Ordination of Mr John Robert Lewis
Kingon M.A.

It was pointed out that the Foreign Mission
Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland
requested the Mission Council of the Transkei
sitting as a Presbytery, to ordain Mr J. R.
L. Kingon M.A. for work in the Foreign Mission
Field.

Read Minutes of the Foreign Mission Com-
-mittee - (a). 3264. 15th December 1914

(b). 3291. 19th January 1915

(c). 3358. 16th March 1915

Read the following Abstract-Minute of the Com-



- mission of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland: -

"At Edinburgh, the third day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen -

"which day the Commission of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland being met and duly constituted.

"Inter Alia: Mr Ashcroft, Foreign Mission Secretary submitted a minute from the Foreign Mission Committee, embodying a petition as to the ordination of Mr J. R. L. Kingon.

"It was unanimously agreed to sanction the ordination of Mr Kingon by the Mission Council of the Presbytery sitting as a Presbytery, for work in the Foreign Mission Field, Mr Kingon not to be eligible for any charge in the Home Church unless by special sanction of the General Assembly.

"Extracted from the Records of the Commission of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland by R. R. Simpson

"Dep. Cl. Eccl. Scot. Lib. Un."

Read also letters (22/12/1914, 27/1/1915, 26/1/1915) from the Foreign Mission Secretary ament this matter.



Funding

After discussion it was agreed "that the Mission Council carry out the request of the Foreign Mission Committee to ordain Mr. J. R. L. Kingon, and ^{at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.} appoint the evening of 14th July 1915ⁿ at ^{Southwood} for this purpose. Council beg to point out to the Foreign Mission Committee the inadvisability of requesting them to ordain any man as missionary of the United Free Church of Scotland who would naturally be ordained by a Presbytery in the Home Church."

9. Re. Transference of Rev. R. Godfrey from Raie to Somerville, and of Rev. D. L. Erskine from Somerville to Raie.

Read Minutes of Foreign Mission Committee nos 3263 (15/12/1914) and 3334 (16/2/1915) arranging for transference.

Read Letters from Foreign Mission Secretary [22/12/1914; 24/2/1915]

Also read letter from Rev. R. Godfrey (1/5/1915) ^{saying} ~~stating~~ ^{we} that he was unable to state exactly when he could take up work at Somerville, as much depended on the health of Rev. D. L. Erskine.

Agreed that Rev. R. Godfrey be requested to inform the Secretary when he can go to Somerville.



-ville; and that the Rev. James M. Auld write to Rev. D. L. Erskine in the name of the Council, welcoming him back to South Africa, and wishing him restoration to complete health.

10. Furloughs. Rev. R. Mure. Read Extract minute (30/6/1915) of the Presbytery of the Transkei arranging that Rev. J. R. L. Huggon look after Ross Mission in the absence of the Rev. R. Mure [Read letters of F. K. C. S. 7 26/3/1915-]

Finding.

Council express their opinion that Rev. W^m Auld should now go on furlough as he has prior claim. Mr. Auld stated that he does not desire furlough at present. Council therefore sanctions the furlough of Rev. R. Mure (in accordance with terms of above minute) as from July 1915; and approves of the arrangements made.

11. Re. United Council (Kaffraria and Transkei).

Read Communications from the Foreign Mission Committee. ^{Read also opinions of members of Council N.W.S. wa} A discussion followed.

Finding

It was agreed: - "That Council, while sympathising with the idea of a United Council, considers that such would be inexpedient, and would rather suggest to the Foreign Mission Committee the idea of Sub-Councils attached to Presbyteries meeting twice a year with a Mission Council (United) once a year at the time of the meetings of Synod; when the



"Synod idea" has been formed and accepted as the best policy for the Mission."

12. Representatives to General Assembly (1915)

The Secretary stated that as instructed by the "Emergency meeting" held on 29/4/1915, he had cabled Home the names of Messrs R. Dwan and W. Auld as Council's representatives.

Read minute of Foreign Mission Committee No. 3403 (26/5/1915) and letter of Foreign Mission Secretary (4/6/1915) indicating that cablegram (referred to above) was defective - no formal Commission had been received, and no ministers had been appointed.

Agreed, that Council's members to next General Assembly (1916) be appointed at next meeting (October 1915).

13. Furlough of Rev. P. L. Hunter - [withdrawn] Read minute of Foreign Mission Committee No. 3265 (15/12/1914) stating that Mr Hunter has withdrawn his furlough in view of the war in Europe.
Recorded.

14. Returned from Furlough. It was reported that the following had returned from furlough during the last year (1914-1915):-

Rev: J. H. Loga, B. J. Ross, James W. Auld, and Mr Alex. F. Lyon (Shelwood).



Agreed to record the gratitude of Council to those who had assisted in maintaining the work at Miller, Cunningham and Columba Missions during the absence ^{expenses of exp. for travelling to be presented} of the missionaries.

15. Joint meeting of Councils It was reported that a joint meeting had been considered necessary and that it had been arranged by the Chairmen and Secretaries of both Councils (Koffarria and Travetee) that it be held at Akthwood on 14th (evening) and 15th July 1915. Previous notes had been given by Council.

Agreed that the following matters be brought forward at joint meeting from these Councils

- (a). Policy re. Property - Mission Houses (e.g. Entura)
- (b). Policy re. native Pastors as Pastors of whole Mission or part - (e.g. Malan)
- (c). Extension of Educational Mission in Pondoland West.
- (d). Expenses of Mr. Fisher while at here.
- (e). Relations of Institutions to Mission Councils.
- (f). Rev. D. W. Sample (Enezwali) - to which Councils?
- (g). Re. Movable Property as "Fencing" on Mission land.

16.

Re. Resignation of Rev. D. D. Young (Main)
Read letter from Mr. Young stating that he wished to resign at the end of 1915 - at latest, as he was now feeling unfit for the work, and owing to the continued ill-health of Mrs. Young. He had been 39 years at work.



Funding

Agreed that Mr Young be requested to supply a medical certificate indicating that he ~~is~~ unable to continue work. That Council forwards ~~and~~ recommends the resignation for the reasons given.

P.S.
request for

Further that Council urgently requests the Foreign Mission Committee to send out an ordained man to take Mr Young's place. The Mission District consists of Native Mission and European Congregations. That no Native Pastor is available to take up the work at main Mission.

17. Repairs Fund - Read letter of Foreign Mission Secretary (2/11/1914) stating that £70. was sent to Mr Weir.

Applications were received and considered for Grants for Repairs on Columba (£12. 6. 0), Armingham (£30. approx), and Gillespie (£5.) Mission Houses. These were sanctioned.

Adjourned 1.30 pm Resumed 2.30 pm.

Siderunt the same with addition of Rev. J. Thomson and D. W. Semple who took their seats.

18. Mission Council Fund. It was reported that the £45. lent to Rev. A. Leith Grant has been paid back.



19. Letter from Rev. J. Lundie (30/6/1915) read letter stating that Mr Lundie requested furlough early in 1917, that in the event of the native Assistant Pastor (Rev. S. W. Ejik-clana) being left in charge then, is Mr Lundie at liberty to hand over to him; and in the event of Mr Lundie's resigning from any cause, what does Council propose doing in supplying Malan Mission.

Held as read. Agreed that at this meeting it was difficult for Council to answer these queries.

20. Re. nomination to vacant Chair of Church History, Glasgow College.

Read letter from Secretary of College Committee (5/1/1915) requesting nominations before 15th April 1915, also covering letter from Secretary of same Committee dated 12/4/1915, expressing regret that circular requesting nomination had been returned to him as being insufficiently addressed.

Council agreed that matter be recorded, as it was now too late to nominate.

21. Revised Hapin Hymn Book. The Secretary, a copy ^{tabled J.W.S.} of the ^{minutes of the} last meeting of the General Committee (dated 1st April 1914). He also stated that Mr. Alex. F. Lyon and himself had been temporarily appointed as the Council's members on the General Committee in the absence on furlough of the Revs J. H. Loga, and B. J. Ross. It was agreed



that Revs J.H. Soga and B.J. Ross resume their places on the Provincial Kafir Hyman Book Committee. It was reported that the terms of sale of the Hyman Book (2nd Edition) to missionaries were 10/ per dozen for 6. dozen copies.

22. Re. Circular from Women's Foreign Mission (United Free Church of Scotland) - Education Sub-Committee, on "Policy on Education of women in the African Mission Districts", read letter from Secretary (Rev. W^m Stevenson) dated 12/6/1915, requesting "tentative statement" of Comals policy, say covering five years, as well as soliciting opinions of individual missionaries.

Agreed that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Revs D.D. Stormont (Convener), D.D. Young, J. Thomson, and B.J. Ross.

23. Caretaker's Ross Mission. It was agreed to recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of a Caretaker at Ross Mission at the usual rate of £1. per month as from 11th July 1915 (the date of Mr. Muzji's departure from Ross Mission) till the date of Mr. Kington's residing at Ross, on being relieved at Lomoville by Rev. R. Godfrey - the payments to be sent direct to Mr. Kington.

24. Standing Business Committee. The Secretary



expressed the great need there was for such a Committee & Council for the purpose of carrying out formal and urgent matters, and thus avoiding long delay.

Agreed, that such a Standing Business Committee be formed, consisting of The Chairman, the Secretary, and another member of Council - The following were nominated Rev. D. S. Stornout (Chairman) & Wm. Ould (Secretary) and Mr. Alex. F. Lyon.

25. Council's Examiners for Kapi Examinations of Missions

It was agreed that Revs J. W. Stirling and J. H. Soga be appointed. Mr. J. R. L. Kingou was advised to communicate with them.

26. Expenses of Rev. R. Inure to Kapi Mission. Rev. R. Inure stated that while Rev. J. K. Bokua was at Cummingsham, he had three visits to Kapi Mission. The total expenses amounted to £1. 7. 0.

Agreed, to recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of this sum direct to Mr. Inure.

27. Re - Procedure avert forwarding Decisions (all) of the Foreign Mission Committee to Native Pastors and Congregations -

The Secretary stated that the matter arose out of the action of Rev. T. B. Soga, pastor of Entura in reference to the decision of the Foreign Mission Committee which was forwarded to him (as Chairman of the Entura



Mission Deacons' Court), and the Mission House and Property at Tutura, by the Secretary & Council, as instructed by Council itself.

Read letter (21/1/1915) from the Rev. T. B. Loga, enclosing an abstract minute of the Presbytery of Kaffrariana (26/10/1914 - Buchanan) giving findings of Presbytery - "that Mission Council has no direct intercourse with any" "Congregation under the Presbytery and vice versa, the" "only medium of communication being the Presbytery." The Secretary stated that the Presbytery of Kaffrariana had come to this decision, and yet at the same time it had "advised Mr. T. B. Loga to write the Secretary" "of Mission Council - saying that he requests the" "Secretary of Mission Council to forward the Communication through the Presbytery."

The Secretary informed Council that in this case he had complied with the request, and forwarded the decision of the Foreign Mission Committee, through the Clerk of Presbytery.

Discussion followed on the lines of the question - "Had Mission Councils and similar bodies (as Committees, Board of Trustees) no right to communicate direct with native Congregations or Church bodies on purely business matters apart from those relating to Policy and Church Government?"



It was agreed to bring this matter before the coming Joint Meeting & Council (14th - 16th July 1915)

28. Memorandum from Francharia Mission Council (to all Councils) re. Voting of women members etc.

Read letter from Rev. P.L. Hunter (3/7/1914) stating that the memorandum had been forwarded to him by Rev. D.I. Robertson, and hoping that Council would favourably consider the matter.

Agreed to record at present, and if possible the Secretary ^{H.S.} send out copies of memorandum.

29. next meeting. It was agreed that next meeting be held at Mount Fletcher Mission (Rev. J.A. Davidson) at the time of the meeting of the Presbytery & Skaffania (October 1915).

30. Thanks for Hospitality. Council expressed its gratitude for Hospitality afforded to members by the Principal and Staff of Rhythwood Institution.

31. Rev. J.H. Bokwe's Expenses. Read statement from Clerk & Presbytery of the Francharia to effect that these travelling ~~expenses~~ ^{expenses} were as follows:-

Fares and Hotel Expenses.	July 1915	Removal to Comberham	£12.14.0
	26/11/1913	Visiting Agie & Naalen	£ 3 0 0
	27/4/1914	" " "	£ 3.00
	August 1914	" " "	£ 5.00
		Katsoe Evangelist 2. Quarters & Dec 1913	£ 6
			<u>£27.14.0</u>



Read Mission Council Minute (5/7/1913) No. 5 -
Page 32.

Agreed to postpone decision till after Joint Meeting
had been held.

Adjourned 3.30 pm. to meet as a Presbytery for
ordination of Mr J. R. L. Kungu at 7.30 pm.

Resumed 7.30 pm.

32.

Blythwood Transkei

14th July 1915. 7.30 pm.

Which place and time the Mission Council
of the Transkei, sitting as a Presbytery of
the United Free Church of Scotland, met
and was constituted being opened with
prayer.

The Chairman (Rev. D. D. Stormont) and the Secretary
(Rev. Wm Auld) were ^{W.S.} ~~respectably~~ appointed Moder-
ator and Clerk, respectively.

There were present Revs D. D. Stormont (Mod-
erator) James M. Auld, B. J. Ross, J. Thomson,
R. Muir and Wm Auld (Clerk).

Agreed that Revs James Henderson, J. Len-
nox, and D. W. Semple be associated with
the meeting.

The Candidate for ordination, Mr John
Robert Lewis Kungu M.A. was present.



The Clerk narrated the steps taken, and read the following extract Minutes of the Transkei Mission Council -

Rhethwood

14th July 1915-

Which place and time the Mission Council of the Transkei being met and constituted: -

It is also 8. av. Ordination of Mr. John Robert Lewis Kingon M.A.

Mission Council agreed to carry out the request of the Foreign Mission Committee to ordain Mr. J. R. L. Kingon and appoint the evening of 14th July 1915 - at 7.30 o'clock, at Rhethwood for this purpose.

Extracted from the Minutes
by me Wm. Auld, Secretary

Read also Minute of the Commission of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland (dated Edinburgh 15th March 1915) sanctioning the ordination of Mr. John Robert Lewis Kingon M.A. as a Missionary of the Church

The Ordination service then proceeded, and was duly carried out, the Candidate signing the Formula; The Revs. D. O. Stormont, J. Henderson, A. Moore, B. J. Ross, and James M. Auld taking part therein. The Candidate, Mr. John Robert Lewis Kingon was then duly declared



ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 pm.

D. Blumenthal (Moderator)

Wm. Auld Clark.

Agreed to meet at 4 pm. (as a Council) on 15th July.

Blythwood, 15th July 1915.

4 pm.

The Union Council resumed its sittings.

Sederunt the same as on the preceding day.

[The joint meeting of Council had already been held.]

33. Rev. J. R. L. Kingma M.A. was enrolled as a member of Council. In accordance with the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee, it was agreed that till the arrival of Rev. R. Godfrey, he remain at Somerville, and then go to Ross to hold there during Rev. R. Inari's absence.

34. Division of Cunningham Mission read extract minute of the Presbytery of the Seaskie (min. 7/4/1915) re. Division of Cunningham Mission on the lines of the Ngamakwe and Purtherworth Magisterial Districts

Agreed to approve of the Division on the lines indicated in the extract minute, to inform the Foreign Mission Committee, and to request the Presbytery of the Seaskie to report what



further action it takes in the matter.

35. Rev. Mr. D. W. Semple and Membership in Council.

It was pointed out that Mr. Semple had already been enrolled as a member of the Trankebar Mission Council, when the Tangach Mission had been transferred to the Presidency of Kaffraria. On the other hand the Kaffraria Mission Council still claimed him as a member.

Agreed to abide by decision of joint meeting (15/7/1915) viz. that in the meantime Mr. Semple remain a member of the Kaffraria Mission Council. His name was therefore temporarily removed from the roll of the Trankebar Mission Council.

36. Expenses of Rev. J. K. Bokwe and Mr. Fisher in connection with supply at Crummingham and Ngie.

[Cf. Minute no. 31]. This matter having been discussed in the joint meeting (15/7/1915) of Councils, it was agreed to abide by the decisions of that joint meeting. The total expenses amounted to £45. 14. 7. [Total for Mr. Bokwe £40. 6. 6.; total for Mr. Fisher £5. 19. 0. Less. Railway Refund, overcharge to Mr. Bokwe - 10/11]. It was agreed to forward to the Foreign Mission Committee per Secretaries of Joint Meeting.

Further, agreed, to record the thanks of the Trankebar Mission Council, to the Principal of Lovedale and to the Education Board for the loan of Mr. Fisher's services at Ngie.



37. Secretary's Expenses - It was agreed to recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee the payment of the Secretary's expenses for period amounting to £1. 19. 6.

38. Resignation of Secretary The secretary stated that he would be glad to be relieved of the post of Secretary as soon as possible.

It was pointed out that a change at present was inexpedient; and Council deemed it advisable that the Secretary withdraw his request. He agreed to do so for the time being.

This concluded the Business of the meeting which was closed at 4.30 pm. with prayer.

20/10/1915 John W. Stirling - Chairman

20/10/1915 Wm. Gould Secretary

✓ Sent to F.M.C. no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ^{10, 11,} 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 31, 32 (Ordination of Mr. King), 33, 34, 35, 36, 38. (with covering letter -) also Medical Certificates ^(of '16)

✓ Sent to Clerk of Presby. of Erassku no. 8 (sent) 9, 10, 16, ^{32, 33,} 34, 36.

✓ Sent to Secy. Women's Foreign Mission (127. George St. Edinburgh) no. 22.

✓ Sent to Rev. G. O. Stoddard no. 22.

✓ Sent to Principal, Lovedale - Col. Board, no. 36. (letter part)

✓ Sent to members of M.C. no. 28 with abbreviated copy of memorandum



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MINUTES of the JOINT - MEETING of the KAFRARIA and TRANSKEI MISSION COUNCILS at BLYTHSWOOD, 14th and 15th July 1915.

A joint meeting of the Kafraria and Transkei Mission Councils was held at Blythswood on the evening of Wednesday 14th July 1915.

Rev. D. D. Stormont, Chairman of the Transkei Mission Council, was called upon to occupy the Chair, and constituted the meeting with prayer.

1. PRESENT.

Revs. D. D. Stormont (Chairman), J. M. Auld., W. Auld, J. R. L. Kingon, R. Mure and B. J. Ross from the Transkei Mission Council; Revs. J. Henderson, J. Lennox and M. W. Semple from the Kafraria Mission Council.

2. SECRETARIES.

It was agreed that the Secretaries of the Councils act as Secretaries of this meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were intimated from the Revs. J. Lundie, D. D. Young, P. L. Hunter, Dr. Soga, W. McIntosh, A. F. Cowan, W. Stuart, R. Godfrey, Messrs. D. A. Hunter, R. W. Rose Innes, Dr. A. P. Moore-Anderson and Dr. Macvicar.

4. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

There were submitted from the two Councils subjects suggested for discussion.

5. REV. D. W. SEMPLE.

The meeting considered the question of the Mission Council to which the Rev. D. W. Semple should belong. It was represented that it would be more convenient that he should be a member of the Transkei Mission Council, seeing that Engwali congregation has now been transferred from the Presbytery of King Wm's Town to the Presbytery of Kafraria (Transkei). On the other hand, it was represented that it is undesirable that the number of members in the Kafraria Mission Council directly engaged in district work should be thus still further reduced.

After discussion, it was agreed to leave the matter in statu quo in view of proposals being made for the re-arrangement of Mission Council work and areas.



6. EXPENSES OF REV. J. K. BOKWE and Mr. J. M. FISHER IN CONNECTION WITH SUPPLY AT CUNNINGHAM AND UGIE.

The following accounts for travelling expenses and salary of evangelist, arising out of the arrangements made for the supply at Cunningham and Ugie during the Rev. B. J. Ross's furlough, were passed for transmission to the Foreign Mission Committee.

REV. J. K. BOKWE.

July 1913	Removal, Ugie to Cunningham	£12:14: 0	£ : S: D
26 Nov.13	Visiting Ugie and Maclear	3: 0: 0	
27 Apr.14	do.	3: 0: 0	
Aug. 1914	do.	3: 0: 0	
20 Dec.13	Native evangelist	6: 0: 0	27:14: 0
	Removal, Cunningham to Ugie	12: 0: 0	
	Carriage (Blythwood Farm a/c)	:12: 6	12:12: 6
	Total for Mr. Bokwe		£40: 6: 6

MR. J. M. FISHER.

Travelling expenses (per Lovedale Institn).	4: 0: 0	
do.(per Blythwood Instn).	1:19: 0	
Total for Mr. Fisher		5610: 0
		£46: 5: 6
		:10:11
Less, Railway Refund, overcharge to Mr. Bokwe		£45:14: 7
TOTAL		

(NOTE: This sum, when received, is to be repaid as follows:-
Blythwood £17:11: 6; Synod Fund £12; Mr. Bokwe,
£12: 3: 1; Lovedale Institution £4.)

Rev. J. Lennox made a statement regarding the application that had been made for Mr. Fisher's Salary for the six months during which he worked at Ugie. After discussion, it was agreed that a statement be sent to the Lovedale Education Board, that when the Transkei Mission Council asked for the loan of Mr. Fisher's services, they believed that he was under the direction of the Synod of Kafraria, and that his support was received from the Church at Rome, and that they were not aware that any burden would fall on Lovedale Institution.

In light of this, Rev. J. Henderson undertook to lay the matter before the Lovedale Education Board with a view to securing that the application for the support of Mr. Fisher for the period in question be not further pressed.

The meeting expressed satisfaction with this termination of the matter.

Adjourned with prayer till Thursday 15th July at 9.15 a.m.

(Signed) D. D. STORMONT,



1 Thursday 15th July 1915, 9.15 a.m. Met as adjourned.
The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed

7. LAND AND PROPERTY.

It was intimated that the Board of Trustees were instituting an enquiry as to the extent of land attached to each mission, by whom it is administered, the use made of any revenues, and the nature, value and condition of the buildings.

A discussion took place on the administration and use of mission property. The meeting adopted the following declaration:-

This Joint-Meeting of Councils recognises that the development of the mission should be towards devolution upon native pastors taking responsibility for defined areas adapted in size to the requirements of pastoral work, and that as finances permit, houses and offices for the native pastors should be erected in these defined areas, and that at central mission stations, in all matters affecting erection, reconstruction and repairs of buildings, it should always be kept in view that the house and offices may ultimately pass into the use of the native pastor taking over the immediate central mission station area, and with a view not to place on the native pastor undue burdens in connection with his personal and family expenditure, consideration should be had to the possibility of adapting part of the residential buildings for the general purposes of mission work on the missionary being finally withdrawn.

8. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

The question of the development of new institutional developments was discussed.

It was agreed that a Committee consisting of Revs. J. W. Stirling, J. R. L. Kingon, W. Gavin, D. D. Stormont, J. Henderson and J. Lennox (Convener) be appointed to review the whole situation as to the advisability of opening a training school for the benefit of the northern Transkei missions of the church, a suitable site for the same, the means for beginning this enterprise, and that they bring in a report to be submitted to both Mission Councils.

9. EXTENSION OF THE MISSION.

It was agreed to intimate to the Foreign Mission Committee that two additional men are required immediately for Pondoland West and Main.

10. CLOSER CO-OPERATION.

It was agreed to submit for the consideration of the Foreign Mission Committee that in the opinion of this Joint-Meeting of Mission Councils, the interests of the mission as a whole would best be met by an arrangement whereby there would be one General Council meeting once a year, and that the needs of the three districts of Kafraria, the Transkei and the Trans-Bashee should be met by Sub-Councils meeting in these areas according to the requirements of local needs, and responsible to the General Council, but with powers to act in regard to repairs and emergency furloughs.

Adjourned with prayer till 2.15 p.m.

(Signed) D. D. STORMONT, Chairman.



Thursday 15th July 1915, 2.15 p.m. Met as adjourned.

The session was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

11. FENCING OF MISSION LANDS.

The meeting resolved to make the following recommendation to the Mission Councils: That the cost of fencing of main stations should be a charge on the land fenced, and that in exceptional cases it should be open to the Councils to receive applications for assistance to be submitted to the Foreign Mission Committee, and that this should be in the form of a loan to be repaid by the occupier or occupiers in annual instalments spread over a maximum of ten years from the date of the completion of the fencing.

12. MISSION SECRETARY.

The meeting considered the desirability of the appointment of a Mission Secretary to work under the authority and direction of the Councils or of the General Council.

13. RELATIONS OF INSTITUTIONS AND STUDENTS.

Reference was made to a report that in certain instances native students in training to become teachers are being allowed, during the three years of their training, to incur debt to the Institution where they are in training, under an agreement to repay after the completion of their course.

It was agreed to enquire of the Association of Heads of Native Institutions whether this report is correct, and, if so, to lodge a strong protest against such a practice on the grounds that it would encourage native students to incur debt, and that it would destroy the freedom of Institutions and Missions in dealing with such students, inasmuch as the Institutions and Missions would feel constrained to retain students or teachers who, on moral or other grounds, should not be retained, in order to ensure that the debts incurred would be repaid.

14. VOTE OF THANKS.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Principal and staff of Blythswood for their kind hospitality.

The minutes of this session were read and confirmed.

Closed with the Benediction.

{ Signed } D. D. STORMONT, Chairman.
{ do } J. LENNOX,
{ do } W. AULD, Secretaries.

