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— Minutes of Conference of  
Missionaries held at Lovedale,  
Alice, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1862. —

Present, Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs: Govan, Laing,  
Brownlee, J. Kayser Sn<sup>r</sup>, A. Krogh, Seifelt,  
Hartman, Meyer, Brockway, Templeton,  
R. Ross, J. Chalmers, J. Kayser Sn<sup>r</sup>,  
E. Solomon, P. Davidson, and H. Kayser: and  
Messrs. M<sup>r</sup> Diasmit, Weir and Colquhoun. The  
Rev<sup>d</sup> H. Calderwood attended in the evening.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan was chosen Chairman

A meeting for prayer and reading the scriptures  
was first held, the chairman presiding.

It was then resolved that a meeting for prayer  
and conference should be held annually, alternate  
at Lovedale and King William's Town, and that  
the next meeting be at King William's Town  
on the third Wednesday of January 1863.

M<sup>r</sup> H. Kayser was appointed to act as



Secretary, and instructed to issue invitations to missionaries of every denomination.

Letters were read from Messrs Birt and Soga expressing their regret that they could not be present.

The subject of cooperation among Missionaries was then introduced by the chairman, and after discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Solomon and seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Davidson,

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable, that whenever any of our members leave any one station for another where an Evangelical Missionary is labouring, he or she be recommended to attend the services, and also to become a communicant of that church, provided that no readmission by confirmation or baptism be demanded."

Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

The meeting was opened with prayer by M<sup>r</sup> Davidson.

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Kroph, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Davidson and adopted,

"That this meeting is of opinion that no member leaving one church and seeking membership in another, should be received without a certificate, or corresponding with the church which he has left; and particularly that those under church discipline should not be received by another church without consulting with the church from which they come, and dealing with them as with those under .



church discipline."

At a previous meeting M<sup>r</sup> H. Kayser was requested to read a paper on the native custom of "Ukulobola", after the reading of which it was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Solomon, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Davidson, and adopted,

"That this meeting expresses sincere thanks to the Rev<sup>d</sup> H. Kayser for the very interesting paper he has just read."

A long discussion then took place on that custom when it was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Meyer, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Brockway, and adopted,

"That this meeting recommends special meetings to be held at the various mission stations for the purpose of fully placing before the natives all the evils, direct and indirect, resulting from the custom of "Ukulobola"; and this meeting further earnestly urges upon those brethren well acquainted with the Kaffir language and usages the necessity of their attending, as far as possible these meetings and making a united and strenuous effort against this practice."

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Solomon, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers

"That M<sup>r</sup> Govan and the Brethren at Alice be requested to draw up a memorial to Government respecting the custom of "Ukulobola" and that he as chairman sign it on behalf of this meeting."

The meeting was again adjourned till the evening, when the subject of "Circumcision" as practised by the Natives was introduced by the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Chalmers.



After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted - Moved by Mr Davidson seconded by Mr Brownlee, -

"That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the practice of circumcision among the natives should be discouraged by the missionaries, and that all found engaging in, or countenancing the immoralities and indecencies accompanying this custom, be brought under the discipline of the church."

The conference also request that the Brethren try and ascertain the feelings of their officebearers on the question of "ukwaluka".

.. Before the close of the conference Mr Davidson of Adelaide consented to prepare a paper on "Polygamy"; Mr Laing of Burnshill on "Native Marriages"; and Mr Chalmers was <sup>requested</sup> to ask Mr Soga to read his previously promised paper on "Circumcision".

Jm  
J. W. M. Pres<sup>e</sup>

King William's Town 21<sup>st</sup> January 1863.

The conference met according to the former appointment.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Brownlee was requested to take the chair.

Present, Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Brownlee, Govan, Laing, Calderwood, Birt, Chalmers, Brockway, F. Haysler S<sup>r</sup>, F. Haysler J<sup>r</sup> - Read, Hebburn



Lamploagh, Meyer, Reehler, Liefelt, Kroph, Rein  
and H. Kayser; and Mr. Colquhoun

The minutes of the preceding conference  
having been approved, it was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> R. Birt  
and seconded by the Rev<sup>d</sup> R. Lamploagh -

"That the paper on "Ukusobola" by M<sup>r</sup> H. Kayser,  
after being corrected by him, and approved by the Committee,  
be published in the "Incalaba".

The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan then read the memorial  
addressed by him to the Government regarding the custom  
of "Ukusobola", at the request of the preceding conference,  
and also the correspondence resulting therefrom, when it  
was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> H. Kayser and seconded by the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> E. D. Hepburn -

"That the members of conference tender their most  
hearty thanks to M<sup>r</sup> Govan for the able manner in which  
he has represented the Conference in his communication and  
replies".

Adjourned to 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

On resuming, M<sup>r</sup> Hepburn opened with prayer.

It was then moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> R. Birt and  
seconded by the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Laing, -

"That the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan be requested to bring to  
the notice of the Government the necessity of legalizing  
the marriages of the Natives of the Colony and British  
Kaffraria, urging the importance of legislating on that  
subject; and in his correspondence with the Government  
to embody the views on which this meeting is almost  
unanimous, as to the claim of the first wife in cases  
of polygamy".

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Kayser and seconded  
by M<sup>r</sup> Govan -

"That, acknowledging the present



serious drought as a visitation from God, we agree, on our several stations to set apart the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February as a day for humiliation and prayer, and that the Secretary be instructed to intimate the same to other brethren."

It was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas. Read and seconded by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Meyer,

"That Messrs Govan, Birt, Kroph, Hepburn, and the Secretary be requested to act as a Committee to arrange for papers to be read and subjects to be discussed at the next meeting of Conference."

The next meeting of Conference is to be held on the first Wednesday in February.

John Brownlee  
Chairman

To His Honour Col. McLean Lieut. Govern  
of British Caffraria.

The Memorial of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Govan Missy of  
the Free Church of Scotland and Superintendent of  
Lovedale Sem<sup>y</sup>,  
Sheweth,

That at a meeting of min<sup>rs</sup> and  
missionaries of different Denominations held here on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of May last, at which your memorialist presided considerable  
conversation and discussion took place about the known  
custom that prevails among Kaffirs and Kingoes, by which  
parents sell their daughters, as wives, to those who give the  
highest price. During this consultation it was stated that  
some of the magistrates in British Caffraria have recently  
recognised such transactions as legitimate bargains; and  
accordingly in the case of a wife having left her husband and  
returned to her parents, have found the parent liable to restore the



cattle or other property that he had received for her.

That the above meeting directed memorialist to bring this circumstance under the notice of your Honour and humbly and respectfully to submit their views respecting it. However much they condemn the custom in question, as unseemly and revolting in itself, and as forming one main obstacle to the success of their efforts for the civilization of the Rappier tribes, they yet do not desire, nay they would deprecate any attempt on the part of the Gov<sup>t</sup> to put it down by force of law. For this, while it manifestly could not effectually secure the object intended, would have the effect of unnecessarily rousing or increasing in them a spirit of opposition to Gov<sup>t</sup>. But they think, and they instructed memorialist respectfully to submit to your Honour, that while the Gov<sup>t</sup> is not they think called upon to put down the custom, it ought at least not to countenance or sanction it, which is manifestly done when Magistrates in their judicial proceedings go upon the assumption that the sale of the woman is a legitimate commercial transaction, so that when she, the article of sale is withdrawn or withheld the price paid for her may be recovered by ordinary course of law. Surely all that the Native tribes have reason to expect of the Gov<sup>t</sup>, and Memorialist presumes to add, all that till very recently they generally speaking did expect, was simply to be left to themselves in this matter. And while this, it is believed would satisfy the natives themselves, Memorialist ventures to affirm that it is the only course that a British Magistrate can consistently pursue. For it seems a strange anomaly, that the authority of the British Government should be put forth to support and virtually legalize one, and that not the least revolting form of slavery, while by the same act it is holding up one of the main props of Polygamy. Memorialist as representing the members of the meeting above referred to, and whose names are hereto subjoined respectfully submits these statements



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to your Honour in the hope and with the earnest request  
that your Honour will give the matter a favourable  
consideration, and will adopt such measures as to your  
Honour shall seem meet.

12<sup>th</sup> June, 1862.

(Sgd) W<sup>m</sup> Govan

Secretary's Office  
18<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Sir,

I am directed by the Lieut. Governor to  
acknowledge the receipt, on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. of your Memorial  
dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Ultim<sup>o</sup>, in which you represent the views entertained  
by you and many other Missionaries relative to the custom among  
the natives by which parents sell their daughters for cattle.

In reply I have the honor to state that the Lieut Governor,  
having given his best attention to the suggestions made in the  
Memorial, is of opinion that you have taken a very fair  
and reasonable view of the question; and he has caused  
instructions to be issued to the several Magistrates to the  
effect that, <sup>they</sup> are no longer to entertain any case in which a  
husband claims to recover, from the parents of his wife on  
account of her having left him, the cattle or other property  
which he may have given for her.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd) George Brownlow,  
Secy to Govt.

The Revd W Govan }  
Lovedale Alice }



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Lovedale, 31<sup>st</sup> Octr 1862.

Sir,

I duly received a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Brownlow Secy, to Government of date 18<sup>th</sup> July last, in answer to a Memorial which, in name of a number of ministers and missionaries of different denominations, I took the liberty of addressing to your Honour. In that letter M<sup>r</sup> Brownlow says that the Lieutenant Governor, having given his best attention to the suggestions made in the Memorial, was of opinion that we had taken a very fair and reasonable view of the question; and that he had caused instructions to be issued, to the several magistrates to the effect that they were no longer to entertain any case in which a husband claims to recover from the parents of his wife, on account of her having left him, the cattle or other property which he may have given for her.

I have learned however that these instructions have been since withdrawn. Why this has been done I have no right to ask. Your Honour will suffer me, however to say, and I know I express the sentiments of the Brethren whom I represented in the Memorial, that I deeply regret this step on the part of the Govt. It has been prompted, I feel assured, by a want of due acquaintance of the nature and effects of the custom in question. For had these been fully known, I cannot allow myself to think that the authority of the British Government would be employed to uphold it.

Your Honour, I am sure, is far better acquainted with the working of the custom than I can pretend to be. You will permit me however, to make one or two statements which, I am sure, cannot be gainsaid, and which present, it seems to me, in a very striking light, its injurious and demoralizing effects.

By the custom in question, it must be obvious,

None can get wives but those who have cattle to pay for them. It is a natural consequence of this that young men having, as is very frequently the case, no cattle of their own, are, for this purpose, impelled to steal. Indeed all who are at all acquainted with the history of the Caffers for the last 20 or 30 years must know this forms one of the main causes of the frequent thefts chargeable against them.

Again, it cannot be that a young girl can, without reluctance, submit to be given, and this your Honour is aware, is very frequently done, to an old Polygamist; or that, submitting to it, as in general she from necessity does, she should prove faithful to him. Indeed an argument commonly used by the elder women to induce a young girl to submit to the unnatural and unseemly arrangement of her parents or guardians is that notwithstanding she may have the man of her choice. To some this may seem a light matter; but I am sure your Honour will regard in a very different light what indicates, and largely contributes to, universal licentiousness.

But it may be said that, even admitting the injurious effects of this custom, it is neither right nor expedient, nor even indeed practicable, to abolish it by force. This I fully admit; and indeed this is what, in the Memorial, we earnestly urged on the Gov<sup>rs</sup>. We desire that, in this matter, the people be simply left to themselves; that the Gov<sup>ts</sup> should simply intimate to them that the transactions in question are not in harmony with the principles of British law; and that they cannot therefore do anything that would imply their sanction of them as legitimate.

I feel assured that, if this were fully explained to them, it would tend not to weaken, but rather to strengthen their respect for the Gov<sup>t</sup>.

But it may be urged, and, I admit with some degree of plausibility, that is Gov<sup>t</sup> refuse to interpose, irregular



extrajudicial means will be had recourse to, in order to enforce what the people themselves of course regard as just claims. This I admit, and I admit also that it is a thing not at all desirable. But at the same time I hold that, do what you will, such anomalies must necessarily occur when a barbarous and heathen people, like the Kaffirs or Hingoes are placed under the Govt of a Christian nation like Britain. Some things that cannot, without an obvious violation of principle, be sanctioned, must for a time be tolerated. And the custom in question is, I hold, one of these.

And, after all, I beg to ask your Honour whether there is any ground for apprehending serious inconvenience from the extrajudicial means that might be employed to enforce such claims as those in question. For my own part, I feel confident that there is not. If the Govt were to explain to the people that they leave them entirely to themselves in this matter, the cases that might occur would be settled simply by the force of public opinion. Recourse to violence would be, I am persuaded, easily prevented - while the Govt by its simple dignified testimony would add no small degree of weight to the force of those influences that are silently but surely undermining, and will, I feel persuaded, at no very distant day, altogether abolish the custom in question.

I have the honor to be &c

(Sgd) W<sup>m</sup> Gowan

So

His Honour  
Col M Lean  
Lieut Govr of B. Kaffrs  
H. W. Gowan

Secretary's Office,  
King W<sup>m</sup>stown,  
December 13<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> October last, on the subject of the Native Marriage Dowry cases, I have the honor by the direction of the Lieut. Governor of British Kaffraria to acquaint you that he transmitted your communication for the consideration of the Governor, and to forward you a copy of the reply received from His Excellency.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,  
(Sgd) George Brownlow,  
Secretary to Govt.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>

W Govan

Lovedale Alice

Government House,

Cape Town,

25<sup>th</sup> November 1862.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter addressed to you by the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan, in which that Gentleman expresses his surprise at the recall of instructions which on the representations of ministers of different denominations you had been induced to issue to the effect that no assistance should be rendered to Kaffirs deserted by their wives seeking to recover cattle given for those wives to their parents at the time of marriage, and in which



he repeats some of the arguments already made use of in support of such a course.

As this is a matter on which I have had the misfortune to hold opinions at variance with your own, and as I have consequently been instrumental in bringing about the recall of the instructions alluded to, it is just that I should relieve you from all responsibility, and explain for the information of Mr Govan and those with whom he acts, upon what grounds I have felt it my duty to dissent from the line of policy advocated by them.

In considering this question, ~~this~~ it appears to me very essential to keep in view what is now the true position of the Kaffirs inhabiting British Kaffraria, since the conversion of the territory into a British Colony; a circumstance which I am much inclined to believe is up to this time not sufficiently appreciated by the public in general, as its effect not only on this question, but on all matters in which the Native Races are interested.

I apprehend that the practical effect of converting any territory into a British Colony is to render all its permanent inhabitants subjects of the British Crown; and that in the case of Kaffraria it became the duty of the Government from the time when that change was effected, and without reference to its expediency or in expediency to regard all the inhabitants, of whatever race, as equal in the eye of the law. I am therefore unable to admit the propriety of directions being given by the Government to the Functionaries of Kaffraria to withhold from a Kaffir the assistance of the law, or establishing a legal right any more than to withhold from an European similar assistance when required for the assertion of his recognised rights.

Mr Govan stigmatizes the custom in question as demoralizing, tending to licentiousness, and affording facilities for Polygamy.

I confess I cannot quite agree that such



not be its necessary results, or that the giving of cattle in exchange for a Bride might not under a generally improved moral status of the whole Race become a very unobjectionable proceeding.

It cannot be denied that in all countries, in all ages of the world, under all forms of Religion, marrying and giving in marriage has given rise to most important transactions in connexion with the worldly position of the parties themselves and frequently of those connected with them. Indeed it may be almost said that the higher the position is in life of such parties, the more direct has been the effect of mercenary considerations upon the connections they have formed. Great families have brought about such unions with a view to territorial aggrandisement, men in business have done the same looking to the extension of their transactions, and all this still goes on with the full assent and sanction of the whole civilised world. Sometimes no doubt an ill assorted marriage calls forth from spectators who have no interest in it, remarks similar to those made by M<sup>r</sup> Lawan on the demoralizing effects of such transactions and the temptations to which the victims of them are necessarily exposed. No one, however, dreams of legislative interference for bringing about a better state of things.

I would ask therefore in what consists the inherent vice of the special marriage arrangements made by the Kaffirs which would justify legislative interference for its suppression? With them it is customary for the dowry to be given to the parents for the Bride. In some semi-civilised countries where the obligation is reversed and the Bride's parents have to provide it, Female Infanticide on a large scale has been the known result. Here the Kaffir gives what he most values in exchange for his wife, and I am at a loss to discover why that circumstance should of itself, and apart from other causes exercise a more debasing influence over them than the arrangements of a like nature above adverted to as subsisting in other countries.



whether can I see with what justice a Kaffir abandoned by his wife should be precluded from recovering according to the customs of his race the dowry given for her, while we leave our Courts of law at liberty to deal in cases of divorce with the property affected by the marriage settlement.

M<sup>r</sup> Govan appears to consider that there is some necessary connection between the custom of giving cattle for wives and Polygamy. I do not see that the cattle must be the necessary consequence of the former; and it is worthy of notice that the course advocated by him would leave the Kaffir abandoned by his first or sole wife as entirely without redress as one abandoned by his fifth or sixth.

Upon the best consideration therefore that I have been able to give this important subject, I have come to the conclusion that it would not be right for the executive Government to attempt the indirect suppression of this custom in the manner that has been proposed to you. I am equally unprepared and unwilling to interfere by positive legislation. There can be no doubt that this custom is one to which the native races tenaciously cling; and that any direct attempt upon it would be deeply resented by them.

I have to beg that you will be good enough to furnish M<sup>r</sup> Govan with a copy of this letter if he should desire it.

I have the honor &c

(Sgd) P. E. Wodehouse

His Honor  
The Lieut Governor  
British Kaffraria



Meeting of Conference held at Lovedale on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1864.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Laing in the chair.

Present, Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Calderwood, Govan, Laing, J. Kayser Sr<sup>r</sup>, J. Kayser Jr<sup>r</sup>, Gysin, Weitz, Lutzelt, Kroph, Rein, Bead, B. Prof, R. Templeton, J. Davidson, R. Lamplough, van Roozen, W<sup>m</sup> Thompson and H. Kayser; and Messrs McDiarmid and Weir.

The minutes of previous conference having been approved, the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan read a paper on the subject of native marriages. After some discussion the subject was postponed to the close of the conference.

The subject of a corrected translation of the Bible was postponed until the nature of the new translation had been ascertained.

The suggestion to publish a number of short discourses for the use of the natives was approved of. Messrs R. Prof, Siya Soga, Sargeant, Chalmers, and H. Kayser were appointed a committee to act in selecting, translating, and composing them.

The committee for the coming year were authorized to fix a day of thanksgiving for the blessing of rain & an abundant harvest.

The following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

"That this Conference hears with great satisfaction the information given by M<sup>r</sup> Lamplough, that the members of the Wesleyan Conference have taken a unanimous step towards breaking up immoral native customs particularly that of 'Ukukulobola', and that this Conference requests M<sup>r</sup> Lamplough to convey this resolution to his brethren."

Discussions were held on general schools and native papers without any definite result.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Laing and Lamplough were added to the committee consisting of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Govan, Hepburn, Birt, Kroph, and the secretary.



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It was also decided that the next meeting of conference  
be held at King William's Town on the third Wednesday of  
January 1865.

James Laing,  
Chairman

King William's Town, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1864.

A special meeting of conference was held.

It was unanimously agreed to that the Rev<sup>d</sup> S. Brownlee  
take the chair. The chairman requested the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan  
to open the meeting with prayer.

Present, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs J. Brownlee, H. Kayser Snr,  
H. Kayser Jnr, Liejelt, W Govan, J. Laing, H. Kayser, Prop<sup>r</sup>,  
Maudehouse, R. Pops, J. Davidson, and M<sup>r</sup> McDiarmid.

M<sup>r</sup> Govan explained that this special meeting had  
been called to memorialize the High Commissioner on the  
subject of Education, and read a memorial asking His  
Excellency to make some provision for the educational wants  
of British Kaffraria, and mentioning the plan lately  
adopted in the adjoining Colony as applicable to the cir-  
cumstances of this country. The memorial was adopted  
and signed by all the members present.

M<sup>r</sup> Govan also read a memorial to the High Com-  
missioner requesting that the lands of the native locations,  
including those of the mission stations, be permanently  
secured to them by legal titles.

It was agreed that the memorial on Education be presented  
to the High Commissioner today. The members of the  
conference proceeded in a body to His Excellency Sir Philip  
Wodehouse, High Commissioner, and presented to him the above



tioned memorial. His Excellency received the memorial in a very affable manner, and on hearing the memorial read, said that he would be very glad to under the aid which was asked but that the state of the Revenue of British Kaffraria did not permit him to do so at the present time. He was requested to keep this matter before him and support our views as soon as the funds would enable him to do so. He replied that he would be most ready to give the aid which we ask when the Revenue of the Country would permit grants for education to be made.

Previous to the interview with His Excellency it had been agreed that the question on titles should be discussed at 3 o'clock.

The conference met after adjournment at 3 o'clock.

M<sup>r</sup> Birt engaged in prayer.

The question of titles was again taken into consideration. After the subject had been discussed at great length it was agreed,

"That this meeting resolve to memorialize the Government, asking that the mission Stations in British Kaffraria be secured to their several inhabitants in the following manner, viz. that,

- 1<sup>st</sup> A portion of land be granted to the Mission as Glebe land or for other ecclesiastical purposes;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That a portion of land, say from 6 to 10 acres be secured by legal title to each head of a family on the station; and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the rest of the land marked off to the station, be secured by title as commonage to the land-holders.

M<sup>r</sup> Cotterill made the following addition to this resolution "But that this is not to interfere with any Mission station already formed unless by consent <sup>of the religious</sup> society or body which has interest therein."

The meeting was closed with prayer.

John Brown



King Williams Town, 18<sup>th</sup> January 1865.

The following members of the Conference of Missionaries of various denominations met here this day — viz —  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Govan, Birt, Brownlee, Soga, R. Rofs, Davidson, Saing, Chalmers, Brockway, Kropf, Sieffelt, Rein, Nahaus, Wiegel and Henry Kayser.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan was called to the Chair.

On the request of the President the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tigo Soga opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of last Conference, held at Lovedale on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1864, and of the special meeting held at King Williams Town on the 24<sup>th</sup> August last, were read and approved.

The Secretary having again intimated his wish to be relieved from the office of Secretary the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Saing was unanimously requested to act in that capacity and consented.

Letters from Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs dargeant and Eysin were read expressing their interest in the objects of the meeting, and their regret that they could not be present.

Mr Govan made a verbal statement regarding the Rev<sup>d</sup> James Read, to the effect that, owing to domestic circumstances he feared that he would not be able to attend.

The Committee to prepare short discourses for the use of the natives, not having acted on account of the non-appointment of a convenor, they are re-appointed, to prepare a number of such discourses and to present them to next meeting.

M<sup>r</sup> Kropf was added to the Committee and M<sup>r</sup> Soga was appointed convenor.

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Richard Rofs and seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Birt, and unanimously agreed to that copies of the Memorials on Education and Killes which were presented to his Excellency Sir P. Wodehouse on the 24 August



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last be forwarded to the Commission on native affairs appointed by the Colonial Parliament. The answer from his Excellency to the memorials on Tittles to be engrossed in the minutes. A letter from Government, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September last, addressed to Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Brownlee, Birt, and J. G. Hayser in answer to a communication from them on the subject of Natives' Tittles was read, and it was agreed unanimously, on the motion of Mr Chalmers, seconded by Mr Soga, that a memorial be presented to the Governor's Deputy in British Kaffraria, urging

1<sup>st</sup> That the amount of arable land to be granted to each head of a native family, be extended so as to be from four to ten acres, as in the District of Victoria, in the Colony:

2<sup>nd</sup> That with the exception of the land thus surveyed, the whole of the land connected with the station or location be secured inalienably to the holders of these even as commonage: and -

3<sup>rd</sup> Agreeing that the Tittles be not issued until the expenses of survey be paid by the grantees.

Mr Govan was requested to draw up the memorial on these topics, and to send it round for signature. Messrs. Brownlee and Birt, after the memorial has been signed, were requested to present it to the Governor's Deputy.

During the discussion on the matters embraced by the memorial Messrs J. G. Hayser and Kluwer entered the meeting.

Mr Laing read a paper on the question -  
"When the first wife of a man, having more than one, professes Christianity, is she obliged, assuming that she is the first and real wife, to leave her husband



and stated that it was the view of the majority of the missionaries labouring in this part of Africa, and also his own view, that the wife, in the circumstances described, was not bound to leave her husband, but was at liberty to leave him if her conscience should direct her so to do.

During the reading of the paper the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs. Hepler and J. Kayser Esq<sup>s</sup> entered the meeting -

The thanks of the meeting were given to M<sup>r</sup> Laird for his valuable paper on the above question.

Mr Kropp read a paper -

"On the best mode of dealing with candidates".

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to Mr Kropp.

The meeting adjourned.

The conference again met and on the request of the President Mr Birt engaged in prayer.

After discussion on the question -

"What can be done to prevent natives contracting debts, particularly in connection with their extravagant weddings?" it was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Soga, seconded by Mr Birt, and unanimously agreed to - That on the second Sabbath of March next, each missionary preach on the evil of the natives getting into debt.

The question - "What can be done to bring the Gospel to bear more powerfully on the heathen mind?" was considered at some length, and among other means for effecting this most desirable object the harmonious co-operation of missionaries was mentioned.

In connection with this harmony of co-operation M<sup>r</sup> Soga read a paper on - "The relations of our missionary work". It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> R<sup>d</sup> Ross, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers, and unanimously agreed to - "That the thanks of the meeting be given to M<sup>r</sup> Soga for his lucid



and eloquent paper on the above subject, and that he be requested to revise, extend, and re-read it at the next meeting of Conference".

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Hepburn, and unanimously agreed to - "That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Kayser for his valuable services as Secretary during the last three years, and that this meeting repay him for any expense which he may have incurred in the discharge of his duties."

It was agreed that each member of the Conference have the liberty of inviting a friend or friends to attend its meetings.

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> B<sup>d</sup> Ross, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Hepburn, and unanimously agreed to - "That M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers be added to the Committee for choosing and arranging subjects for the consideration of the Conference".

The thanks of the meeting were given to the Wesleyan body for the use of their school-room, which they have repeatedly given for the meetings of the Conference.

The next annual meeting was appointed to be held at Lovedale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January 1866.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. M. - J. M. Pres<sup>t</sup>



~~Henry Williams's Journal~~

— Lovedale 17<sup>th</sup> January 1866 —

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan, President.

Present The Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Govan, Hartman, Stephens, Chalmers, Bryce Rofs, Richard Rofs and Laing, and Messrs Weir and M<sup>r</sup> Diarmid.

The minutes of 18 January 1865 were read & approved. Letters from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Messrs Gysin, Sergeant, and Henry Kayser were read stating that circumstances would prevent them from attending, but expressing an interest in the objects of the meeting.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> John Chalmers was chosen President.

The Secretary read the following extract from a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Soga shewing that the committee appointed to prepare short discourses in Kaffir had not acted.

"The Brethren at the last Conference appointed me as the convenor of a committee to prepare and bring before the Conference short discourses in Kaffir. All the members of committee, with the exception of M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers, on being called upon to proceed with the work sent in their excuses. M<sup>r</sup> Kayser resigned; M<sup>r</sup> R. Rofs was pressed with business, so was M<sup>r</sup> Sergeant. M<sup>r</sup> Kropp, before he pledged himself to do anything in this way, wished first to know the thoughts of missionaries on the paper which M<sup>r</sup> Soga was requested to read again at the next Conference. Under these circumstances I could not proceed, the matter therefore is still in the hands of the Conference."

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Govan, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Diarmid and unanimously agreed to, that this committee be reappointed and that Messrs Appleyard & Brockway be added to it.



It appears that the memorial on Education was not sent to the commission on native affairs, unless it was sent by the mover or seconded.

It was reported that the memorial on Titles was drawn up, signed and presented, and though no direct answer was received, yet the prayer of the memorial has been granted.

It was reported that the request to preach against contracting debt was generally complied with.

M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers stated, that, owing to a press of work, M<sup>r</sup> Soga had been prevented from revising his paper on the relations of our missionary work.

M<sup>r</sup> Soga's paper on the new translation of the Bible into Kaffir was read and considered.

M<sup>r</sup> Bryce Ross was requested to state his views on the character of M<sup>r</sup> Applegard's translation. He readily acceded to the request, and stated his views at considerable length, approving of M<sup>r</sup> Soga's remarks.

It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Govan, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Laing and unanimously agreed to "that the translation of the Scriptures into the Kaffir language, while it is the result of much pains and labour, and while great credit is due especially to M<sup>r</sup> Applegard, for the care that he has bestowed on its revision and completion, is yet not to be received as satisfactory; that it is imperative therefore that measures be adopted, without any unnecessary delay, to have a correct and idiomatic translation; and appoint

the Chairman, Messrs Soga, Laing, B. Ross, Brockway, H. G. Kayser Jun<sup>r</sup>, Kropf, Rhein, Gysin + Hartman, with power to add to their number, M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers convenor - a Committee, to take this very important matter in hand, & devise & carry into effect whatever measures may be necessary for accomplishing it, instructing them to invite the co-operation of



Missionaries of all denominations in the work.

The following Memorial to His Excellency the Governor was presented to the meeting by Mr Govan and unanimously adopted.

17<sup>th</sup> January }  
1866 }

To His Excellency Sir Philip Woodhouse, Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope &c. &c.  
The memorial of Missionaries of different denominations, met in annual conference at Lovedale on this day

Sheweth

That memorialists feel called upon to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing their the deep and anxious concern with which they have heard that Mr Charles Brownlee, Gaska Commissioner, has deemed it necessary to intimate his intention of resigning the situation which he has so long and honourably and usefully held.

That the great influence which Mr Brownlee has with all classes of natives, and the singular prudence, and the high principle which have uniformly characterised his public conduct mark him out to all classes as one whose continued services are not only important but even indispensable.

His retirement would be considered, not by the Gaska Kafirs only, but also by all classes of natives, as indicating, on the part of the Government, unfriendly, if not hostile, designs towards them and so would have a tendency to disturb the tranquillity and endanger the peace of the country.

That memorialists are aware that the step which they thus venture to take is one which may be regarded as presumptuous and interfering with matters out of their province. And it is therefore with some hesitation that they have adopted it. They are so impressed, however, in common, as they feel assured, with all classes of

of their fellow colonists, with the great importance of the subject, that they have felt impelled, at the risk even of being regarded as officious, to let their voice be heard, and to express their conviction that not only the continuance of M<sup>r</sup> Brownlee's services, but his promotion to a position which public opinion has with singular unanimity, marked out for him, is not less due to his own merits, and his past services, than it would tend to secure the peace, and promote the prosperity of the country.

Memorialists therefore beg leave to implore your Excellency to bestow to the clearly expressed wishes of the country, and, in the arrangements now being made in British Kaffraria, to place M<sup>r</sup> Brownlee in a position in which his talents, his influence, and his large experience in native affairs, may be made fully available to the benefit of the country.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) John A. Chalmers  
Chairman of Missionary Conference.

Messrs Govan, Chalmers, Brockway, and Bryce Profs were appointed a Committee in reference to the memorial M<sup>r</sup> Chalmers Convener.

It being understood that this year 1866 is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Brownlee's missionary services in this country, Messrs Brockway, Chalmers and Laing (M<sup>r</sup> Laing Convener) were appointed a committee to communicate with M<sup>r</sup> Brownlee as to the interesting event of his jubilee, and, should they see cause, to make arrangements for the public notice of the same.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

John A. Chalmers President

18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1867



King Williams Town, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1867.

The meeting was opened with devotion exercises by the Rev. John Chalmers Chairman. Present Messrs Brookway, Govan, Brit. J. Provan, Selas, Soga, Davidson, Laidy, Chalmers, Boyce Ross, Richard Ross, Stewart, Reen, Kropp, Clever, Anders, Nauhaus, Liefeldt, Best, Read, Murray, Van Rooyen, Macdiarmid, Mein, C. Provan, Peary, and Dr. Wengemann from Berlin.

The minutes of 17 January, 1866 were read and approved.

Letters of apology from Messrs Gysin and Sargaut, were read.

The Rev. Mr Kropp was chosen Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Committee to prepare short Dis- courses in Kaffir was reappointed. Mr Soga Convener.

Mr Soga read his paper on the relations of our Missionary work.

The cordial thanks of the Conference were given to Mr Soga for the careful revision of his interesting and instructive paper.

After discussion on the first point taken up in Mr Soga's paper, it was moved <sup>by Dr. Stewart,</sup> seconded by Mr Boyce Ross and unanimously agreed to.

That a Committee be appointed to examine the whole subject of the

limits of the spheres of labour belonging to the different missionary societies represented in this Conference, and report at next meeting; and the Conference grant to the Committee powers to deal with any case of encroachment or alleged encroachment that may occur during the present year, and that may be referred to them by the parties interested. The Committee are Messrs A. Kopp, Bruce, Ross, Tijo Soga, and S. Gysin, Mr Kopp Convener.

With regard to the remarks on fugitives from discipline contained in Mr Soga's communication, it was moved by Mr Johan, seconded by Mr Read and unanimously agreed to,

That the members of this Conference declare it to be their purpose, in no case to receive into Church fellowship any individual known to be under discipline for immorality, or any other sufficient cause; and should such a case occur in reference to any member of any one of their Churches, they resolve that earnest remonstrance be made against such a proceeding to the minister or missionary body by which it may have been adopted, or approved; and that the Committee on the limits of respective spheres of labour be instructed to carry out this resolution where necessary, and report to the Conference and they likewise instruct the same



Committee to deal in a similar manner with any case that may occur in which Certificates of membership have been withheld from individuals desiring, on apparently good grounds, to remove from one Church or congregation to another.

Mr Bholmers gave in the report of the Committee on the translation of the Bible into the Kaffir language by the Rev. J. H. Applegard and laid on the Table a Pamphlet embodying the result of the proceedings of the Committee.

The Committee on the translation of the Bible was reappointed and Mr Pitt was added to it.

Mr Bholmers read the following answer from His Excellency the Governor to the Memorial in favour of Mr C. Brownlee:

Government House  
January 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency, the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial transmitted in the name of the Missionaries of different denominations met in an annual conference at Fort Dale - and to assure you of the regret with which he has heard of their having been unnecessarily subjected to serious anxiety in respect to Mr C. Brownlee.

His Excellency trusts the following explanation will allay the minds of the memorialists,

been held that, on the annexation of British Kaffraria to the Cape Colony, it would be sufficiently represented in Parliament if partitioned into two Divisions, and that its financial and Electoral arrangements could be properly controlled by two Civil Commissioners, one of whom must be stationed at King William's Town. At that place Mr Taylor held the Office of Resident Magistrate with which that of Civil Commissioner is always associated while Mr Brownlee held another Office (for which the Memorialists consider him peculiarly fitted) at a distance from King William's Town and with a Salary quite equal to that of the Resident Magistrate at that Station.

Mr Taylor was therefore appointed Civil Commissioner, but Mr Brownlee was assured by the former's Deputy that he would only, of necessity, be subordinate to Mr Taylor in matters of finance, and that the part of the Colony in which he resided should before annexation, be converted into a separate Resident Magistracy.

After this had passed and before the arrangements were completed, Mr Brownlee was civilly requested by Mr Taylor to give some information immediately needed - He refused and having then been ordered by the Government to give it he asked the allowed gratuity on a pension calculated with an addition of ten years to his actual service in compensation for abolition of office.

His



His Excellency the Governor then pointed out  
him what I have now stated adding that  
if he adhered to his intention of resigning, it would  
be entirely out of his power to recommend him  
for a pension. The Memorials will  
doubtless be glad to learn that Mr. Brownlie has  
since expressed his opinion that no other  
Kaffrarian officer could fill his place, which  
he does not seek leave, and that he has  
withdrawn his resignation.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant -  
(sgd.) Markham Taylor  
Captain Royal Artillery  
Acting Sec. High Commissioner.

The Reverend

John A. Chalmers

Chairman of Missionary Conference.

Mr. Laing gave in the Report on the  
Bountee Jubilee.

In reference to the public meeting  
to be held in the evening, Mr. Soga in-  
timated that he was unable, from  
the state of his health to fulfil the  
duties assigned him by the general committee.  
Mr. Govan was requested to take his  
place.

Dr. Stewart was appointed to  
speak at the meeting in the evening in-  
stead of Mr. Bryce Ross.

Mr. Bryce Ross stated that he had

no written communication to make on the subject of native marriages. He was requested to bring forward a paper on the subject at next meeting.

It was agreed that Dr. Stewart be added to the Committee on Subjects.

The address to the Rev. John Brownlee, on the interesting occasion of his Jubilee was read to the meeting, and signed by the members of Conference present.

It was resolved that an Abstract of the proceedings of this day's Conference, with such other matter from the previous minutes as may be useful for the information of the members generally, be printed and circulated. Messrs Rein Swan, Birt, Stewart & Luing were appointed a Committee (Dr. Stewart, Convenor) to carry this resolution into effect.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Lovedale on the third Wednesday of January, 1868.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Stewart



King Williams Town, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1868.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, the Rev. A. Kropp, President, reading a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. Wm Govan, on the request of the President, engaging in prayer.

Present, the Rev. W. R. Thomson, W. Govan, A. Kropp, W. Rein, Bryce Ross, Richard Ross, James Laing, Tijo Soga, James Davidson, John Chalmers, John Selaten, John F. Gamming, Wm Gidwood, Harper, Nauhaus, Beste, Anders,

Thomas Brockway, and Messrs James Weir, A. McDiarmid & John Bennie.

Letters of apology for absence from the Rev. S. Gysin, John Applegard, W. Sargeant, J. Fish, R. Birt, and John Ross were read.

The minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1867 were read and approved.

The Rev. Thomas Brockway, of the London Missionary Society, was elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr Soga gave in the following report, on the preparation of Short Discourses in the Kaffir language: The Committee on the Kaffir Discourses met in July last, and it was resolved to prepare Discourses on the Parables—two Parables being given to each member of the Committee. I report progress: Some of these Discourses have been written, though not examined.



It was moved by Mr Govan, seconded by Mr Chalmers and unanimously agreed to, that the Committee be reappointed and that they give in their Discourses at next meeting.

Mr Kopp reported that in relation to our missionary spheres of labour, no case of encroachment had been reported to the Committee for advice, and that in consequence no meeting of Committee had been held.

It was moved by Mr Sclater, seconded by Mr Soga and unanimously agreed to, that the Committee be reappointed with power to deal with any case of encroachment or alleged encroachment, in connection with the missionary societies represented in this Conference, that may occur during the present year, and that may be referred to them by the parties interested.

Mr Chalmers gave in the following report on the translation of the Bible into the Kaffir language, and laid on the table, 'An Apology for the Kaffir Bible,' by the Rev. J. W. Appleyard, in answer to the Pamphlet of the Conference against his translation, published at Lovedale in Novem. 1866:

The Committee on the translation of the Scriptures into the Kaffir language has not met since last meeting of Conference. The Committee was reap-



appointed, not for the purpose of performing any work assigned to it by the Conference, but as a standing Committee to await the result of the publication of the Pamphlet issued by the Conference on the present translation of the Scriptures. The Rev. J. W. Appleyard has published a rejoinder to the said Pamphlet, a copy of which he has forwarded to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and it now remains with the Conference either to dissolve or re-appoint the Committee on the translation of the Scriptures into the Ruffia language.

The Rev. Mr. Clever, Lutheran Minister entered the meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Bryce Ross, seconded by Mr. Kropp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Committee be reappointed with power to add to their number, with instructions, generally, to use such measures, as, in the circumstances, they may deem necessary to carry out the object for which they were appointed; and specially, in the first instance, to ascertain whether it be practicable to secure a union of all denominations, including the Wesleyans, for the purpose of preparing the new translation.

Mr. William Pears entered the meeting. Mr. Bryce Ross read a paper on native marriages, after the reading of which it was moved by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Govan & unanimously agreed to, that



The Minutes of this meeting be given to Mr B. Ross for his carefully written and able paper on native marriages, and that the said paper be preserved in the minutes for the information of the Conference & other parties interested in the Moral improvement of the natives.

Mr Bruce Ross's paper on Native marriages is as follows:

In the present Paper I do not intend to enter into any thing like a discussion of the question, but simply to endeavour to make some observations, with the view of bringing this important subject before the Conference, in such a way, as to lead to its being fully and fairly considered, and to the adoption of such measures as may in the circumstances be deemed necessary. At first sight, this may appear one of those questions which do not fairly come within the range of discussion by a Mission Conference; but upon a proper view of the matter, I think it will be found that it is one which in our circumstances we are not only entitled, but imperatively required to consider and take action upon. Strictly speaking, it is not the question of Native inheritances, viewed in itself, that we have to consider. To any one asking us to decide upon that question, we may with our blessed Lord and Master reply, 'who made me a judge and a divider over you?' For me am strongly of opinion that the



As missionaries have to do with cases of inheritance among the natives the better it will be both for the temporal and eternal interests of the people among whom we have been sent to labour. The question under consideration by us at present is simply this - What are likely to be the moral effects produced upon the natives by the Laws of Inheritance lately promulgated by the Government with the view of removing the disadvantages and disabilities under which they are placed by the Common Colonial Laws?

In order to have a proper solution of this question we require first to look at these Laws themselves. Two Laws have been promulgated on the question of Native Inheritance. One is a Bill passed in the Colonial Parliament in the Session of 1864, and intended to meet the case of Natives located within the boundaries of what was then the ~~transvaal~~ Colony. The other is an Ordinance published in the same year by the late Government of British Kaffraria for the benefit of the Natives living within these territories. The Colonial Bill, as I understand it, simply provides that on the demise of a native his property shall be administered according to the customs of his tribe; the Governor is to determine what these customs are.

The Kaffrarian Ordinance is a somewhat more complicated document. It provides, first, that the property of a deceased native, who was married simply according to



Native customs shall be administered according to native law; Secondly, that the property of a deceased native who was married simply according to European forms, shall be administered according to the Common Colonial Law; Thirdly, that the property of a native who married first according to European forms, and then while his wife by said marriage was still alive, married another, or others according to native custom, shall be administered according to the Colonial Law; and fourthly, that the property of a second native, who was married first according to native custom, and then according to European forms, shall be administered according to the Customs of his tribe, but it is expressly provided that his widow, to whom he was married according to European forms, or her issue, shall share alike with the widow or issue of the marriage or marriages by native customs. Such, as I understand them, are the provisions of the Laws on Native Inheritances.

Let us now look at the native customs according to which, by the Colonial Bill, and by some of the sections of the Ruffinian Ordinance the property is to be administered. In other words, let us look at the native <sup>lex</sup> law of Inheritance, for that is the thing meant by the expression 'according to the customs of his tribe,' in these documents. I will give the law in the words of one who is a great authority in such matters:

As the Law is simple, I can give it to you in a few words.

In the case of monogamists the eldest son



inherits all the property; the other sons do not inherit. They have only what the father may have given to them in his life-time.

In the case of a Polygamy, the great son of the great wife is the heir of his father, but it is the custom to distribute the property of the father among the various houses. In this case the eldest son of each house takes the property appropriated by the father to that house.

The houses are the great-house, the Kunene, and it may be the Liba, and to one or all of these houses there may be one or more gadi's. The daughters of the gadi's may be given to the head of the house to which they belong, or they may be the property of the elder brother of the house. Should the gadi have no son, the daughters are the property of the eldest son of the house to which they belong. If the father is a wealthy man, he may appropriate cattle to each house, gadi's as well as Moss, and in this case the eldest son of the gadi inherits the property.

The law recognizes only one man as the heir of the father, that is the great son of the great wife, but it allows the father to distribute his property during his life-time to all his houses, and to all his children. Should no distribution have been made, the great son takes all, with the exception of the daughters of each house. Should the father have made an unjust distribution of <sup>his</sup> property, and have given an undue preference to the

\* Ladies are house, attached to the Mr's houses in the way that the families of Tilpa & Bilshah were attached to the houses of Leah & Rachel in the household of the Patriarch Jacob.

nor houses, to the prejudice of the great house, the great son may, after his father's death, bring an action for his inheritance of which he was deprived by the father, and in this the great son may recover all the property from the houses to which an undue preference was given, which clearly establishes the point that the great son is his father's heir, and he alone.

Cases are rare in which an undue preference is shown, for though the father is, in many instances, despoiled to favour the sons of his father, or his wife to the prejudice of the others, he is prevented from adopting this course by knowing the result, and there will always be relations and men of influence who would 'gild' him in such a case, and in most cases he would be guided by their advice.

All undistributed property goes to the great house at the father's death.

Should a man die without a son his property goes to the nearest male relation on the father's side. No relation on the mother's side may inherit the property, the mother's relations, having already having had the Kazi, have no further right or claim, though the one who inherits the property may be a much more distant relation.

Let us now compare the two laws on Native Inheritance with the native customs, and we shall see what are likely to be their moral effects. Upon placing the Colonial Bill, just as it is, along side of Native customs in the matter of Inheritance, I think it not



only recognize, but also countenance, polygamy, which is an institution every one in this Conference, I suppose, holds to be at variance with the Divine will, as revealed in Scripture. For unless the Governor in the proclamation defining the Native Customs to be followed excludes those bearing upon polygamy, the property of a deceased polygamist will, according to native law, fall to be inherited by the eldest son of the principal wife, who may not be the first one. Now, as it is no uncommon thing among the present generation of Colonial natives, to defer the taking of the principal wife till the husband is pretty considerably advanced in life, he will be very much tempted to arrange matters in such a way, as to bring it to pass that a young favourite be made the principal, to the exclusion of the wife of his youth. And should natives with beautiful daughters see that to be the case, they will be more than ever tempted to marry them to rich old polygamists, for then they will not only calculate upon a large dowry made to themselves, but also upon a great inheritance falling to their grand-children by said daughters.

But, be that as it may with regard to the Colonial Bills, there cannot be the slightest doubt, that polygamy is both recognized and upheld by the Caffrarian Ordinances. One section provides without <sup>any</sup> reservation whatever, that the property of a deceased native who has been married according to Native custom, shall be administered according to the customs of his tribe: now as has been already shown these customs recognize and favour polygamy. Another section, in one

view, still more objectionable, because it not only recognizes polygamy, but also causes confusion in that it makes Christianity a party to things condemned by Scriptures. Suffer me to explain, at some length, what I mean by this.

As is well known, the Israelites were polygamists in the time of the earlier prophets. In that of the later ones, they thought they could mend the matter by divorcing their wives and marrying others. The Lord by his inspired servants denounced this as treacherous dealing with their companions, the wives of their youth, and expressed his strong abhorrence of this putting away. Our Lord still more strongly denounced the practice. He repeatedly declared that "whoever putteth away his wife and marryeth another committeth adultery." But the Apostles, carrying out the same principle, told the converted Gentiles that they were not at liberty, on becoming Christians, to put away their an be living partners. Now this ordinance goes in direct opposition to that principle, by providing that the property of a deceased (native) who was married first by native customs to one or more wives, and then to another according to European forms, while the former was still alive, shall be administered according to native law; for he it carefully noted that he could not be married to the latter without having previously put away the former. Now again it makes Christianity a party to this putting away of first wives, and marrying others, for those marriages, according to European forms, must be



denounced by ministers of the Gospel, or by the  
Mosaicists of a Christian people. Then of a  
sudden it causes great confusion, for, at last, when the  
property comes to be administered, all the wives will  
be recognized, as the administration, if I mistake not  
is, without reserve, to be made according to native  
customs.

I am aware that there are many men, both  
in this and in other lands, who think that a marriage  
by heathens is really no marriage, and who suffer  
a converted polygamist to choose one of his so-called  
wives, and enjoin upon him the necessity of his being  
married to her according to European forms. I would  
earnestly exhort all brethren who are of that opinion  
to reconsider the matter calmly and prayerfully.

Let them look well to the conclusions which  
can be legitimately drawn from this principle.

Not to mention that it makes all heathen  
fornicators, and all heathen children bastards,  
who cannot rightfully claim any inheritance,  
this principle seems to me, to give a polygamist  
in his embracing of Christianity the liberty of re-  
pudiating every one of his wives, and marrying  
an altogether new one, because he was really  
married to none of them. Let us suppose that  
a hoary headed heathen with a soul half a  
dozen wives, and a score of children comes to  
a minister holding such a principle, and  
says, I have embraced Christianity and  
with admission into the Church. I have hitherto  
considered myself the husband of six wives,  
but, now that I have become a Christian, I see  
that I really am not the husband of any one of



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I am, as I was not married in the Church,  
that, I do not like parting with them all, but  
I find I must dismiss every one of them, be-  
cause they are all heathens, and the Bittlesozs  
be not unequally yoked with un-believers. As  
I cannot well do without a help-mate, I intend  
to take a wife according to the forms of the Church  
whenever, one to whom I may be married in the Lord,  
a very good young Christian woman. What reply  
could the missionary make? He might say, I  
hold it to be your bounden duty to marry one  
of these wives; but what reason could he give  
for this opinion which appears at variance  
with his own opinion? It would do to say, that  
this supposed case is not likely to occur. If such  
a proceeding would be a fair carrying out of this  
principle then the principle is a bad one.

Moreover, though this case may never occur, depend  
upon it, similar ones will take place when  
these people begin to think for themselves. The  
natives are remarkable for expertness in logically  
pushing a principle as far as it will go, in conducting  
their own affairs; and when they come to reason in re-  
ligious matters they will no doubt push some of  
our doctrines farther than their original propound-  
ers ever dreamt of, as is now taking place with  
disastrous effect in the Colony of Natal. Further  
let the brethren who hold the dogma under review,  
carefully examine the foundation on which it rests. For-  
tunately, it has the appearance at least of contradicting  
Scripture, as the marriages contracted in the heathen  
state by converts to Christianity in the Apostolic  
age were pronounced binding by the sacred



writers. Men, secondly, the foundation of this dogma requires to be very secure, because not only among missionaries, so far as I know, but also among native converts, and even among thoughtful well disposed heathens, it has generally been taken for granted that a polygamist, upon his being converted, is not only bound to put away all his wives except one, but is also bound to keep the fruit of them because it was not in taking her, but in taking them that he became guilty of polygamy. Moreover, great <sup>faculties</sup> trials have been made, and strong <sup>trials</sup> sacrifices have been endured by native converts, in avowal of this supposed duty. It is not likely that the dogma under consideration will be really received by the Christian Communities, without its being well tested. The mere ex-Cathedra pronouncing of it will not do. Let me illustrate my meaning, not by a supposed, but by a real case: A good many years ago, in some part of the Colony, away from all their relations, a young couple came to live together as man and wife. By their industry they got together some property. Some time after the woman's brother fell in with them, but of the property they had acquired by their joint labour, a dowry was paid to the brother for his sister, while he, on his part, promised to take measures, ere long, to have the marriage consummated. He died, however, without effecting this. Some time after, I cannot say when, the husband took a second wife, for whom he paid a dowry out of the property which he and the first wife had got together. This last wife's marriage was consummated as her relations were in a position to do so. But it is he

well noted, that the firm was formally concluded the  
 principal one. Sometime after, the second wife be-  
 came a Christian. She was kept long a candidate  
 for baptism, not from any fault of hers, however, but  
 chiefly because, in the opinion of her native  
 Superintendent, her baptism would be detrimen-  
 tal to the cause of religion, as on entering the  
 Church fully, she would require to leave her hus-  
 band, on account of her being the younger wife.  
 At length, circumstances occurred which led  
 her to the determination to live no longer in  
 polygamy. With the view of leaving, she went  
 to her minister for a certificate. He asked if  
 she did not love her husband. She answered,  
 that she did, and that it was only a sense of  
 duty that made her separate from him. He asked  
 what she meant to do with her children. She said  
 she had to part <sup>from</sup> with them, but could not help  
 it. He gave her a note certifying that she had  
 been a member of the Church for five years, and  
 that she was unmarried. Her husband upon  
 learning what had taken place became greatly  
 enraged, and went and abused the minister. A day  
 or two afterwards the minister met her,  
 and informed her that he had received great abuse  
 from her husband on her account, and desired her  
 to come to him on a certain day. On the day ap-  
 pointed, she and her husband and sixth wife  
 went to the minister, whom they found attended by  
 two assistants. The meeting proved a very trying one  
 to the woman's determination. The husband stated  
 that the first wife was no longer a wife to him,  
 that she was just like his father, or his mother, that



in fact, he had for many years ceased to live with her as his wife, and Mat, therefore the one whom he meant to marry in the Church, was the younger one. The minister, turning to the younger wife, said that he thought she should agree with the opinion expressed by her husband, and be married to him in the Church. She replied she could not. In being his wife, she was a thief. She had stolen another woman's husband. Before she came to him, he and his other wife had lived together in happiness. After his arrival their happiness departed, and it was she who was the cause of this. Once she did not care as she knew no better, now she knew, and could not be the cause of this any longer. She must restore the woman to her husband.

The minister now referred to the native assistant, who agreed with the husband, adding that according to the Roff's law, the younger in this case, was the principal wife, as her marriage had been consummated, whereas that of the first had not. To this the younger wife replied, that she could not see how the consummation of marriage could determine the question of the principal wife, since a man might be the husband of six wives, whose marriages might be all consummated, while they could not all be principal wives, and that, in the present case, at any rate, it had been formally decided by the parties, whose duty it was to do so, that the first was the principal one. After this, both ministers and assistants set upon her to get her to consent to remain with her husband. They told her that the both what shall be said, gave the husband,

liberty to choose which wife should remain with <sup>him,</sup> ~~her~~ ~~husband~~ that it was their opinion that she should remain with her husband, and that, as they were the rulers in the Church, it was her duty to obey them. To this she replied that she did not see that she could obey them, because the one day they approved of her leaving her husband, by giving her a certificate, but on the other, when he expressed his determination to oppose her leaving, they changed their minds, and told her it was her duty to remain. Moreover, while it was her duty to obey, how could she do so in the present case, when she was commanded to do a thing that was wrong. They thereupon told her that, even supposing that what they told to do was in itself sinful, she should obey, as they alone were responsible. To this she merely said that she had not yet learned that a man could bear the sin of his fellow man. The meeting was at length brought to an end by her yielding ironically; whereupon the first wife demanded, that as they had despised of her faithful husband, they must see to it, that her children's bread was secured to them: to which they replied that her demand was nothing at all.

Upon the following day, the younger wife set off for her home. The husband pursued her, and having found her, first took her bundle from her head and tore it to pieces; after this he tore off all her clothing, not leaving a vestige of it on her; he ~~then~~ he then took and locked her, till from sheer exhaustion he had to desist; afterwards he pushed her in the direction of his place. To all this she did not make the least resistance. When



They approached the place, shame compelled him to throw her a Cotton Blanket. A day or two after he collected the article, he had torn and took them to the ministers to show him that her disobedience, proceeded from madness, as she had torn her own cloth pieces. Meantime, she made off to her friends, and told them that she had come to believe up to them the husband, they had given her, as he was really not her husband, but another woman's. He followed. Some of them told him that having once given their sister to him they would not take her back; others, though heathens, remarked that they were not aware that it was the custom to abuse a person, in the manner he had done, when acting from religious convictions. She returned with him in order to supply her children with food. Whereupon he said to her that he had given her up in despair, but as he wished that the separation should be formally affected, he would assemble his friends for the purpose. After waiting in vain for three months, she went off to the Transkei where she now lives with her mother, who is, I believe the only Christian relation she has. Of course from the circumstances, I cannot vouch for the truth of all the particulars in this case, but there can be no doubt of the determined stand taken by this Christian woman against said dogma.

If there be among the Kaffrarian converts many individuals of the same mind as this poor woman, I think those who hold such heathen marriages are nothing, will require to show that their dogma is laid on secure



Foundation, I think it has nine stronger than  
that marriage is a sacrament. I admit on  
the other hand, that those who, considering even  
a heathen marriage binding, hold that a poly-  
gamist when converted is bound to keep his first  
wife, while he puts away all the others, have in-  
curred great responsibility, unless they have  
seen to it that their opinion is well founded,  
for if it be only built on the sand, then they  
may have made many 'martyrs by mistake',  
and have needlessly stirred up the hostility of  
the great body of influential heathens to the  
truth. I dare say some of us may be aware  
that the late paramount Chief Guma was at  
one time seriously impressed by the preaching of  
the gospel. At that time he is said to have  
declared, that as the Word of God is true,  
Ntente, that is his first wife, Magomas' mother,  
was his only wife, and that he would live with  
her alone. I think he did for a time live with  
her alone in his government house, at the Gwaha  
station. As, in ~~the~~ case the Chief readily embraced  
Christianity and acted according to his convictions,  
his influence, if not also his authority, would be  
put forth in favour of the repudiation of all  
but the first wives, his councillors took alarm,  
and held a meeting for the purpose of drawing  
him off. They that day took up a position  
of hostility to Christianity which has been maintained  
throughout Kafirland ever since - a hostility originating  
mainly in this polygamy question, and particularly  
in that of the repudiation of all but first wives.  
Perhaps I have dwelt too long on this part of



subject. If so, it is because I am strongly im-  
 pressed by the conviction, that if possible, mission-  
 aries should endeavour to be of one mind  
 in this matter, so that they may appear both  
 before the government, and the natives in the  
 strength of a united body. It will be matter  
 of great regret, if missionaries from a difference  
 of opinion on these questions on these questions,  
 find it necessary to oppose one another  
 in <sup>their</sup> teaching, and that some of them should  
 supporting and others opposing the laws  
 made for the benefit of the natives in these  
 matters.

If I have given a proper view of the  
 subject, it is plain I think, that with the best  
 intentions the government has enacted  
 laws, which, if allowed to remain in  
 force, in their present state, will prove detri-  
 mental to the best interests of the people among  
 whom we have been called to labour. It  
 is our duty, therefore, both as missionaries and  
 as Christian subjects of a Christian  
 government, to do what we can to get these  
 laws rectified.

As I have good reason for believing  
 that the government mean to legislate  
 in the matter soon, I think no time should  
 be lost in moving in the matter. Let  
 me add that I deem the present a  
 most favourable season, for going be-  
 fore the government, because as will be seen  
 from the following extract from an official  
 document, the government are desirous of



Legislating in this important but delicate  
subject, in a manner that will protect the  
children of natives in their natural  
rights, while no encouragement is given  
to objectionable and immoral customs. In  
the Government, I refer to the Government, say,  
It has long been the policy of this Government  
to encourage the acquisition by natives of  
separate landed properties, with the view of  
inducing habits of order, and giving them a  
substantive market in the country. But  
there are here also serious impediments.

From local causes, it seems questionable if  
it be really beneficial to a native to  
become proprietor of any very small piece of land  
unaccompanied by the right of Commonage over  
an adjacent area, and even this may in  
some places be insufficient, and the population  
must, as at present, migrate with their flocks  
and herds in search of water and pasture.

Beyond these natural difficulties there is an  
artificial impediment arising out of the  
Colonial law. In its present state, no mar-  
riage between natives (except in the Division of  
King Williams Town and East London under  
an Ordinance of 1864) is recognised as a lawful  
marriage unless celebrated according to Euro-  
pean forms. A marriage concluded ac-  
cording to native custom is held to be  
void: the issue of it is held to be illegitimate.  
The property of the husband and wife will not  
descend, as of right to their children. In such  
a case, it is little short of robbery to impose a



native to invest his money in the purchase of <sup>or any</sup> land. One most essential element to our future quietude is to derive means by which without affording encouragement to objectionable or immoral customs, the union of members of native tribes may be recognised in law, and their children duly protected in their natural rights.

Let me simply add in concluding that I have good reason to believe that the legislation in view is to assimilate the Colonial law to the Roffraian Ordinance of 1864.

It was moved by Mr. Jordan seconded by Mr. M'Diarmid and unanimously agreed to, that, as it is understood, that a measure is expected to be introduced into Parliament during the next session for regulating the inheritance of the native tribes of this country, a committee be appointed to watch over the introduction and progress of such a measure and to exercise any influence they may possess, in order to secure as satisfactory and unobjectionable a measure as possible. This Committee was accordingly appointed and consists of Messrs. Boye Ross (Convenor), Richard, Birt, A. Kropp and John Chalmers.

It was agreed, that an Abstract of the proceedings of this day's Conference be prepared and circulated, according to the resolution of the meeting in favour of



The subject of Baptism which Mr. Soga was to introduce was postponed till next meeting which was appointed to be held at King Williams Town on the third Wednesday of January 1869. The meeting was closed with prayer.

J. Lonsdale

Chairman

X King Williamstown, 20<sup>th</sup> January 1869.

The Conference met under the Presidency of J. Faunce Lonsdale Esq, Mayor of the Borough of King Williamstown. There were present the Revs. J. G. Robertson

R. Birt

J. Davidson

J. Chalmers.

Sigo Soga.

T. Liefeldt.

Dr Stewart.

B. Ross.

Harper.

A. Kropp.

T. Gaenstock.

W. Rein.

J. Brownlee.

Beste.

Cluver.

J. Laing and

Messrs J. Bennie & J. Weir Junior

W. Hewitson.

Fulib and

Duncan



On the request of the Chairman, Mr Soja engaged in prayer.  
A Letter of apology for absence from Revd. Wm. Impney,  
P. W. Appleyard, A. van Rooyen and others, were read.

The minutes of the meeting held at King Williamstown on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1868 were read and approved.

Mr Soja gave in a report on Discourses in the Kaffir  
language.

It was then moved by Mr Laing seconded  
by Mr Lifeldt and agreed to that Messrs Birt Guenstock and  
Wupf be appointed a Committee to examine these Discourses, and  
to print such as they may think fit for publication before next  
meeting.

Mr Birt read a paper on the Orthography of the  
Kaffir Language and the secretary read a communication  
from Mr Appleyard on the same subject.

It was then moved by Mr Guenstock, seconded by  
Mr Laing and unanimously agreed to that the thanks of the  
meeting be given to Messrs Birt and Appleyard for their  
able and interesting papers on Kaffir Orthography.

After some discussion on this subject, on the motion  
of Mr Soja, seconded by Mr Laing, it was unanimously resolved  
that a Committee consisting of Messrs Guenstock, Birt,  
Rein, Stewart, Chalmers, Laing and Richard Ross-  
Mr Appleyard Convener - be appointed to act along with  
the Revisors in fixing the Orthography of the Kaffir lan-  
guage.

Mr Wupf as Convener of the Committee on the sphere  
of labour belonging to the different Missionary Societies, report-  
ed that no complaints of encroachment had been brought to  
the notice of the Committee during the past year.

Mr Chalmers gave in the following Report  
of the Committee on the Bible translation into  
the Kaffir language.



The Committee on the Translation of the Bible into the Kaffir language has held three meetings during the past year.

At the first meeting held at King Williamstown on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April it was resolved:— That a reply be published to Mr Appleyard's "Apology"; and the Convenor was instructed to write to the various Gentlemen whose papers had been criticized by the Rev Bro Appleyard, requesting them to give their opinion in writing regarding Mr Appleyard's "Apology".

At the second meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, the Convenor placed on the table letters which he had received from the Bards J. Laing, A. Koopf, R. Ross, J. Toga, W. Govan, H. Meyer, J. Chalmers, and from Mr Charles Brownlee & J. John D. Laing

These having been read carefully to the Committee it was agreed that they be printed and published. Acting on the instructions given, the Convenor placed the papers read at this meeting in the hands of Mr J. O. Bate in order that they might be printed.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September however, the Convenor received a communication from the Rev Bro Appleyard addressed to the Rev Bro Govan containing a proposal from the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society for a new version of the Kaffir Bible. The Convenor acting on the advice of several members of the Committee suspended the further printing of the ~~paper~~ pamphlet, and convened a meeting of the Committee which was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The following printed minute will best convey the resolutions passed at that meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup> That a board of advisers should be constituted with as little delay as possible.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That such Board should consist of seven members, one to be selected and appointed by each denomination now in the Kaffir Mission, namely, Church of England, Free Church of Scotland, United Presbyterian Church,



Wesleyan Church, Lutheran and Musavian Churches, and the London Missionary Society.

- 3rd. That the member thus selected and appointed, should secure the assistance of other Members of the denomination to which he belongs, European and Native, and embody their suggestions and emendations with his own, at each sitting of the Board.
- 4th. That the powers and privileges of the Members be equal, and in every case where entire unanimity of opinion cannot be secured, the matter in debate to be decided by the Majority.
- 5th. That the Board when constituted, should assemble for the purpose of agreeing on the plan of procedure, and make such arrangements as may facilitate their common cooperation.
- 6th. Should any Member be unavoidably absent from any of the usual meetings of the Board, it is suggested that the denomination to which the absentee belongs be represented by a substitute.
- 7th. It is desirable that the Members of the Board be appointed without delay and meet together at King Williamstown at 11 o'clock, a.m. in the Chamber of the Town Council on the first Wednesday in November next.

The Convener sent a copy of these printed minutes to the Rev. R. Bird of the London Missionary Society, to the Bishop of Grahamstown, to the Rev W Empey of the Wesleyan Denomination to the Rev J F Cumming of the United Presbyterian Church and to the Rev W Govan of the Free Church: with the request that if these Gentlemen approved of the resolutions of the Committee to take such steps as <sup>they</sup> may deem advisable to form the proposed Board of Revisers. The Convener likewise sent a copy of the printed minutes to the Rev. R. B Giddistone, Secretary to the British and Foreign Bible Society & likewise addressed the following letter to the Rev W Appleyard:-

Henderson October 10. 1868

The Rev W Appleyard,  
Mount (Etc)



Sir,

As instructed by the Committee on the translation of the Bible, I beg leave to inform you that a pamphlet was about to be published in reply to your "Apology".

I have further to inform you that the Committee have resolved to suppress the pamphlet they were publishing, but that the papers which were to compose it are to be held amongst the records of the Missionary Conference.

The proposal from the British and Foreign Bible Society to have a new version of the Kaffir Bible settles the whole question in dispute and the object the Committee had in view in publishing their first pamphlet is gained.

You will be pleased to observe that the writers of the first pamphlet have not refrained from publishing their reply because they have been convinced by your arguments, they still steadfastly adhere to all that they stated in their various papers.

I have much pleasure therefore in being the medium of communicating this resolution to you and I trust that this stretch of charity on the part of the members of the Committee will convince you that in all they have said or written, they have not been actuated by any personal feeling either against yourself or the denomination to which you belong. The only object they had in view was to have a correct version of the Kaffir Bible and in hopes that this will be gained they cease to prolong the controversy.

I am Sir

Yours truly

(signed) John A. Chalmers Convent.

The Rev Mr. Appleyard replied as follows:

Mount Coke Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Rev. J. A. Chalmers Convent C.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your communication of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.



referring to me the decision of the Committee on the translation of the Kaffir Scriptures, which recently met at King Williamstown in regard to the pamphlet which was about to be published in reply to my Apology. As I was with the Committee on that occasion and acquiesced in the conclusions which they arrived at in this matter as stated in the printed circular it is hardly necessary that I should do anything more than acknowledge its receipt. I may just remark, however, that having no faith in public controversy as a means of reconciling the various differences of opinion which may exist among those who engage in it, but on the contrary believing that such differences are more frequently strengthened than lessened thereby, I can only rejoice that by the good Providence of God we have now entered upon a course, which, whilst it happily secures our united action, opens up to us at the same time what I cannot but think a more excellent way for the accomplishment of the object that we all have in view.

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

(signed) J W Appleyard

The Committee beg leave to record their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that as the result of their last meeting a Board of revisors has been formed, composed of representatives from all the denominations labouring among the Native races in this Colony - viz,

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| Charles Brownlee Esq | as a representative of the London Missionary Society. |
| Rev. A Knopf         | Berlin Society  |
| Rev. J W Appleyard   | Wesleyan Denomination.                                |
| Rev. H Woodroffe     | Church of England.                                    |
| Rev. B. Ross         | Free Ch. Ch of Scotland.                              |
| Rev. Dijo Toga       | United Presbyterian Church.                           |
| Rev. H Meyer         | Moravian Church.                                      |

These Gentlemen have met and commenced the great work of revising the Kaffir Bible, & during the years in which they maybe thus engaged your Committee would humbly suggest that this Conference issue a recommendation to all its members to set apart one service in each month for special prayer to crave the Divine blessing to attend the labours of these brethren.

Your Committee have also to state that in order to



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Carrying out the instructions given at the last meeting of the Conference, the Rev. Wm. Govan was appointed to confer with the Rev. W. Impney & Rev. H. Meyers and was appointed to confer with the Rev. Mr. Napleton. The proposal from the British and Foreign Bible Society however rendered all further action in this direction unnecessary.

Your Committee has now been in existence for 3 years. The Members of it have had a painful task to perform in pronouncing the life work of a brother minister untenable, they did so without any personal feeling or antagonism towards that brother, but actuated by the honest desire to give the Kaffir reader the word of God in his own dialect - they trust this object will in the course of time be accomplished in the good providence of God.

They have suppressed the pamphlet they were about to publish and as resolved at the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September they now place on the table all the papers which were to compose this pamphlet with the request that they be preserved among the records of this Conference.

As there is no occasion for the re-appointment of the Committee on the translation of the Scriptures into the Kaffir Language your Committee crave that it be now dissolved.

(Signed) Wm. Chalmers Convenor.

The report having been adopted, it was moved by Mr. Loring and seconded by Mr. Stewart that the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. Chalmers & the Committee for the able manner in which they have fulfilled the important and onerous duties which they have been called to perform; and that the Conference express their gratification at the satisfactory results of the labours of the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart seconded by Mr. Davidson & agreed to that the Committee on the translation of the Bible be continued for another year to watch over such matters as have hitherto been entrusted to their care.

It was moved by Mr. Greenstock seconded by Mr. Loring, & agreed to that this Conference approve



of the Constitution of the Board of Revisers, as stated in the report of the Translation Committee and desires to express its thankfulness at its formation.

Mr Bryce Ross gave in the following report on the Law of Inheritance among Native Tribes:—

Soon after last meeting of Capeana, the Convener endeavored to ascertain whether the Government really intended to bring a Bill into Parliament upon Native Inheritance as had been supposed. But he did not succeed in obtaining any very definite information upon the subject.

Sometime thereafter a Bill appeared in the Government Gazette, precisely the same in its enactments or provisions as the British-Naffrarian Native Succession Ordinance of 1864. The Committee therefore met & examined it carefully going over its various sections in detail.

With the sections providing that property of natives married according to our European forms should be administered according to the ordinary Law of the Colony, the Committee had no fault to find: only they thought it highly expedient that some modification in said Ordinary Colonial Law should be made to meet the altered circumstances of the country as the Roman Dutch Law was exceedingly unpalatable to the natives, as they think that it would prove their ruin.

Neither did the Committee see anything objectionable in those parts of the Bill which, without recognizing polygamy, provide that the property of natives married according to their own forms should be administered according to their own laws: but they took exception to every part where polygamy was recognized.

To meet the difficulties occasioned by the Colonial Bill of 1864 and the Naffrarian Ordinance of the same year, both legalizing polygamy they took the liberty of suggesting that the enactments or provisions of the present Bill be made prospective and not retrospective as far as polygamy was concerned, that is to say, that the estates of such natives as should have become polygamists before the promulgation of the present Bill should not be affected by it, but that no polygamous connection contracted after the promulgation



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promulgation of the Bill be recognized in law. And in order that it might be ascertained which marriage had become polygamous before and which after the passing of said law, they suggested that it be enacted that all Native marriages be duly reported to Magistrates, (either special or Resident) to Clerks in Charge, & to Superintendants as the case may be, and that all lawful ones be carefully registered, but that no recognition should be made of any others.

The Committee authorized the Engineer to communicate their views to the two members of Parliament for the Division of King Williamstown. He obtained an interview with Mr Schermbrucker, one of these members, but had no opportunity of seeing Mr Smith the other one. However he corresponded by letter with both of these Gentlemen: and from both he received assurance that they would take the views of the Committee into careful consideration.

Several Petitions on the Subject were presented to Parliament by various parties, most of them condemnatory of the Bill and one approving of it with one modification.

The Bill was thrown out: but there is every reason to believe that there will be legislation on the subject as soon as possible.

Boyer Ross  
Convener.

The report was adopted, and the Committee with the addition of Messrs Guinness, Ingey and White, was reappointed to watch over the progress of any measure on the Native Law of Inheritance which may come before Parliament. Mr Brit Convener.

Mr Toja read a ~~letter~~<sup>paper</sup> on Baptism which he afterwards with drew.

It was agreed that an abstract of this day's proceedings with a slight extension be printed and published as for one.

In the Committee for the choosing of subjects, Messrs.



Appleyard and Granstock were substituted for Hepburn and Lamplough.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Conference be changed from the Summer to the Winter Season and that the next meeting be held on Thursday the first of July.

D<sup>r</sup> Stewart read a paper on a Native Ministry.

After the reading of this paper it was moved by Mr Chalmers, seconded by Mr Laming and unanimously agreed to that a cordial vote of thanks to D<sup>r</sup> Stewart for his very interesting and suggestive paper on the Native Ministry & that he be requested to bring up the question for consideration at next meeting.

Owing to the lateness of the hour D<sup>r</sup> Stewart by permission withdrew for the present his paper on the improvement of Native Villages.

With reference to the Brownlee Bazaar, Mr Chalmers after reading the names of the Committee appointed 21 January 1867 asked for information as to what had been done towards forwarding the object in view. Mr Laming then read an extract of a letter from Mr Groan on the subject. It was moved by Mr Chalmers, seconded by D<sup>r</sup> Stewart and carried that the Trustees of the fund be requested to bring up a report of their proceedings to the next meeting of Conference.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Chairman for his able and patient conduct in the Chair, and another like vote of thanks to the Town Council was passed for their kindness in granting the use of the Council room for the meeting of the Conference.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

W. Sedgale  
Chairman



King Wms Town, 14 July, 1869.

The Conference met under the  
Presidency of J. Faunce Lonsdale Esq.  
Mayor of the Borough of King Williams  
Town.

On the request of the Chairman, the  
Rev. William Impey opened the pro-  
ceedings with prayer.

The following missionaries, representing  
seven Societies, were present:

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| Rev. H. Anders,                   | A. Kroppf,          |
| - John W. Appleyard,              | James Laing,        |
| - W. Beste,                       | Robt. Lamplough,    |
| - Richard Birt,                   | L. Liefeldt,        |
| - John Brounce,                   | Boyce Ross,         |
| - John A. Cholmers,               | Richard Ross,       |
| - Dodd,                           | James R. Sewell,    |
| - James Fish,                     | John Sclater,       |
| - William Jordan,                 | - Scott,            |
| - J. Harper,                      | Tijs Soga,          |
| - H. Hartman,                     | Dr. James Newell,   |
| - W. Holtford,                    | Th. Weitz,          |
| - W. Impey,                       | H. Woodroffe,       |
| - Ben. Impey,                     | Mr Geo. Baker,      |
| - A. Juhl,                        | " John Bennie,      |
| - F. G. Royer,                    | " James Wain, Sen.; |
| - Mr Charles Pamla, and Mr Ulanda |                     |
- Students in divinity in connection with  
the Wesleyan Mission.

A number of laymen interested in the  
proceedings were also present, among  
whom were A. Biset Esq. J. J. Irvine Esq.  
Dr. Laing, F. Fudhope Esq. & J. Wain Jun. Esq.



The minutes of the meeting held at King Stms Town on the 20 Jan. last were read and approved.

Letters of apology for absence from Rev. Messrs. Greenstock, Meyer and Davidson were read.

Mr Swan stated, in reference to the Brownlee Bursary, that he had called a meeting of the Trustees, but had not succeeded in obtaining a quorum.

Dr. Stewart, on the request of the Chairman, read the Paper on the Native Ministry which he had read at the last meeting of Conference.

Mr Lairy also read a Paper on the same subject.

Mr Impy Sen. made a suggestion to the effect that the Conference for the present should confine itself to the consideration of the Education or Standard for Native ministers, and leave the topics as to Status and remuneration to be considered afterwards.

A number of the members of the Conference having stated their views on the topic proposed by Mr Impy for present consideration, it was moved by Mr Chalmers, seconded by Dr. Stewart, that a Committee consisting of one representative of each denomination be appointed to take the question of Education for a native Ministry into consideration, obtain the opinion of the various bodies on the subject and report to next meeting.

It was then moved as an amendment, by Mr Impy Sen. seconded by Mr Richard Ross, and carried that, if desirable, the



subject of a trained native ministry shall be resumed at some future meeting of Conference.

Dr. Stewart read a Paper on the improvement of Native Villages. After several members had given expression to their views on this subject, it was moved by Mr Birt, seconded by Mr Impey, and unanimously agreed to that the thanks of the meeting be given to Dr. Stewart for his <sup>very</sup> valuable Paper.

It was then moved by Mr Slater, seconded by Mr Boze Ross and unanimously carried that the Rev. Messrs Wm Impey, Greenstock, Kropf, Weitz, Birt, Soga, and Dr. Stewart (Dr. Stewart Convenor) be appointed a Committee to consider the best means of improving native villages, and to report at next meeting; also that all the members of Conference be requested to bring this subject before their people, in order to ascertain the difficulties with which they may have to contend in erecting better houses.

Mr Cholmer's read a Paper on Circumcision. After the reading of this Paper a number of remarks were made on the subject by various members of the Conference, and the meeting adjourned till half past 9 on the following morning.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The discussion on the question of Circumcision was resumed at half past 9.



Mr Joyce Ross moved and Mr Soga seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to that Mr Chalmers be thanked for his very interesting, suggestive, and vigourously written Paper, and that a Committee be appointed to take the whole matter into careful consideration with the view of seeing what can be done, both on the part of the Gov<sup>t</sup> and that of the missionaries, to put down this crying evil, and to report to next meeting. The Com.<sup>ee</sup> consists of Messrs Joyce Ross, Soga, Birt, Schob, Holford, (Chairman,) Greenstock, Hartman, & Liefeldt.

Mr Appyand gave in the Report of the joint Com.<sup>ee</sup> on the orthography of the Kaffir language which was adopted.

Mr Jovan read a Paper on ~~the~~ Education as bearing on the Mosses of the Kaffir people. It was then moved by Mr Impes, seconded by Mr Soga, and unanimously carried that a most cordial vote of thanks be given to Mr Jovan for his admirable Paper on the subject of Native Education.

Mr Birt read a Paper on the Licensing system as affecting the natives. Some conversation took place on the subject of Mr Birt's Paper, but nothing definite was determined. The Chairman, however, stated that the remedy was in the hands of the inhabitants themselves, as no Board of Justice would grant a License in the face of a memorial signed by persons residing in the immediate neighbourhood.



against such License, if the grounds of objection were valid.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Stewart requested to be allowed to defer the reading of his Paper on Missionary Statistics to the next annual meeting, but he made short statement on the subject, and moved that the Conference appoint a Com<sup>ee</sup> to prepare for the Collection of Statistics, in relation to Missionary Labour ~~before~~ and its results in this Country, and to report to next annual meeting. Mr Lairy seconded this motion, and the whole matter was referred to the business Com<sup>ee</sup> without any special Com<sup>ee</sup> having been named.

Mr H. R. Woodroffe read Mr Greenstock's Paper on the importance of having a new Hymn Book, with Tunes according to the Tonic Sol-fa notation.

After some discussion the following resolutions in reference to the new Hymn Book were moved by Mr Woodroffe, seconded by Mr Proze Ross, and unanimously adopted:

That the Rev. W. Greenstock (Convener) the Rev. R. Birt, and the Rev. J. Lairy be a Com<sup>ee</sup> to communicate with the various religious bodies upon the subject of forming a general Hymn Book in the Kaffir language.

That as soon as arrangements have been made, each body be requested to appoint a representative who together will form a Com<sup>ee</sup> for this object, and that it is desirable



That such Com.<sup>es</sup> begin their work as soon as possible after the appointment of its several members, Mr Gronowald to be Chairman of its first sitting.

That the Platform of their operations be as follows:

1. The formation of the Hymn Book.
2. The rejection of any such Hymns as do not harmonize with the principles or worship of any of the Churches represented.
3. That each body, may, if it pleases, add an appendix of its own to the Hymn Book at its own cost.
4. That the Com.<sup>es</sup> shall be at liberty to entertain the question of musical notation for the Hymns, but not to take decided steps without bringing the matter before the Conference.

Mr Chalmon read a letter of date 17 Dec. last from the Rev. R. B. Fiddlestone superintendent of the translating and editorial department of the British and Foreign Bible Society, intimating that the Com.<sup>es</sup> of said Society had received with great thankfulness and satisfaction the intelligence of the formation of the Board of Revisers, and expressing their unwavering hope that the spirit of love will prevail in their midst.

In order to meet the expenses of the Conference, it was agreed that each member pay a subscription of five shillings annually. Mr James Weir Jun. of King of the Town was appointed Treasurer. The Com.<sup>es</sup> on the subject of Kaffir Dis-



Courses were requested to meet and prepare their Reports.

It was resolved, that as usual an Abstract of the proceedings of the Conference be printed, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the same to each member.

The next annual meeting was appointed to be held in July 1870, the day to be fixed by the business Com<sup>ee</sup>.

It was proposed by Dr. Stewart seconded by Mr Woodroffe and agreed to that a Newspaper containing a Report of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to each member of the Conference.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr Laing for the admirable manner in which he has performed the duties of Secretary.

On the motion of Mr Thalmers seconded by Mr Laing, ~~and~~ a vote of thanks was awarded to the Mayor for presiding over the sittings of the Conference, all the members standing up while giving their vote.

Mr Impes moved and it was unanimously carried that the best thanks of the Conference be given to the Town Council for placing the Chamber at its disposal.

John Samuel.  
Chairman.



King Williams Town, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1870.

The Conference met under the Presidency of John Samuel Esq.

On the request of the Chairman, the Rev. John Sclater opened the proceedings with prayer.

The following missionaries, representing seven Societies were present:

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| Rev. H. Anders,    | Rev. J. Lairy,     |                 |
| - J. W. Appleyard, | - L. Liefeldt,     |                 |
| - C. Bell,         | - A. Mags,         | * The Secretary |
| - R. Birt,         | - W. Rein,         | read letters    |
| - J. Brounce,      | - J. G. Robertson, | from Ach-       |
| - J. A. Chalmers,  | - B. Ross,         | deacon Rit-     |
| - Claver,          | - R. Ross,         | ton, Dr. Steen- |
| - J. Davidson,     | - J. R. Sawtell,   | ort, and        |
| - J. Fish,         | - J. Sclater,      | Messrs Hor-     |
| - J. Gordon,       | - Scott,           | ford, Lam-      |
| - H. Gatsche,      | - C. Taberer,      | plough, Hoff-   |
| - J. Harper,       | - J. Toga,         | mejer and       |
| - Wm Impey,        | - J. Wilson,       | Cummins,        |
| - F. J. Kogger,    | - John Bonnie Esq, | expressive      |
| - A. Kraft,        |                    | of their in-    |

Several laymen interested in the ability proceedings were also present, among to be whom were F. Tudhope Esq. J. Samuel Esq. and H. Thomson Esq. William Seto Student from Lovedale, and Mervik native Evangelist, from Mr Brounce's Station, also attended. \*

The minutes of the meeting of 14 July 1869, were read and approved.

Mr Sclater, on the request of the



Chairman read a Paper on a Native Ministry.

It was then moved by Mr Lairy, seconded by Mr Soga and unanimously agreed to that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Sclater for his able paper on this important subject.

Mr Kropf also read a Paper on the Education of Native Ministers.

After a lengthy discussion on this subject, it was moved by Mr Impey, seconded by Mr Bryce Ross and agreed to - that the Secretary be requested to supply to the different Boards of Missions, through their official representatives, copies of the Papers on the subject of the training of a native ministry, which have been read at this Conference, in 1869 & 1870, with an earnest request, that the subject may receive due attention.

Mr Birt presented to the Conference a Copy of the Statute Laws of the Colony - a donation from Mr Saul Solomon, of Cape Town, Mr Birt was requested to give the best thanks of the Conference to Mr Solomon for his valuable gift; and it was agreed that, with the consent of the Library Committee, these books should be deposited in the Public Library for the use of the Conference.

The Secretary read an extract of a



letter from Dr. Stewart in reference to the improvement of Native Villages.

With respect to this subject, it was moved, by Mr Selby, seconded by Mr Bryce Ross, and agreed to — that the former Committee, with the addition of Mr Taber, be re-appointed, (Dr. Stewart Convenor,) and that they possess the same powers as were given them last year.

It was stated that the Committee on Circumcision had not met. This Committee was continued, with the addition of Mr Birt, (convenor,) and Mr Mogg instead of Mr Greenstock.

Mr Chalmers read a Paper on, 'Old Faces with New Faces.'

As there was not sufficient time for the discussion of the question brought forward by Mr Chalmers, it was moved, by Mr Richard Ross, seconded by Mr Robertson, and agreed to, — that Mr Chalmers be requested to bring forward the same subject, at next Conference and that it be taken up first.

It was then moved by Mr Laidy seconded by Mr Kropp, and agreed to — that a vote of thanks be presented to Mr Chalmers for the able and interesting Paper which he had just read.

There was no report on Missionary Statistics and they were referred to the business Committee.



Mr Bryce Ross gave in the following report on the Kaffir Hymn Book:  
The Committee on the Hymn Book had communicated with the various religious bodies, that four had agreed to the formation of a general Hymn Book, and that three had declined. The Committee wish to know whether they are to proceed or not in the circumstances.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr Scott, seconded by Mr Sawtelle, and agreed to — that the report of the Com.<sup>ee</sup> on the question of a New Hymn-Book be adopted, and that they be requested to inform the Mission bodies who have not agreed to the proposal of the Conference in reference to a Hymn Book for united use, that, as unanimous action cannot be secured, the Conference refer the matter back to the individual Societies.

The Secretary gave in, for Mr Greenstock, the Report on Kaffir Discourses, which is as follows: 'The Committee appointed by the Missionary Conference of 1868, to examine and report on certain Kaffir Discourses on the Parables, written by the Poets B. Ross, J. Thalmers, and Tiyo Soga, wish to express their regret at the length of time which has elapsed since they were charged with this duty, and earnestly trust that the



unfortunate delay which has occurred will not cause a relinquishment of the original design. They have to report respecting the Discourses of Mr Cholmon on the Parables of the Ten Virgins, and the Sons sent into the Vineyard, and of Mr Soga, on the Pharisee and the Publican, and the unjust Judge, that they are admirable Compositions, and well worthy of being printed. One of the Discourses of Mr Ross was incomplete, and with regard to the other, on the Parable of the Sower, the Committee regret that they were unable to decipher it. (Signed) W. Greenstock,  
Convener.

With reference to these Discourses, it was moved by Mr Impey, seconded by Mr Sawtell and agreed to, that Messrs Bryce Ross, John Cholmon, Tijo Soga, and J. Lairy, be appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to make arrangements for carrying these Discourses through the Press. Mr Lairy Convener.

In the absence of Dr. Stewart, the Subject on the action of the Missionary Conference, was referred to the Business Committee.

Mr Lairy made a suggestion to the effect, that the duties of the Secretary could be more efficiently discharged by an individual residing in King Wms Town, than by a person in the



Secretary, and requested the Conference to consider this matter, intimating that he was ready to resign the Secretaryship should the Conference think it fit to act on this suggestion. No action was taken in this matter.

The Secretary, for Mr Ward - the Treasurer, gave in an account of the Receipts & Expenditure by which it appeared that there was a Balance to credit of Four Shillings & two pence.

The members present paid their annual subscription of 5/- each.

It was agreed that the usual Abstracts be printed and circulated.

On the motion of Mr Bryce Ross, seconded by Mr Harper, a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Mr Samuel, for his conduct in the Chair.

Mr Laing moved, and Mr Scott seconded, that the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Town Council for their kindness, and liberality in placing the Council Chamber at its disposal, on this occasion.

The meeting was closed by the pronouncing of the Benediction.

Wm. Innes,  
Chairman



King Williams Town 13<sup>th</sup> July 1874

The conference met this day in the Council Chamber Town Hall, under the Presidency of the Rev. William Impey. On the request of the Chairman Mr. Faing opened the meeting with prayer.

The following Missionaries representing five societies were present :-

Rev. C. Bell	-	Rev. W. Impey	-	Rev. J. Read
- J. Chubb	-	- J. Laing	-	B. Ross
- F. Cliver	-	- F. Kayser	-	R. Ross
- P. Davidson	-	- H. Kayser	-	J. Selater
- J. Harper	-	- R. S. Leslie	-	J. Scott
- J. Wilson	-	- J. Bonnie Esq	-	H. Baker Esq

Elijah Makhwame & Zingani Students of Dungwane & John Dungwane Native Schoolmasters were also present.

Owing to the small attendance occasioned by the rainy & stormy state of the weather the question whether the conference should proceed with the business or adjourn till the following day was considered, after which it was found to be the view of the meeting to go on with the business as far as the members present were competent to do so.

The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July 1870 were read and confirmed.

Letters of apology for non attendance from Rev. -sends, Thomson, Peterson, Witz & Faber were read.

Mr Selater stated that he knew that two other letters of Apology from Messrs Cumming & J. Davidson were on the way.

Mr Faing proposed :- "That as Mr Rev John Brownlee who had always taken a deep interest in the proceedings of this Conference was now prostrated on a bed of sickness which to all appearance would to him be the bed of death, the Conference should send him a letter of condolence



tolerance expressive of their sympathy with him in his present-afflicted circumstances".

Mr Henry Kayser seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed to, a number of the members having spoken in affectionate sympathizing terms of their afflicted brother.

After a lengthened conversation regarding the import of the motion in reference to a native ministry it was decided that the Secretary agreeably to that motion, send copies of all the papers read at the conference on this subject to all the Missionary points in this country for transmission to the Societies in Europe with the request that the result of their deliberations may be laid before the Conference for its guidance in the further discussion of this question.

Some conversation took place in reference to the printing of the Kaffir Discourses during which the Chairman stated that himself & Mr Appleyard had agreed to print these Discourses at the Mission Press at Mount Collie, at their own risk, but that it was understood & expected that all the members of the Conference would take copies. To this understanding the members readily assented.

The Gentlemen appointed to read papers being absent, it was agreed on the proposal of Mr Selater that the reading of the various papers be deferred until next meeting, unless the authors should arrive prior to the closing of the Conference.

The members paid their Annual Subscription of 5/- each.

Mr having called the attention of the Conference to the importance of lending their aid to extend the circulation of the "Kaffir Express" published at Lovedale, if not as a body, as individuals as he believed in common with himself they regarded it as a periodical calculated to do good both to the natives not less than to Europeans.

The meeting was of opinion that the publication merited the exertions of individual members to obtain additional support for it.



It was moved by Mr Selater seconded by Mr Read and unanimously agreed to: - "That the Committee of Management be instructed to write to the various Ecclesiastical Courts in this country, having Missionaries at this Conference inviting them to appoint one of their number to introduce a subject by paper or otherwise, at the next meeting and to acquaint the Sect with their decision. The list of subjects to be sent with the Report, at least three months before the meeting to all the members of the Conference -"

It was agreed that as usual the Abstract should be printed & circulated.

It was agreed that after the adjournment the question of Ukulobola should be discussed in the afternoon, that notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather the Missionary meeting should be held in the evening.

At the afternoon sitting Mr Gray according to previous arrangement introduced the question of Ukulobola and of native marriages in general in the discussion of which Messrs Harper, Selater, Richard Ross, Read, B. Ross, & Davidson took part. The practice of Ukulobola was condemned by all the speakers, but no vote was taken.

Mr Bryce Ross made some remarks on the importance of keeping the Kaffir language pure & pointed out some ways by which it is being corrupted.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Rev. John Wilson that the Committee of Management make arrangements for a Missionary Soiree in connection with the next meeting of Conference.

On the motion of Mr Selater seconded by Mr Bryce Ross a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr Impsey for presiding on this occasion.

It was moved by Mr Wilson seconded by Mr Harper & unanimously agreed to that the best thanks



of the Conference be conveyed to the Mayor & Borough Council  
for the use of the Chamber for the day following.

The Chairman requested Mr Selater to close the meet-  
ing by pronouncing the Benediction.

Charles Brown  
Chairman



King Williams Town

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1872.

The 25th Conference of Missionaries of various Denominations met this day in the Council Chamber Town Hall - at 10 O'clock A.M. under the Presidency of Charles Brombley Esq Civil Commissioner of the Division of King Williams Town

The proceedings were opened by the Chairman calling upon the Rev. W. Impey to engage in prayer.

The following missionaries were present:-

Rev <sup>s</sup> A. Anders	Rev <sup>s</sup> H. Gutsche	Rev <sup>s</sup> C. Krauhans
- W. Appleyard	- J. Harper	- W. Rein
- C. Bell	- W. Impey	- Bryce Ross
- W. Beate	- A. Johl	- Richard Ross
- R. Birt	- F. G. G. Kayser	- John Selata
- J. A. Thalmers	- A. Kropf.	- Dr. James Stewart
- F. Clüver	- R. S. Leslie,	- J. Wilson
- J. F. Lumming	- L. Liefeldt	- Mr John Bennie
- J. Davidson,	- W. C. Stoford.	- C. Pape
- E. Gedge	- H. Muller.	- Andrew Smutte

Mr James Weir Senior

There were likewise several laymen present amongst whom were: Colonel Tilley; R. Tainton Esq; James Weir Junr. Esq. W. Haynes Esq. J. Tushope Esq &c &c &c

Amongst natives present were John Lwama, W. Mtoba of the Wesleyan Society; Lot Rayi and Peter Newe of the London Missionary Society; Alpcambani Mzimba Elijah Makkwane of Lovedale & others.

The Rev. J. A. Thalmers on behalf of the Business Committee having laid on the table the documents of the Conference he was requested by the Chairman to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These being read were sustained. Letters of apology for absence were read from the Rev John Gordon the Rev. W. Stoford, and likewise a communication from



Archdeacon Kutton acknowledging the receipt of the circular convening the Conference.

The first business before the Conference was the election of a Secretary, in the room of the late Rev. James Laing. It having been resolved that the election should proceed by ballot, the following Gentlemen were nominated for the office of Secretary, viz, Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Impney, J<sup>s</sup> Chalmers John Wilson, & John Samuel Esq, but as each of these Gentlemen declined the office, it was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Mr Bell, seconded by Mr Impney;

"That the election of Secretary be deferred for another year, & that meanwhile, until the next meeting of Conference Mr Chalmers be requested to undertake the duties of the Secretaryship.

The Chairman next called upon the Rev. Dr. Stewart to read his paper on "The action of the Missionary Conference."

Several members having expressed their opinion on some of the points discussed by Dr. Stewart in his paper, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to on the motion of the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Impney seconded by the Rev. R. Ross:-

"That a Corresponding Member be appointed to represent the Conference in each of the Societies; these Corresponding Members to bring the different questions of the Conference before their respective Church Courts; endeavour to have them fully discussed there; and bring up again at next Annual Meeting of the Conference the official and authorized opinion of each Church on the questions under consideration; and that such Member shall in each case be a Minister of the Church to which he is sent."

The following Missionaries were then appointed Corresponding Members viz:-



Mr Hanper for the London Missionary Society.

Mr Selater for the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr Stolden for the Wesleyan Church.

Mr Bryce Ross for the Free Church.

Mr Rein for the Lutheran Church.

In the absence of representatives at the Conference of the Church of England & Moravians the Chairman nominated

Mr Maggs for the Church of England.

Mr Weitz for the Moravian Church.

The Secretary was requested to furnish each of these corresponding Members with a copy of the above resolution.

The Conference adjourned at one O'clock for an hour and a half.

On resuming at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 O'clock, it was resolved 1-

"That the Rev N<sup>r</sup>. Stewart & the Rev W<sup>m</sup> Impey be a Committee to prepare a draft constitution of the Conference & to submit it at the next meeting of the Conference."

On the motion of the Secretary a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to N<sup>r</sup>. Stewart for his paper on "The action of the Missionary Conference". The Chairman conveyed the thanks of the meeting to N<sup>r</sup>. Stewart.

The Rev R. Birt next read a paper "On the advisability of Government introducing a form of Compulsory Education amongst the Heathen Kafirs"

After several members had expressed their views on the subject the following resolution was unanimously agreed to on the motion of the Secretary:-

"That this meeting, having heard a paper from the Rev. R. Birt on the advisability of Government introducing a scheme of Education for the Natives, agree to the principles advocated that the Government should do something more for



The education of the Aborigines, & whilst alive to the fact that the Government has put forth repeated efforts & is still prepared to promote education amongst the natives, would desire to see a comprehensive system of education introduced among the heathen people of this country; & for the accomplishment of this object instruct the corresponding Members to bring up the subject in their respective Church Courts, obtain a full opinion thereon, with the view of carrying out the object of the paper at the next meeting of the Missionary Conference."

On the motion of Mr. Stewart seconded by Mr. Appleyard the Chairman conveyed a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Birt for the paper which he had read to the Conference.

The Treasurer James Weir Junr. Esq. submitted a statement of the cash account from which it appeared that there was a balance in favour of the Conference of £2 "15" "6.

The Secretary next read the following memorials from Fort Beaufort, Alice, & King William's Town, on the sale of intoxicating drinks to Natives:-

Alice 8<sup>th</sup> July 1872

To the Chairman & Members of the Missionary Conference  
King William's Town -

Gentlemen, - We deem the present a fitting occasion to bring to the notice of the Conference the evils resulting from the existing system of granting farm-ten or Tap licenses in this colony. We believe said licenses are too easily obtained & far too readily granted, regret that the suspension or deprivation of a license for gross misconduct is so seldom resorted to.

We submit the following draft (or as much as may commend itself to your judgment) of what we would wish to see passed into law; & beg that the Conference will take the duty upon itself of representing the matter to Government, with the view of taking Legislative action upon it:-



Such Licensing Board shall in future consist in addition to the existing Members of Ministers of all Denominations, being residents of the town & district over which said Board shall have jurisdiction

II - Such Board shall meet at least once a quarter to hear complaints with respect to the conducting of any Canteen under its control, & shall have the power of suspending or withholding his license from any Canteen-keeper, if his establishment shall have been proved to be conducted in a disorderly manner.

III. In the event of a majority of two thirds of the ratepayers of a ward or District objecting in writing to the granting of a Canteen License for such ward or district, such license shall not be granted.

IV. No intoxicating liquors shall be allowed to be sold at any such Canteen as aforesaid before & after the hours of 7 O'clock AM & 8 O'clock PM. excepting to bona fide travellers, who may be supplied with such liquors at any hour of the day or night.

V. No Intoxicating liquors shall (save in the case of travellers as aforesaid) be sold at any Canteen on the Sabbath day.

VI. Any breach of the foregoing 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> clauses to be punished by a fine of £5 for the first offence £10, or suspension of license for any period less than three months, for the second offence, & by the withholding & deprivation of such license for the third offence.

We beg most respectfully to leave this matter in your hands, Hoping it will meet with your favourable consideration,

We have &c

(Signed) J. Dorrington President  
Jessie Shaw  
Jas. Scott  
C. Birtkelt  
A.C. Gardiner

Members of Committee of Fort-Braufort Temperance Society

J. B. Tomlett President  
John Dorrington Jun Secy  
R. H. Humphreys  
D. Mac Dougal

Members of Committee of the Total Abstinence Society. Secy



John Wilson President } Members of Committee of the King Williams  
William Haynes Secy } Town Total Abstinence Society.

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King Williams' Town July 9. 1872.  
To the Chairman & Members of the Conference of Missionaries  
assembled in King Williams' Town.

Gentlemen, — I am requested by the Committee of the  
"King Williams' Town Total Abstinence Society" to address you on the  
sale of intoxicating drinks to the natives of this colony. The spread  
of drunkenness among them is felt to be truly deplorable, & seems to call  
for some effort to be made by the Christian public.

We would respectfully & urgently request that as a Conference  
of Christian Missionaries, you would be pleased to take this matter into  
your serious consideration, & by memorial or otherwise, seek to move the  
Government to adopt such measures as would prevent the native popu-  
lation from being so freely supplied with drink.

I am Your obedient servant

(Signed) W. Haynes

Secretary to King Williams' Town Total Abstinence Society

After considerable discussion the following  
resolution was passed:—

"That the Missionary Conference agree to memo-  
-rialize the Governor, respectfully & earnestly urging upon  
His Excellency to refuse the granting of any further lantern  
licenses, as the number already existing is productive of  
unseparable evil to the country."

The Revd: W. Stewart, W<sup>m</sup> Impey, B. Ross  
& J. A. Thalmers were appointed a Committee to draw up  
the memorial & submit a draft of it next day to the  
Conference.

It was proposed by the Rev. Bryce Ross, sec-  
-onded by W. Stewart, & carried:—



"That the corresponding members bring the subject before their Church Courts, with a view of obtaining suggestions as to the course to be followed in order to reduce the number of Canton Licenses; & further that the corresponding members bring before their different bodies the necessity of enlightening the mind of the Natives on this question, & of endeavouring to secure their co-operation."

The Secretary intimated that, according to a resolution passed at last Conference, arrangements had been made to hold a Soiree in the Town Hall that evening at 1/2 past 6 O'clock, that the Convenor of the Committee, the Rev. John Widson, had secured the hearty co-operation of a large number of ladies & gentlemen in King William's Town, & as these Christian friends requested the Missionaries to attend as their guests, each member of Conference to be supplied with tickets free of charge.

The Conference then adjourned

At 1/2 past 6 O'clock an enthusiastic Soiree was held in the Town Hall which was very largely attended. J. F. Lumsdale Esq Mayor of King William's Town occupied the Chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev<sup>s</sup> J. F. Cumming, H. Müller, W. Stolder, Archdeacon Nitton, W. Imprey, & Mr Stewart & by Charles Brownlee Esq C. C. George Blaine Esq & others.

Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>

The Conference resumed at 1/2 past 10 O'clock. Charles Brownlee Esq C. C. in the Chair. At the request of the Chairman the Rev. R. S. Seale opened the meeting with prayer



The Secretary then read the following as a draft of the memorial drawn up by the Committee on the previous day:-

To His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly

Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope 2<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1872

The memorial of Missionaries of different denominations met in Annual Conference at King Williams' Town on this the Tenth day of July 1872.

Humbly Sheweth, —

We, the memorialists are members of a Conference of Missionaries of seven denominations labouring amongst the Aborigines of this Country.

Being deeply impressed with a sense of the numerous evils inflicted on this Country by the unrestrained sale of intoxicating drinks to the natives through the means of Cantons, we beg to call the attention of Your Excellency to the following facts of which we are personally cognisant.

- I. That it is matter of daily observation that the vice of drunkenness with all its attendant evils, is increasing at an appalling rate among the Native population.
- II. That amongst the heathen the use of intoxicating drinks is being ingrafted upon their native customs, supplying the place of milk at their feasts & dances, & resulting in an extreme of licentiousness & abominable indecencies such as do not admit of detailed statement.
- III. That drunkenness & all these other attendant evils are rapidly & increasingly affecting not merely the adult population of both sexes, but extending also to boys & girls of comparatively tender age.
- IV. That the vicinity of towns, & the neighbourhood of Cantons, present scenes which are felt to be an intolerable nuisance to the better conducted part of the community both European & Native.
- V. It is believed both by Europeans & intelligent Natives that this increase of drunkenness must very shortly result in the rapid decay & ultimate extermination of the Native races, illustrations of which have already occurred in other parts of the world.
- VI. Before this occurs it is certain that both within the Colony & on the



frontiers, the insecurity to life & property will be very greatly increased, & crimes of violence will frequently take place by the population becoming impoverished & reckless.

VII - That influential Native men, both Christian & Heathen, who are loyal subjects & desirous of peace, have expressed these views and urge their representation to the Government.

VIII - That three separate memorials from a portion of the inhabitants of King William's Town, Alice, & Fort Beaufort, have been forwarded to this Conference praying that the Missionaries, as a body, would endeavour to grapple with this gigantic evil, & memorialize Government on the subject.

IX That your memorialists believe that the number of Cantens within reach of the native population is one of the direct causes of this alarming increase of drunkenness. In the King William's Town division alone there are not less than forty five Cantens, many of them situated in localities where their support is almost entirely drawn from the uncivilized portion of the Natives.

Your memorialists therefore pray that not a single additional Canteen license be granted in this part of the Colony & that steps be taken as speedily as possible very largely to reduce the existing number.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray

(Signed in & on behalf of the Conference).

On the motion of the Rev. John Wilson it was unanimously agreed:-

"That the memorial be adopted, signed in & on behalf of the Conference by the Chairman & Secretary transmitted to the Governor; & that the Committee which drew it up be instructed to send a copy to both Houses of Parliament before next Session."

Mr. Randles having offered to supply one hundred copies of the Kafrarian Watchman with



a full report of the proceedings of the Conference for the sum of twenty five shillings (25/-) it was moved by Mr Stewart seconded by Mr Birt & agreed to, that Mr Romley's offer be accepted, & that two copies of the Watchman be sent to each of the members of the Conference & that a copy of the Memorial on lanterns be sent to the Journal, P. E. Herald, and Argus with a request that it be published in each of these papers.

With reference to Ukulobola it was agreed that as the Rev. Atropf, who was absent that day had prepared a paper on the subject the discussion of the question be deferred until next Conference.

It was likewise agreed that the Committee on Circumcision be requested to bring up a report at next meeting. The Secretary to intimate this resolution to the Convenor the Rev. W. Stolford.

The Conference then adopted the following minute which Mr Stewart had drawn up at the request of the Business Committee:-

The Conference desire to express the sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of the Rev. James Luing, their late Secretary. For many years he filled that office with conscientious diligence & assiduity. As a Missionary they believe that he was widely & deservedly esteemed both by Europeans & Natives, & as a man he was almost universally beloved for his gentleness, kindness & sympathy. The Conference agree to record on their minutes this expression of their regret for his loss, as one of the Missionaries labouring on the Frontier, as a member of the Conference, & as their Secretary for a number of years.

The Missionary Conference also express their sense of the loss sustained by the Missionary cause in this country in the removal by death of the Rev John Brownlee & the Rev Tujo Soga. Of the Rev John Brownlee's life & labours no brief notice such as can be given here would adequately express their value, or the esteem in which his personal



...ing & self denying labours are held by all classes of the community. The real record of these deeds of Christian love & faith is preserved on high, & the future day will no doubt abundantly declare it.

Of the Rev Tiyo Soga, as the first fully educated & thoroughly qualified Kafir preacher, the Conference believe that in addition to the work he actually accomplished, his life was of great value as a proof of the capacity of his race & of the power of the Gospel in transforming the whole character. Catholic in spirit, a man greatly beloved, a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus, & an able preacher of the Gospel his memory will be cherished by this Conference as that of an esteemed friend & brother. The Conference express the hope that his example will be followed by many of his countrymen.

It was resolved that the Business Committee take over the subject of Missionary statistics, reduce the number of questions in the printed schedule prepare a statement & hand it to the corresponding Members so that they might bring the matter before their respective Church Courts. It was likewise resolved that the results be tabulated up to December 1872. The Conference also expressed the hope that each Missionary will endeavour to present a complete and reliable return.

Mr Point suggested the propriety of changing the day of the meeting of Conference. Various propositions followed, but it was ultimately agreed that as several members of Conference were absent that day, & as due notice had not been given of the proposed change, the next Conference should be held on the second Wednesday in July 1873.

The Rev. W. Imprey having made a few remarks on "The Connection of European Clothing with a Christian profession" he was requested to read a paper on the subject at next Conference.



On the motion of Mr Impney it was agreed to print a summary of the proceedings of the present conference & that a copy of the summary be sent to some of the influential friends of Missions both at home & in this country.

Mr Impney offered to print one hundred copies of the Abstract of Proceedings free of charge at the Wesleyan Mission Press, Mount Coke, provided said Abstract did not exceed twelve pages.

The thanks of the Conference for this generous offer were conveyed by the Chairman to Mr Impney.

Mr Brownlee having vacated the chair, it was taken by the ex-President the Rev. Wm Impney.

It was then moved by the Rev. W. Stewart, seconded by the Rev. J. W. Appleyard & carried, that a hearty vote of thanks be awarded to Mr Brownlee for his conduct in the chair. Mr Impney conveyed the thanks of the Conference to Mr Brownlee.

It was thereupon resolved that Mr Impney as Chairman & Mr Chalmer as Secretary, sign, on behalf of the Conference the Memorial on Game Licenses to His Excellency the Governor.

On the motion of W. Stewart a cordial & unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor & Town Council for the use of the Council Chamber on the 10th & 11th July.

On the motion of Mr Gedys a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Soiree Committee for their successful arrangements of the social meeting in the Town Hall on the previous evening, & to the ladies & gentlemen of King William's Town for their co-operation with the Soiree Committee as well as for their hospitality to the members of the Conference in general.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy



of this resolution to the convenor, the Rev. John Wilson  
The Business Committee were authorized to  
make what arrangements they deemed proper for the  
Annual Missionary Meeting at the next Conference.

On the motion of Mr. Appleyard seconded  
by Mr. Wilson a vote of thanks was given to Mr.  
Chalmers for his services in acting as Secretary since  
the death of Mr. Living.

The Chairman then pronounced the Confer-  
-ence adjourned until the second Wednesday of July  
1873.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman cal-  
-ling upon Mr. Stewart to engage in prayer & pron-  
-ounce the benediction.

Geo. Blair  
Chairman



King Williams Town

Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1873.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of Missionaries of various Denominations labouring in the Frontier met this day in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 10 O'clock AM. George Blaine Esq in the Chair.

The Chairman commenced the proceedings by calling upon the Rev. W. Holford to open the meeting with prayer.

The following missionaries were present:-

Of the Wesleyan Church: Revd<sup>s</sup> W. Impey, Theo. Chubb B.A. W<sup>m</sup> Holford W.C. Holden & Mr George Batten

Of the Free Church: Revd<sup>s</sup> B. Ross, Dr Stewart, Charles Bell, J.G. Robertson R. Ross & Messrs James Weir Sen A. Smith M.A. John Bennie G.M. Theal & J. Scott.

Of the Lutheran Church: Revd<sup>s</sup> A. Kropf, H. Müller, C. Nauhaus, F. Given & A. Anders

Of the United Presbyterian Church: Revd<sup>s</sup> P. Davidson, J.A. Chalmers, John Selater, James Davidson, R.S. Sealie & John Dewar M.A.

Of the London Missionary Society: Revd<sup>s</sup> R. Birt, James Read, J. Harper & F. G. G. Kayser

Of the Moravian Church: Revd<sup>s</sup> Theo Weig, J. H. Hartman & A. Richter

Of the German Baptists: Rev A. Gutsche & Mr C. Pape

Of the Dutch Reformed Church: Rev J. H. Hofmeyr.

Of the Church of England: Rev A. Maggs

Of laymen there were present:- Colonel Tilley, Captain Bisset Messrs James Weir Jun, R. G. Tainton, Edward Hughes, John Lumsden J. Mealey, James Ayliff, J. G. Henderson, S. E. Rowles, S. Daniels, R. Stocks & several Native Students, Schoolmasters & Evangelists.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed after which letters of apology for absence were read from the Revd<sup>s</sup> J. W. Appleyard, E. Gedye & William Rein.

On a reference from the Business Committee with regard to the evening meeting, the following motion was proposed by Dr Stewart & carried:-

That in future the Conference considers itself identified with the



General meeting in the evening, & wish the Business Committee to co-operate equally with the lay Committee, & cordially thank the lay Committee for their sympathy & assistance

— Election of Secretary.

The Conference next proceeded to make choice of a Secretary in the Room of the late Rev James Laing, when it was proposed by the Rev W Impey & seconded by Mr James Weir Esq<sup>r</sup> that the Rev J A Chalmers be the Secretary. This motion being put to the meeting was unanimously carried. Mr Chalmers was thereupon declared to be ~~elect~~ elected.

### Draft of Constitution

The Rev William Impey then laid upon the table the draft Constitution of the Conference which he & W<sup>r</sup> Stewart had been appointed as a Committee to frame by the previous Conference.

The proposed Constitution was read clause by clause, & after several suggestions amended as follows:—

I. Name. — The United Missionary Conference

II. Objects. — 1. To promote the advancement of Christian Missions in South Africa.

2. To promote union & co-operation amongst Missionaries of all Protestant Denominations labouring in South Africa.

3. To advance the cause of Native education & to assist in the diffusion of a Christian Native literature.

4. To collect Missionary statistics.

5. To obtain papers on Missionary topics.

6. To watch Native interests generally.

7. To consult & advise on plans of Missionary labours, & where possible to secure uniformity of practice, but not to assume legislative authority.

III. Memberships — The Conference to consist of clerical & lay members.

1. The Ministers & Missionaries of any Protestant Denomination on due application.

2. Duly elected laymen from any Church Court, local or general.

3. Other lay members chosen by vote of the Conference.

4. An annual subscription of 5% to be paid by each member.

5. Members to be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Conference.



- IV. Meetings 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting, the date & place to be fixed at the previous Conference.
2. All meetings of the Conference to be opened & closed by reading of the Scriptures & Prayer.
3. Each Meeting to be presided over by a President (or Chairman) who must be a member to be chosen by a show of hands of the members then present.
4. The Secretary shall also be chosen by a show of hands of the members present, but not necessarily annually.
5. The order of proceedings at the Annual Meeting shall be arranged by the Business Committee.
6. Subjects for discussion must be introduced by due notice at a previous Meeting; but such notice may be waived by consent of the Conference.
7. All meetings of the Conference to be held with open doors, except on such occasions as the Conference may by vote decide to the contrary.
8. An abstract of proceedings shall be printed, together with the arrangements for the following Conference, & supplied to each member.
- V. Committee & Officers. — 1. The Business Committee to consist of a representative of each denomination included in the Conference.
2. The officers to consist of President, Treasurer, Secretary, who, with the ex-President, shall be ex-officio members of the Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed: — "That the proposed Constitution be published in the proceedings of the Conference, & lie for a year for consideration before final adoption; & that the Corresponding Members bring the Constitution before their respective Church Courts for their opinion, & report at next meeting."

The Conference adjourned at 1 O'clock P.M.

Compulsory Education.

On meeting again at 3 O'clock P.M. the Conference proceeded to receive the following reports of the Corresponding members on Compulsory Education.

The Rev. John Selater read the following as the opinion of the United Presbyterian Missionaries:—

Elujido 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1873.

"This day the United Presbyterian Presbytery met here. Inter alia — Having considered the resolution of the Annual Conference of Missionaries



On the subject of education, this Presbytery is of opinion that only by a compulsory system can education become general in this country, especially among the ~~Native~~ tribes. Whilst the difficulties in the way of the adoption of such a scheme are felt to be many, arising from its expense, the opposition of the heathen, & the insufficiency of the present staff of teachers, yet if wisely & gradually met, these do not seem to be insurmountable.

This Presbytery is therefore ready to unite with the various denominations represented in the Conference in a memorial craving Government, whenever practicable, to carry into effect a compulsory system of education for all classes, - this legislation to relate only to secular instruction - (Extracted from the minutes)

(Signed) John Selater Presbytery Clerk.

The Rev Theo Weig read the following as the opinion of the Moravian Missionaries:-

"The question has been before the Conference of Moravian Missions, & all the brethren agreed that we should welcome any measure that might be taken by Legislation for introducing compulsory education. In all our Stations where the Missionaries are, as it were, Landlords, & the people tenants, (the land having been granted to the Society) we have the compulsory system in operation, & we should dismiss any inhabitant who would not send his children to school. At the same time we think that un denominational Government schools (not being under the superintendence of Missionaries or clergymen) on heathen kraals, guided by insufficiently trained schoolmasters, would be a failure" (Signed) Theo Weig

The Rev W.C. Holden read the following as the opinion of the Wesleyan Church.

The District Meeting of the Wesleyan Ministers of the Grahamstown District having had brought to its notice the subject of Native education as submitted by the Corresponding



Members of the Missionary Conference, is of Opinion:—

1. That some great extension of a system of education in Kafirland is highly desirable & necessary.
2. That at present the only practicable extension is that of the system of aided schools now in operation.
3. That such extension should be strongly urged upon the Government Superintendent of Education.
4. That any compulsory system however desirable, is, under present circumstances impracticable."

(Signed) W.C. Holden.

The Rev. St. Knopf on behalf of the Rev. W. Rein, read the following as the opinion of the Synod of the Berlin Missions:—

"On the scheme of education for the Natives in British Kaffrania, as proposed by the Rev. Mr. Birt;—

The Synod having fully discussed Mr. Birt's proposition does not see any possibility of carrying out the same.

- Reasons:—
1. The number of teachers required to carry out the scheme is not to be had.
  2. The superintendence of such schools by Government appears impossible.
  3. The means for the erection & maintenance of schools at kraals will bear too heavily on the Colony, especially as we fear that the results anticipated would not be in proportion to the outlay.
  4. Native teachers mixed up with the barbarism of the Kafirs, & only loosely, or not at all superintended, will tend to retrograde, & thus endanger the results already attained.

The Synod is convinced that education must follow the preaching of the Gospel, that whatever in this direction has been achieved among the heathen is mostly due to the exertions of the different Missionary Societies, & that Government should be called to continue & if possible, to increase the grants for promoting this object.

(Signed) W. Rein.

The Rev. J. Harper read the following as the opinion of the Committee of Missionaries of the London Missionary Society:—

Resolved I. That the principle having been recognized, both in England & other countries, that it is the duty of the State to educate the people, that may understand the laws by which they are governed, & better discharge their duties as citizens, the Committee is of opinion that this principle is especially applicable in this territory, where so much ignorance & heathenism exist under a Christian Government.



II. That the Government of this country is under obligation to educate the Natives of this territory, having as we understand, pledged itself to spend half of the yearly hut-tax levied upon them for this purpose.

III - That, further, the Government of this country is under a deep moral obligation to seek the enlightenment & elevation of the heathen Natives that have come under its control.

IV. That next to the reception of the Gospel nothing will conduce so much to secure the ends of Government among the heathen as a system of Governmental education.

(Signed) J. Harper

The Rev W Stewart, on behalf of the Rev B Ross, read the following as the opinion of the Free Church Presbytery in Kaffraria:-

The Committee beg to report as follows, & the Free Church Presbytery, after having heard the report & discussed it, agree, by a majority, to its conclusions:-

First, - They admit that compulsory education is in itself desirable; & the fact that it is now adopted in Europe by two such nations as Great Britain & Germany is proof that, so far as can be seen at present, the principle is just & safe, its practice necessary, at least for those countries which are able to adopt it.

Second, - But as regards the natives of this country, the Committee do not recommend that any proposal or recommendation embodying this idea should be made to Government at present, - that is for the present year, - & that for the following reasons:-

I. The Native people of this Country, as a whole are not yet in that state in which such a measure could be safely introduced or beneficially worked.

II. Since last meeting of the Conference the Government of this Country has assumed a new form, & it is unlikely that, on any recommendation by whomsoever made, the Government will venture at this stage on so radical a change in the administration of the Educational Department of this Country.

III - The Government has recently taken some important action with the view of introducing a system of day schools & boarding schools for the European population in the remoter & more thinly peopled districts, & a recommendation for further outlay is therefore not likely to be attended to.

IV. A year ago it was stated that, so far as was then known, it was believed that of schedule D, which reserved £14 000 for the Aborigines, scarcely one half of that amount was expended for educational or other purposes for behoof of the Natives. It has since been ascertained by one of the members of the Committee that nearly



£11,000 or £12,000 is expended - though not perhaps on educational objects & consequently one of the grounds of expectation or belief that the Government were able, if they were willing, to start a system of schools, fails entirely, so far, at least, as this fund is concerned.

The expenditure in the Educational Department for Natives for last year amounts apparently to nearly £10,000 or over £12,000 according to another statement.

V. The proper & natural order for the introduction of compulsory education in the Colony is, that the system be first introduced among the European population; when this is done, the way shall have been so far paved, & a fair preparation made for its introduction among the Natives.

VI. Even supposing that Government was willing to commence such a scheme, the number & present qualifications of nine-tenths of the Native teachers is such as to render any plan of the kind impracticable from want of agents. The majority of Native lads remain at present far too short a time at the training institutions to allow of their becoming efficient teachers. Their knowledge is a rude & undigested mass, very small in bulk & poor in quality. We have some experience of this kind at Lovedale. A lad who knows nothing when he enters generally thinks himself qualified to teach a school two years afterwards, & the temptation of a poor school at £20 or £30 a year is sufficient to induce him under a pretence of educating others, to give up his own education, - barely yet begun - & to abandon all intention of further prosecuting his own education. In the present dearth of teachers he is pretty certain of £30 a year for four hours work daily for ten months in the year, & that is competence to him for such work.

The Committee would be very glad to see a system of schools more extensively aided by Government, & in certain localities, independent of Mission schools, but for the reasons stated above there are serious obstacles in the way of urging Government to commit itself to any formal measure of this kind at present.

As it is the present system of Mission schools is a Government system, worked through the Missionaries, who are the agents or inspectors on the spot. Dr. Dale is anxious to extend the means of education as widely as possible among the Natives; for the present the matter may be left entirely in his hands, with the request that he would supplement as liberally as possible the present system of schools - until a mature scheme for a Government system of schools is submitted for his consideration, & found practically workable by Government.

If it is true that more money is <sup>at present</sup> spent on Native than on European edu-



-cal on the reasons become the stronger why we should not at present urge any  
immature scheme on the Government.

No long delay is recommended. By the present is meant the present  
year. The Presbytery think it better that nothing involving a radical change should  
be pressed on the present Government, which is as yet new to its duties, & therefore  
likely to be cautious in accepting permanent responsibilities.

(Signed) James Stewart

After discussion it was moved, seconded & unanimously agreed :-

That the Conference, having heard the different reports on Compulsory Education, im-  
bodying the opinions of the different Church Courts, & affirming the inexpediency  
of attempting such a system among the Natives at present, expresses its  
general concurrence with the views expressed; decides that the papers shall  
be published in the Abstract of Proceedings; & instructs the Corresponding  
Members to bring the subject again before their respective denominations, with  
the view of collecting information & reporting to next Conference.

It was also moved, seconded & agreed :- That the Secretary be  
instructed to send a copy of the Abstract of Proceedings to Mr Dale, Superin-  
tendent General of Education, with a note, drawing his attention to the Reports  
read by the Corresponding Members.

### Reduction of Lanteens.

The Conference next proceeded to receive the opinions of the  
various Church Courts on the reduction of Lanteens.

The Rev Bruce Ross read the opinion of the Free Church Pro-  
-Cytery as follows :-

That the Kaffrarian Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, having taken into  
consideration the question of the rapidly increasing drunkenness among the natives, & the disin-  
-clination or refusal of the Government to pass any prohibitory measure at present, Request  
their corresponding Member to bring before the Missionary Conference the subject in this shape viz-  
that they think a Bill should be prepared, the provisions of which should restrict, under certain  
just conditions, but not prohibit, the sale of strong drink to the Natives. The provisions of the  
Bill might, with certain modifications, be made similar to those of an Act believed to be in force  
in Sweden, & believed also to have produced very beneficial results.

This Bill may be held back until the results of the Government inquiries on the



subject, & the action Government intend to take, are made known.

The Presbytery believe that some action of this kind is necessary in order to concentrate the efforts so urgently made to meet the increasing spread of this evil among the Natives. If the first forms of the Bill were unsatisfactory, & such as would render it impossible to become law, its discussion would bring out how far such a measure is in any way practicable or applicable to this country.

(Extracted from the minutes) (signed) J. G. Robertson, Presbytery Clerk.

The Rev A Kropp read the opinion of the Synod of the Berlin Missions as follows:-

On the subject of suppressing drunkenness among the Natives, the Synod is unanimously of opinion that reduction of the number of Cantens will not cure the evil etc complain of, & that nothing but the resuscitation of the law of Sir Harry Smith, which is still in operation in Natal, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to Natives, can effectually check drunkenness & its degrading effects

(signed) W Rein

Corres. Member of the Synod of the Berlin Missions

The Rev Theo Weig read the opinion of the Conference of Moravian Missionaries as follows:-

The question has been before the Conference, & we were sorry to see by our own experience that many members of Licensing Boards & Parliament are not aware of the immense deal of harm done to the welfare of the Colony, & of the Kafir race especially, by the increase of drunkenness in consequence of new licenses for Cantens being continually issued. Although Missionaries may do their best by promoting temperance societies among their members & adherents, they will fail to prevent the ruin of the Kafir race, if no measures are taken by Government to stop the careless way in which new licenses are issued, some of which are not even connected with Hotels, but with Shops hand by, visited by Natives, & in which the Natives are allowed to linger about in all degrees of drunkenness. We should gladly join in any step that may be taken by the Conference, either by petition or otherwise, to put down the number & the destructive influence of the Cantens (signed) Theo Weig.

The Rev J Kayser read the opinion of committee of the London Missionary Society as follows:-

On the best mode of restricting the sale of intoxicating drinks to the Natives.

Seeing that the number of Cantens throughout this territory is altogether in excess of the real needs of the community & that the Natives not being in a position to take advantage of the present mode of preventing the granting of a license, & that by means of the Cantens the Natives are being demoralized & impoverished to a fearful extent, & consequently vice & crime greatly fostered, be it resolved:-

I. That the present Licensing Boards be abolished.

II. That a Board be formed in each District, of which the Magistrate shall be Chairman;

the members of which shall be representatives of the people, annually elected by the resident voters of the District; that no person be eligible to sit on this Board who is in any way interested in the sale of drinks.



III. That no application for a new license be entertained by the Board unless accompanied by the consent of the majority of the inhabitants of the ward in which it is proposed to establish the Hotel, & that no such license be valid unless sanctioned by the Governor.

IV. That those places, popularly known as Cantens, which are for the sale of drink only, be wholly abolished.

V. That no license be issued for the sole purpose of selling drink (excepting bottle stores in Towns), but only in connection with a house where eatables and lodging can be had, commonly known as an Hotel, but exclusive of the Canten.

VI. That a license for such a house be very much higher than the present rate.

VII. That a stringent rule be made, rendering liable to severe penalty any person who vend adulterated liquors, in accordance with the English new Licensing Act.

VIII. That no Toll keepers should be permitted to hold a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

(signed) J. Harper.

The Rev. W. C. Holden read the opinion of the Grahamstown Wesleyan District Meeting as follows:—

The resolution of the Missionary Conference held in King William's Town on the subject of Cantens having been duly considered, this Meeting agrees to recommend the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks to the Natives altogether, but in default of this, that the number of Cantens be reduced to the lowest possible minimum. This may be done by not allowing licenses to be issued to applicants who keep public Tolls, or shops, or trading Stations or on Native Locations, also to persons who do not require Licenses for Hotels on the public roads of the Colony; & further, that this subject be brought under the consideration of the Conference of Chairmen & Representatives about to assemble.

He likewise read the following as the memorial which had been sent to the Government on the subject by the denomination to which he belonged, as the result of the foregoing resolution.

Extract from the Minutes of the General Wesleyan Methodist Meeting of Chairmen & Representatives of the Five South African Districts, Grahamstown February 1873  
Cantens or Spirit Shops & the Natives.

A resolution on this subject from the Grahamstown District Meeting was read, & the following memorial to the Colonial Government was submitted:—

To His Excellency Sir Henry Barkley K. G. B.

Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope &c. &c.

The Memorial of the Representatives of the several District Meetings of the Wesleyan



Memorial Church in South Africa, assembled in Conference at Grahamstown

Humbly Sheweth, — That a great increase is taking place in the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Native population of this Colony & Kaffriland. They cannot but regard with the liveliest concern the wide extension of this traffic; & from what they have already witnessed of its demoralizing effects, they have reason to fear that unless prompt measures be taken, either wholly to suppress it, or to place it under the most stringent control, the most serious results of a moral, social & political nature may be apprehended.

Your memorialists would therefore pray that Your Excellency would initiate such measures as would provide for the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating drinks to the Natives or, in default of this, that the number of Cantens be reduced to the lowest possible minimum.

Your memorialists would submit that this might be done by not sanctioning the issue of licenses to applicants who keep public Tolls, Shops or Trading Stations, or to persons who do not require licenses for Hotels on the public roads of the Colony, or who reside within the limits of any Native Location.

Your memorialists beg to state to Your Excellency that this subject is one on which the mind of the Natives themselves is already painfully agitated, & that many of their leading men would welcome with the greatest satisfaction any measure which the Colonial Government might adopt to save the tribes from swift & total destruction.

Your memorialists hope that the long protracted efforts which the Church with which they are connected has made for the benefit of the Aborigines of South Africa, & the large pecuniary outlay which it has long devoted to that purpose, will entitle their representation to Your Excellency's favourable consideration.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

(signed) William Impey

Chairman & General Superintendent.

The Rev John Selater read the opinion of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria as follows:—

I. As doubts have been expressed in Parliament & elsewhere as to the increase of drunkenness amongst the native population, this Presbytery recommends that a committee of Conference be appointed to collect all the facts bearing on this question, & to embody these in such memorial as may be addressed to Government on the subject.

II. This Presbytery sees nothing inconsistent with the Spirit of fair Legislation to all classes in the total prohibition of the sale of spirits to the Native tribes of this Colony.



This ~~is~~ ~~is~~ founded on the following considerations:—

- (a) It is believed that the Natives themselves, if allowed to decide this matter would generally vote for its prohibition.
- (b) The drink sold at the antens is a foreign importation, & experience has shown that, as a rule, no Kafir can use it in moderation.
- (c) The establishment of a antem in any district is a perpetual source of temptation, & if removed contributes to the peace & prosperity of that district.
- (d) It is well nigh the universal opinion of Natives of all classes that the continued existence of antens, judging from the havoc already wrought among them, will cause their total destruction.
- (e) As the sale of drink among the Native tribes, under these circumstances, will be followed at no distant date by dire results to the glory generally, & more especially to the European population, as a measure of self protection, Government may, therefore, pass a law within these limits for its entire prohibition.

In regard to a reduction in the number of antens, this Presbytery is of opinion that a radical change must be effected in the constitution of licensing Boards, & suggests the following as the most desirable changes:—

- (a) That the fee paid by antem-keepers for licenses be very materially raised
- (b) That the members of the licensing Board be elected by registered voters in each district
- (c) That no application for a license be entertained should a majority of voters lodge an objection
- (d) That when a license is granted there should be one apartment for the sale of drink, ~~not~~ as at present one apartment for Europeans & a separate one for natives.
- (e) That no license should be granted except where warm food can be obtained.
- (f) That no drink be sold on Sunday except in wayside houses to bona fide travellers.
- (g) That no antem-keeper be allowed to purchase skins or live stock from the Natives.
- (h) That adulteration be very heavily fined & that means be used for its detection.
- (i) That there be no private distillery.
- (j) That should any one be found intoxicated in a antem the antem keeper should bear

the penalty

(Signed) John Selater

Corresponding member of the United Presbyterian Presbytery

At this stage the conference adjourned to meet in the same place on the following day at 10 o'clock AM

— Evening Social Meeting —

At 7 o'clock P.M. a Missionary Soiree was held in the Town Hall, which was densely crowded. James Ross Innes Soquire, Civil Commissioner, occupied the Chair.



Suitable addresses were given by the Revs R. Birt, G. Selater, R. Impney, T. Weig, Archdeacon  
Kittum & D. Stewart. Elijah Makuvane, a student from Lovedale, likewise read a paper on  
"Native Young Men." At the close the usual votes of thanks were awarded to the Chairman, the  
Source Committee, & the Choir.

Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1873.

The conference met at 10 o'clock. All was opened with prayer by the Rev Peter Davidson.  
The Secretary wished to receive instructions as to whether he should supply the reporters present  
with a copy of the papers read on the previous day when it was resolved:— That the papers  
read be accessible to the editors of the press.

### Resolution on the Lantem Question

The conference then took up the consideration of the opinions of the various Church  
courts on the question of Lantems, when, after reasoning, the following deliverance was moved,  
seconded, & unanimously agreed to:—

That the conference having heard the Reports of the corresponding members resolves as follows:

- I. Though a prohibitory measure is suggested in four out of five of these Reports, the con-  
ference believes that a measure of that nature is quite impracticable in the present state of public opinion.
- II. It therefore recommends that a restrictive measure only be asked for, or attempted.

The conference believes that in recommending this, it will be supported by the moral feeling of a large portion  
of the people of this country, as the evils arising from the sale of intoxicating drinks to Natives are too patent  
to require statement.

With this view it appoints a Committee with the following duties:—

- I. To collect reliable facts, such as can be thoroughly attested, shewing the amount  
of evil produced by the unrestricted sale of drink among Natives.
- II. To carefully weigh, before recommending, all the different remedies which are gen-  
erally believed to be efficacious in restricting the sale of liquor, — if such remedies were applied.
- III. That a measure be prepared embodying these remedies, taking for guidance the Swedish license  
Law as far as practicable, in order that an effort may be made by the conference to bring the measure before the next session  
of Parliament.
- IV. The conference requests the Treasurer to place whatever available funds may be in his hands  
at the disposal of this Committee; the Treasurer retaining a balance sufficient to meet emergencies.
- V. That the Committee be urged to proceed on their labours with all speed, considering the  
importance & urgency of the case, that they be ready to report to the first meeting of conference six or nine  
months hence; that the Committee send copies of all their proceedings, from stage to stage, to the corres-



...of the Conference, & to correspond with other Unions & Conferences, asking their cooperation.

VI. The Committee to consist of the Revs W.C. Holden, Mages, Miller, Bryce Ross, Naubhaus, Hofmeyr, Captain Bisset, Mr James Weir Jun., Mr Edward Hughes & the Secretary. Mr Harper Lawrence. Five to form a quorum.

Accounts.

Mr James Weir Jun. Treasurer to the Conference, laid on the table a statement of his accounts, which was unanimously passed.

Memorials on the liquor traffic.

The Secretary read the Report of the Business Committee on the Memorial to the Governor on the sale of intoxicating drinks to the natives, as follows:-

The Business Committee has to report that the Secretary received the following reply from His Excellency the Governor to the memorial sent by the last Conference.

Colonial Office 27<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

Sir, - In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo enclosing a memorial of the Conference of Missionaries of various denominations, held at King William's Town on the 10<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you that His Excellency regrets to learn from the opinion of the acting Attorney-General that the Government has no power at all, as the law now stands, to restrict the issue of anteem licenses.

His Excellency quite concurs with the Conference in believing that the sale of intoxicating liquors to Natives is a very serious evil, & that personally he would be glad to see such an Act passed similar to that in force in Natal (Ordinance No IV of 1858) He will consider whether next session some Bill of the sort might not be introduced. I have &c

The Rev Japhalmbros. (Signed) Charles Mills Sec Colonial Secretary

The Business Committee report further that a second Memorial was sent to His Excellency to both Houses of Parliament, the body of which was identical with that sent by the Conference, the only alteration being the last paragraph, which was based on His Excellency's reply.

The Business Committee beg to state that it was induced to make this alteration, - 1<sup>st</sup> In consequence of a proposal to that effect which came from the Free Church Presbytery, through its corresponding member; 2<sup>nd</sup> Because of the urgency of the case, in order to bring the matter prominently before the first Session of Parliament which met before the present meeting of the Conference; 3<sup>rd</sup> Because it seemed a needless delay to present a memorial to both Houses of Parliament to which His Excellency had given so sympathetic a reply.

To this second Memorial His Excellency replied as follows:-



Colonial Secretarys Office 17<sup>th</sup> April 1873.

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, transmitting a memorial, of the same date, from a Conference of Missionaries on the Frontier on the subject of the increasing prevalence of intoxication among the Natives. In reply, I am directed to state for the information of the Conference, that the Government is fully sensible of the evil brought to notice, but that it is not at present prepared to initiate any legislation on the subject

I have &c

The Rev J. A. G. (signed) Charles Mills Under Colonial Secretary

After discussion it was moved seconded & unanimously agreed:-

That the Conference, having had under consideration the reply of His Excellency the Governor to the Memorial sent by the Missionary Conference in reference to the liquor traffic among the Natives, & also the second Memorial sent by the Business Committee, fully endorses the action of the Business Committee.  
General Conference.

Mr Boyce Ross read the following proposal from the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria:

"It was proposed & agreed to, that the Presbytery recommend to the King Williams's Town Missionary Conference the formation of a General Missionary Conference of all Missions in South Africa."

Mr Ross stated that this proposal arose out of a communication on that subject addressed to the Free Church Presbytery by the French Missionaries in Basuto Land.

The Conference instructed the Business Committee to correspond with the French Missionaries on the subject of a General Conference.

The Conference adjourned at 1 P.M. to meet again at 3 P.M.

Ukulobola

When the Conference resumed the Rev A. Kropf read a paper on the custom of "Ukulobola," & concluded by making the following recommendations:-

1. Discourage by all lawful means the present degenerated practice of Ukulobola but do not excommunicate for doing it.
2. Let the same be done here as in Natal, namely, that the girl declares to enter the state of matrimony by her own consent, & not by constraint of her relations.
3. Accept the two Canons of the Old Church. (Our church applies these Canons in this way, that the father has a right to say: You shall not marry this man; but he has no right to say: You shall marry that man.)



do away with all evil consequences of the present "Ukulobola," let us petition Government that those measures which Sir George Grey, shortly before his departure from this colony, wished to inaugurate, - viz. ~~that~~ that from a fixed day all marriages of Kafirs must be contracted before, & registered by, a Magistrate, - may be introduced now among the Kafir population of the Colony, & henceforth no lawsuit about the Ikazi may be recognized.

After discussion it was moved, seconded & unanimously agreed: -  
That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Kropp for his paper on "Ukulobola" & that the question, with Mr. Kropp's recommendations be given to the Corresponding Members to bring the matter before their respective Church Courts, & report at next meeting.

After reasoning, it was likewise moved, seconded & unanimously agreed: -  
That the paper on "Ukulobola" read by Mr. Kropp be published in the Kaffir Express along with a note from the Editor stating that the subject is still under consideration.

### Circumcision.

The Rev. Mr. Birt read the report of the Committee on "Circumcision," which Committee agreed on the following statement for the consideration of the Conference.

I. That circumcision, as it obtains in South Africa, must ever be considered as a badge of heathenism. And just as Baptism is the distinguishing rite of the Christian profession, so is circumcision the distinguishing rite of the heathenism of the South African tribes. Figuratively speaking, it may be justly said to be the tap root of that form of heathenism with which we have to contend. Cut off that tap root, & heathenism, like many trees, will die, & the youth will be emancipated.

II. Circumcision is by no means to be considered as a rite that gives to boys the status of men, though that may be artfully used as an appeal to the weakness of human nature at the period of youth when most susceptible. But the Christian Missionary will never confront the evil of circumcision so long as he regards it only in that light, for it certainly stands in heathenism just as a public profession does in Christianity; at the same time it is calculated to allure the youth & encourage vice, seeing that in all its concomitants it is made to minister to the flesh.

III. Your Committee would, therefore, earnestly recommend that every one employed in the evangelization of these tribes take this view of it, be he Missionary, Pastor, or Evangelist, or Teacher, and then just in proportion as he desires his Lord's honour & glory, will his soul be fired with a yearning for the young so exposed to these temptations, & with a zeal for their salvation from so



debasing & demoralizing an introduction to full blown heathenism & wickedness.

IV. Our instructions require that we recommend something that may be done for the discontinuance of this heathen rite, at least, on Mission Stations, & among the adherents of the various Missions, both by Missionaries & by Government. And, while your Committee are quite aware that it is not a matter to be put down by legislative enactments, but by moral influence, excepting when the practices connected with the rite are repugnant to public decency & civilization, yet they are prepared to recommend that something should be done.

V. First, as to what might be done by Missionaries. Let every Missionary & every Pastor seek, in the spirit of love, to impress on the mind of those parents who have presented their children to the Lord in Baptism, & on the mind of those young persons who were thus baptized in infancy, this one fact, that the going off to be circumcised is practically to renounce Christianity & obliterate, if it be possible as far as they are able, Baptism itself - a rejection of the fellowship of God's people for the fellowship of the heathen - the cutting themselves off & away from Christ - His service to join heathenism, with all its corrupting & debasing influences.

And, further, let every Pastor seek, by all means in his power, to obtain the honest & faithful co-operation of the Church under his charge in this matter, evincing sympathy with him from the whole of the Church, young & old, in his opposition to this practice. This may involve much trouble, some discouragements & disappointments, but let him persevere, the result will be worth all the efforts spent upon the work.

VI. That parents be instructed in their duty to their sons in this matter, that when their sons do go off to be circumcised, & it be found on investigation that they have failed to discourage this practice as they ought to have done, they be subjected to Church discipline; & that for the parents to give their sons new clothes be considered as a violation of duty on such occasions.

VII. Let it be a standing rule on every Station that there be no separate house allowed for the Isutis or white boys.

Then in regard to what the Government may do in this matter: -

VIII. Let a petition go from this Conference, & also from every Church organization working in Kaffirland, to both Houses of Parliament, praying that the Government may be pleased, through all its officials, to discountenance to the utmost the customs connected with the rite of Circumcision.

And further to pray that all abaliveta be rendered punishable for exposing themselves in any public road, or at any village, or Mission Station, on Fridays.



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And, further, that all abakweta dancing at the kraals within the bounds of this Colony be put down as a nuisance & an indecency.

The Conference received the report of the Committee, unanimously resolved that the question of Circumcision be remitted to the Corresponding members to bring it before their respective Church Courts, & report at the next Meeting.

It was likewise resolved that the Report of the Committee be published in the Kafir Express.

### Anti-Kafir Customs Society.

Mr Holden laid upon the Table the following minute from the Amshaboo District Meeting:—

At the Wesleyan Native District Meeting consisting of the English Ministers & all the Native Ministers & candidates for the Ministry & others, held at Amshaboo 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April 1873 & as proposed by the Rev W Impey, seconded by the Rev John Wilson, supported by the Rev John Luana, that a recommendation be sent from this Meeting to the Missionary Conference in King William's Town in favour of the formation of a General Society to be called the "Anti-Kafir Customs Society" consisting of those who are opposed to heathen customs & are anxious to see them abolished  
Carried Unanimously

It was moved seconded & unanimously agreed to that as such associations are already in existence in connection with some of the denominations the recommendation be received, but lie over for consideration at the next Missionary Conference.

### Missionary Statistics

Dr Stewart laid on the table his report on Missionary Statistics at the same time suggesting that its publication should be deferred.

It was moved seconded & unanimously agreed:— That the Conference receive the Report of Dr Stewart, & thank him for his diligence, & that he be requested to continue his valuable labours in this respect.

### Devotional Exercises

On a recommendation from the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria it was moved seconded & unanimously agreed:— That an hour be set apart during the sittings of the Conference for devotional exercises.



### Date of Next Meeting

The conference resolved that its next meeting shall be held in King William's Town on the first Wednesday in March 1874, at 9 O'clock, A.M.

### Votes of Thanks

It was moved, seconded, & unanimously agreed:— That a vote of thanks be given to the Mayor & Town Council of King William's Town for the use of their Council Chamber during the sittings of the present Conference.

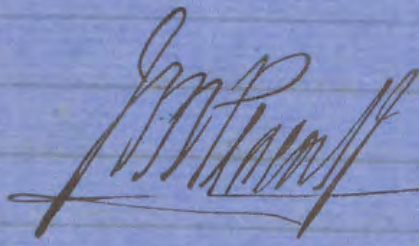
It was moved, seconded, & unanimously agreed: That a vote of thanks be given to the Gentlemen who had so kindly aided in making the arrangements for the Public Meeting in the Town Hall on the previous evening.

The Secretary was instructed to convey these votes of thanks to the Town Clerk & to the Chairman of the Source Committee Mr James Weir Junr.

It was moved, seconded, & unanimously agreed:— That a vote of thanks be given to George Blaine Esq., for his conduct in the Chair.

A vote of thanks was likewise unanimously passed to the Secretary.

The Chairman having made an appropriate address the Conference was closed with prayer, the devotional exercises being conducted by the Revs J. H. Hofmeyr, Read, & Impey.

  
Chairman



# Twelfth Annual Conference

King Williams Town Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1874

The twelfth Annual Conference of Missionaries of various Denominations labouring on the Frontier met this day in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 9 AM. John M. Pracock M.A. in the Chair. The Meeting was opened by the Chairman calling upon the Rev. William Impey to pray for in prayer.

The following Missionaries were present: Rev. William Impey, F. Chubb B. A., A. Krupp, John Harper, Hugo Gutsehe, G. A. Rose, Jas. Davidson, F. Cliver, Henry J. Barton, W. C. Holden, J. A. Halms, A. Anders, D. MacLeod, B. Ross, John Gordon.

The following laymen were likewise present: Messrs E. Rose Innes C. C. S. M., Pracock M.A., Major Malan, R. G. Fainton S. M., J. W. Weir Junr., J. J. Irvine, J. Sumodien, F. G. Henderson, J. A. Mummig, F. Davies, D. Standen, & others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed after which letters of apology for absence were read from the Rev. W. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Appleyard, Rev. John Seluter, Rev. Peter Davidson, Rev. Thomas Shearer & Rev. J. Wrig.

## Draft of Constitution.

The first business before the meeting was the consideration of the Draft of Constitution which had been published in the Abstract of Proceedings, with instructions to the Corresponding Members to bring the matter before their respective Church Courts to report at this meeting. Before proceeding to hear the opinions of the various Church Courts it was agreed, on the motion of the Rev. William Impey seconded by the Rev. F. Chubb that in consequence of the absence of many members of Conference on account of the unfavourable state of the weather, & likewise as the present Meeting had been convened for a special purpose, the consideration of the Draft of the Constitution stand over to the next meeting of Conference.

## Compulsory Education.

The Corresponding members then proceeded to lay on the table of the Conference the opinions of their various Church Courts on this question, when, on the motion of Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Davidson it was agreed that the reports of the Corresponding Members on Compulsory Education be brought forward & considered at the next meeting of Conference.

The Secretary intimated that according to instructions he had sent a copy of



The Abstract of Proceedings of last Conference to Mr. Dale Superintendent General of Education with a note drawing his attention to the Reports read by the corresponding Members on the question of Compulsory Education.

The Secretary then read the reply of the Superintendent General of Education. On the motion of Mr. Impey seconded by Mr. Holden it was agreed: - That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. Dale for his kind & friendly letter to the Conference, & that it be printed in the Abstract of Proceedings for the information of the members of the Conference.

The Rev John A. Malms

Sec. United Missionary Conference  
King Williams Town.

Dear Sir - I have had the honour to receive from you a copy of the abstract of proceedings at the conference in July last; & your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> November last draws my attention specially to that portion of the report which concerns the education of the natives.

The opinions expressed by the representatives of the religious societies are so qualified, & at the same time so tentative, that it is difficult to reply to them; & a reply appears to be expected.

The Committee of the London Missionary Society appear to advocate a purely Governmental system of education for the Natives; the United Presbyterian Missionaries are prepared to ask the Government to introduce whenever practicable a compulsory & secular system of education for all classes. The Ministers of the Wesleyan Church ask for some great extension of the present system, which in their opinion is now the only practicable one. The Moravian Missionaries would welcome a compulsory system but think that un-denominational Government-schools, not superintended by missionaries or clergymen would be a failure. The Synod of the Berlin Missions is favourable to the extension of the present system through the agency of the different missionary societies. The Free Church Presbytery in Kaffraria, after a detailed statement of reasons, record their opinion that there are obstacles to the introduction of a compulsory system among the natives; but would be glad to see a system of schools more extensively aided by Government; & in certain localities independent of mission schools.

The case is not overstated when I conclude that the Free Church Presbytery, the Berlin & Moravian Missionaries & the Wesleyan Church are at present decidedly in favour of the continuance & extension of the existing mode of promoting elementary education among the native races of the frontier districts, which has been tersely & aptly described



as a Government-system worked through the Missionaries, who are the agents or inspectors on the spot.

The representative of the Church of England Missions seems not to have recorded any opinion. In a matter of such paramount importance as an inquiry into the best mode of educating the tens of thousands of heathen children, it is necessary to take into account the strong points of the respective arguments of opinion; it is a remarkable coincidence that the two dissenting are these societies which are unusually sensitive on the question of State aid for religious instruction; they, naturally, advocate a Governmental system which if compulsory, must absolutely sever the secular from the religious elements of instruction in all schools.

The remark is made without any uncharitable feeling; but I think that those who are committed a priori to a principle of extreme Voluntarism in religious matters are singularly disqualified from forming a sound & unprejudiced opinion on the question at issue. They cannot help trying to save their own principle when projecting any system of education.

There is but one legitimate object of inquiry which ought to be unconnected with either collateral or ulterior views—What is the best & most economical way of educating the natives? Whereas my friends of the London Society & of the United Presbyterians appear to contemplate not so much the best mode of education as the best mode which will effect the object along with the conservation of their own theory of the relations of Government to religion.

Although I might disclaim any responsibility for the merits or demerits of a code of regulations, enacted by the Legislature & administered by me officially, yet as it is patent that the regulations were written by myself in 1864, I shall not shrink from the acknowledgment that they embody my own opinions & that the experience of many years confirms my belief that, with the extensions now required by the development of the schools, the present system is not merely the only one practicable, but the best as regards the Government & the natives themselves.

It should be loath to enter upon the hopeless task of compelling the attendance of all native children. Look at what it involves:—Grant officers entering the kraals & dragging unwilling children to school; heathen parents,asperated by having to undergo the penalties of the law for neglecting to send their young barbarians to school. The risk is great; the results, in an educational point of view are worse than doubtful. Alienation, estrangement, antipathy, hatred, would be mild terms in which the feelings of the red-



Next to the Mission & the school would have to be described. I am bound to say that there is a way of winning many to the Christian fold by the Word whilst success is denied to the pursuit of the sword & the Law

I am not in favour of a purely Governmental system among the natives, because such a system must be secular, if not compulsory; & secular means non-religious. Whatever view is taken of the obligation of the State to educate the people, it cannot be the business of our Government to teach religion; & it is better to acknowledge at once, what is an undeniable fact that the Christian character of the Government - as assumed in the report (page 4, Rev. J. Haysers' resolution) is merely a way of indicating that the present policy pursued by the Government is more favourable to Christianity than to any other form of religion.

The Government avails itself of the agency of Missionary Bodies to promote elementary education, on the understanding that the superintending missionaries will carry out their own arrangements for religious instruction in the schools; for which section of the school work the Government is not in any way responsible; & at which the Government cannot enforce attendance.

The remarkable manner in which the local agencies throughout Kaffraria & the Government have been able to work together for their respective ends, during the last nine or ten years, is the best argument for no radical change.

Any matured plan of extension will have my earnest & sympathetic attention.

The progress of the Fingoes is now uniform & rapid; certainly rapid enough if we forecast the varied incidental arrangements in society which would be needed to give employment to an excessive number of qualified natives, whether as teachers, clerks, interpreters or in other suitable spheres.

Success leads sanguine philanthropists to think that they might be even more successful; it may be more prudent for us to pursue our even way, taking the large or small share of success with modesty or submission, as the case may be.

As the next Conference is to assemble at King Williams' Town early in March, I shall send my reply to the Argus newspaper, so that it may be at once before all the members.

With every wish for the successful issue of your next deliberations

I am dear Sir

Faithfully yours

(Signed) Langham Dale  
Superintendent General of Education

Cape Town 31<sup>st</sup> January  
1874



They intimated that in consequence of the state of the weather the arrangements for the public social meeting in the evening had not been carried out whereupon on the motion of Major Malan it was resolved that the Conference meet for prayer in the Council Chamber at half past 7 o'clock

### Committee on the Licensing Laws.

The Rev J. Harper submitted the Report of the Committee on the Licensing Laws, whereupon the Conference formed itself into Committee in its consideration. After considerable discussion, & after several alterations & amendments had been made upon it the Report was ultimately laid on the table as follows, when the Conference resumed its sittings:-

#### Report of Committee on Licensing Laws

This Committee when appointed, was furnished with certain instructions pointing out the duties which they had to perform with the request that considering the importance of their work they would proceed in their labours with all speed.

The Committee have endeavoured to carry out these instructions to the best of their ability. They felt the importance & magnitude of the work intrusted to them & considered it to be their duty to avail themselves of the counsel & co-operation of some gentlemen who were in a position to aid them, & who cordially sympathised with the object of the Committee. They therefore at their first meeting added their number Messrs Irvine & Fainton, believing that in so doing they were acting in harmony with the spirit of their instructions, & that the services of these gentlemen would materially aid the work of the Committee.

They have also communicated with various Unions & Conferences throughout the country inviting co-operation with their work. The duties intrusted to the Committee were twofold.

To collect reliable facts, showing the evils arising from the unrestricted sale of drink among the natives.

The Committee have taken steps to collect evidence on this point; but as only about half of the members of Committee have sent in statistics the evidence is not so complete as could be desired. The facts they have collected, however, are sufficient to show the alarming spread of drunkenness & the deadly effects produced by it among the native people. The results of their labours on this head will be laid before you.

The other duty assigned to the Committee was to prepare a measure embodying the best remedies known for restricting the sale of drink taking the Swedish Licensing Laws as their guide as far as practicable.

In carrying out the instructions of the Conference on this point, the Committee underwent



to obtain copies of the Swedish Licencing Law, the principal features of the English Scotch & American Laws on this subject; also the Natal & Cape Licencing Acts. But the Committee regret to say that up to the present they have been able to obtain copies of the Cape & English Licencing Acts only. Being restricted to the Licencing Acts of this colony & the English Act of 1842 as furnishing them with with some guide or basis of a measure, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to by the Committee: - "The Committee not having been able to obtain a copy of the Swedish Spirit Ordinance have therefore not yet been able to frame or propose a measure in accordance with the same, wish, in the mean while to see the License Ordinance at present in force amended & altered in respect to certain clauses."

In accordance with this resolution the Committee have very carefully gone over the Licencing Acts of this colony, & in so doing they were astonished to find the extent of power possessed by the Licencing Board & the general community to deal with this subject of drink & the Committee are of opinion that if the Licencing Board & the community generally were to enforce & fully carry out the present License Ordinance with the aid of a Public Prosecutor appointed by the Government numbers of existing taverns would be closed & much drunkenness done away with. At the same time the Committee consider that certain alterations & amendments of the present Ordinance are necessary to enable the Licencing Board & the general community to deal more effectively with this question.

The following are the amendments which the Committee recommend of the existing License Ordinance: -

Recommendations & Alterations of the present Licencing Laws of the Colony  
Approved by the Conference

- I. That section 2 of Act 10. 1860, be repealed, allowing section 12 of Ordinance 9. 1851, again to come into operation
- II. That the closing clause of section 11. Ord. 9. 1851 which secures the validity of a license granted in the absence of proper publication be repealed, & a clause inserted requiring every application for a license to be published in the local or nearest paper.
- III. That a clause be inserted requiring the chairman of the Board to read section 16 Ord. 9. 1851 at the opening of every meeting of the Board.
- IV. That the clause of section 19. Ord. 9. 1851 authorising a person to hold more than one license, when the drink is not to be consumed on the premises be repealed; & that a clause be inserted requiring all persons holding a retail license whether the drink be consumed on the premises or not to give their personal superintendence to the conducting of the business.



- I. That as one means for the securing the better enforcement of the licensing laws additional justices of peace be appointed especially where canton licences are issued, & where such appointments do not already exist.
- II. That section 43, Ord. 9, 1857 be made more stringent by the addition of some of the provisions of section 62 of the English Act 35, & 36 Vict. 1872.
- III. That section 46, Ord. 9, 1857 be carefully revised inasmuch as the provisions of said section are found totally inadequate for the prevention of illicit traffic, & as the law now stands, it is more profitable to suffer an occasional correction & fine than pay the ordinary license.
- IV. That the clause in section 47, Ord. 9, 1857 which grants the magistrate discretionary power to remit the penalty to one-third be repealed, & that a clause be added to the effect that if a person holding a trade license be convicted of smuggling he shall be liable not only to the penalties above mentioned but also to the forfeiture of his trading license.
- V. That the clause in the form of Recognizance which leaves it to the licensing boards to add as they think fit, as a condition of any license, that accommodation for man or beast must be provided, should be so altered that no license for the sale of drink can be granted without this condition being annexed. That no license be granted to applicants who keep public tolls, shops or trading stations, or who reside within the limits of any native location.
- VI. That whereas considerable difficulty exists in bringing offenders against the Licensing Act under the operation of the law, suitable officers of the law should be specially charged by the Government with this duty.
- VII. That the members of the licensing board should not be empowered to act without the magistrate or his representative.
- VIII. That an excise duty be imposed on all liquors manufactured in the Colony.
- IX. That for the withdrawal of a license a majority of the board present shall be sufficient to carry it. See, 8, Act 1860.

Your Committee think that these improvements & amendments of the Licensing law will bring the drink traffic more under control, & if the administration of the liquor law be narrowly watched by the community, very much may be done to suppress the excessive drinking which prevails; but unless the community feels its responsibility & acts up to it, on this matter, the law however stringent will be nothing better than a dead letter.



In collecting reliable facts showing the extent to which drinking prevails in Kaffraria the evils arising therefrom the Committee have taken considerable pains to obtain full information on these points & though the facts which they now bring before you are few they will fully bear out the representations made of the alarming spread of drunkenness & its deadly & demoralizing effects on the Native people.

In this Report it would be impossible to particularise each fact as to its circumstances & the Committee therefore simply present a summary of the various classes of facts they have collected leaving the papers containing a detailed account of the facts themselves in your hands for reference.

The facts with one or two exceptions date from the beginning of the year 1872

- 1 ——— Imports of liquor 188, 757 Galls Spirito - 73, 257 Galls mixed at East London in 1872
- 2 ——— In King Williams' Town district 48 cantens
- 3 ——— Consumption in proportion to population. In the Gaita district, with a population of 10,000, there are 13 Cantens, which are reckoned to sell each 60 Gallons of brandy a week. From East London to Briedbach there are 8 cantens, with a local population of 5,000 where 25,320 Galls Brandy are sold in one year, which is over four gallons a head in the one case & five in the other.
- 4 ——— Deaths through drinking 53 Cases.
- 5 ——— Murders by drunken people, 5 Cases.
- 6 ——— Brawls & injuries received in them 54 Cases.
- 7 ——— Crimes of theft or highway robbery 28 Cases.
- 8 ——— Immoralities. Although we have numerous cases on record, they relate more to Customs which have come into practice through the influence of drink, & serve to show that the immoralities which result from the excessive drinking now in vogue are too revolting to be detailed & too numerous to be tabulated.

The Committee have grounds for believing that the crime of smuggling is being practised both by Europeans & Natives to a great extent.

It has been remarked by the hearing of a Missionary by one person to another that it is more profitable to pay the fines when convicted of smuggling than to take out a regular license.

In placing these facts before you, the Committee are sadly conscious that they but slightly raise the veil & give but a very limited view of the depth & extent of this dread evil.



For many feet they have collected there are tens thousands which are quietly hushed up & never  
to light, but these facts serve to show that the heathen life of the native races is becoming, through the  
of drink, every day more & more a scene of violence & bloodshed, of crime & recklessness, of disease &  
immorality, which must in a few years tend greatly to destroy them as a people altogether, unless time  
checked.

The committee would beg to bring to the notice of the Conference the remarks made by Judge  
Wyer at the Circuit Court held at King William's Town October 16, 1873. Also the remarks made  
by Mr. Molteno on the occasion of his late visit, when this subject was brought to his notice at the  
suggestion of your Committee by a deputation from the Divisional Council of the district. Also  
in reply to the Chiefs Siwami & Toise on the same subject. The papers containing the above re-  
marks will be laid before you.

Since the appointment of the Committee several licenses have been refused. Two  
in East London district & two in King William's Town.

### Reasons for recommending the proposed amendments & alterations

#### For repealing Section 2, Act 10, 1860

Full boards may be secured once a year but not quarterly. Members of the divisional  
Council have to attend monthly meetings & special meetings which is as much as can be expected  
from country members. So long as the present system prevails the licensing boards will be too often  
constituted of only local justices of the peace & town members of the divisional Council.

By perseverance a person who has been refused a license by a full board may eventu-  
ally succeed in obtaining one, in two ways; first absence of members; secondly by wearing out the  
board & those who take the trouble to use their influence for the maintenance of order in the community.

In withholding licenses possibly three fourths of the members present may be determined  
on refusing a license to a certain person, but the absence of even one at the next quarterly meeting  
may secure the license for the rest of the year.

#### Section 11, Act 10, 1860

This does not require explanation

#### Section 16 Ordinance 9, 1851

Some members who are not qualified according to this section may in ignorance of the  
law sit at the board & influence its decisions as well as make themselves liable to the penalty  
attached.

#### Section 19, Ordinance 9, 1851

Under this section persons who have been refused a license or from whom a license has



may obtain one through a friend

### Section 43. Ordinance 9. 1857

Smuggling & illicit traffic prevail to a great extent in Kaffraria & are carried on with so much ease that the police & magistrates are baffled. Brandy is sold in some places without a license, in others given in exchange for skins & in licensed houses pledges are taken. The English Act contains a provision more complete than our Colonial Act & therefore more efficient.

### Section 46. Ordinance 9. 1857

At present the penalties are so low & the difficulties of detection so great it is cheaper for persons in certain places to trade without a license than to pay for one. In some cases this traffic is carried on where no license would be granted.

### Section 47. Ordinance 9. 1857.

When the fine is reduced to one-third, the informer is not probably paid for his trouble. Hard labour should form part of the penalty, as natives as well as Europeans are now trafficking in Brandy & a month's imprisonment without hard labour would be no punishment & in all probability a fine could not be recovered. On a case being proved the informer should at once get the fine from Government & not be obliged to prosecute for its recovery from the offender.

### Traders.

A good deal of smuggling is carried on by persons holding Traders' licenses, Brandy being given as bonuses instead of tobacco in the purchase of produce & the sale of goods. These persons generally establish themselves in places difficult of access, & the Trading license is often but a blind to cover an illicit trade in Brandy.

### Recognizances.

Canteens, unless obliged to provide board & lodging are an unmitigated evil. In towns they should at least be obliged to supply food if not lodging.

### Public Prosecutor.

The law as it stands is in many respects a dead letter, & however well amended, will remain the same unless some one is specially charged with the duty of seeing that those who enter recognizances & who traffic in drink under certain restrictions are faithful to their engagements.

### Chairmen of Boards

Only magistrates or their representatives can supply the necessary information for the proper conducting of the business of the boards.



Section 8 Ordinance 10, 1860

The operation of this provision vitiated the whole of the clauses empowering the Board to withhold licenses from persons who are not conducting their houses satisfactorily, & from such positions no care is longer required by public convenience. Magistrates are allowed to grant licenses, but three-fourths of the members present must vote to withhold a license. For three years efforts have been made to withhold the license of Sivanis' location. Memorials from the district & from the chief have however failed even though supported by a majority of votes.

At the licensing board held in King William's Town on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1874 a memorial was received, requesting the Board to refuse a license to a canteen & hotel at Fort White. This memorial was signed by a large number of farmers & natives of the locality; & among the reasons given for withholding the license were the following:

That this canteen is not situated on a main road, therefore is not required for the convenience of travellers.

That there are three or four other canteens on main roads within a radius of six miles so that this one is not necessary for the public benefit.

That it is situated in the midst of a large native population & its influence on the natives is evil in every way.

That it is so situated that it cannot supply the conveniences of a hotel having no land connected with it for grazing on or even for outspanning on.

The result was that of ten members present 7 voted against the license & one for it, 2 withholding their votes. The number seven not constituting three-fourths of those present, the license was granted.

The same was repeated on the Tamacha license. Notwithstanding the representation of the chief, a memorial from the people, the fact that no road passes this house, & supported by a majority of 6 to 1 of the ten members, the license was granted.

Excise Duty.

An excise duty is recommended to be imposed on Cape liquors, in order to increase the price of drinks, & lessen the facilities to drunkenness for natives. The present price of brandy affords a terrible temptation & facility to all inclined to the use of ardent spirits. Liquor is purely a luxury, & ought therefore to be more heavily taxed than those things which are necessaries of life.



The Report having been fully discussed in its amended form the Conference resolved that the Report of the Committee be received & adopted; that the Thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for their diligence during the interval. This vote of Thanks having been communicated to the Governor by the Chairman, the Conference further resolved:-

"That a Committee consisting of Messrs Birt, Impey, B Ross & the Secretary be appointed to frame a minute on the Report just received by the Conference, & submit it for the approval of the Conference on the following day"

After prayer by the Rev Bryce Ross, the Conference adjourned to meet again at 10 O'clock on Thursday morning March 5<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday evening at 7/2 past 7 O'clock a devotional meeting was held in the Council Chamber, at which the Rev W. Impey presided

### Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1874.

The Conference met at 10 O'clock a.m. & was opened with prayer by the Rev R. Birt. The Secretary read the minute framed by the Committee appointed on the previous evening which was ultimately adopted as the Deliverance of the Conference on the Report of the Committee on Licensing Laws:-

#### Deliverance of the Conference on the Report of the Committee on Licensing Laws.

The Committee on the Licensing Laws appointed by the last Conference having completed their assigned task, & having laid before this Conference their Report, along with a mass of evidence bearing on the evils of drunkenness especially among the Native tribes; this Conference having duly considered & in some instances amended & thereafter adopted the Report resolves as follows:-

- I. That a copy of this Report together with the evidence upon which the Report is founded be sent without delay to the Hon the Colonial Secretary.
- II. That the attention of the Hon the Colonial Secretary be specially drawn to the fact that in adopting this Report, the Conference does not propose the introduction of any new law or any radical change in the existing Licensing Acts of the Colonial Legislature.
- III. At the same time the Conference respectfully urges upon the Colonial Government the adoption of the Amendments & Alterations contained in the schedule of the Committee's Report, as being essential to the more efficient operation of the present law. In most cases it will be found that these amendments revert to the provisions of former Licensing Acts. The Conference is convinced that the alterations suggested do not in any way interfere with the liberty of the subject.

N.B. The reasons for these alterations will be found appended to the schedule.



... is of opinion that many of the existing evils are traceable to the fact that the provisions of the present Acts are very imperfectly carried into effect & would therefore respectfully urge upon the Government the necessity of devising measures for their rigorous enforcement; & as one means for the securing of this, the Conference would suggest the necessity of the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace, especially where Licenses are issued where such appointments do not already exist.

That whereas considerable difficulty exists in bringing offenders against the Licensing Act under the operation of the Law this Conference is of opinion that suitable officers should be specially charged by the Government with this duty.

That the Committee on this subject of last year be re-appointed, & charged with the special duty of communicating with the Hon. the Colonial Secretary in time for action in the Commission of Parliament.

Instructions to Committee.

Instructions of the Conference to the Committee on the Licensing Laws:-

1. That the Rev. Mr. Thubbe be added to the Committee.
2. That the Rev. Mr. Harper be requested to continue Convener.
3. That the Committee be charged with full power to use every effort to have this measure carried through Parliament.
4. That the Committee on the Licensing Laws & the Committee referred to in the Rev. Mr. Harper's Report be one & the same.
5. That the Committee be empowered to call in any members of the Conference for advice should occasion require & that said meeting convened in case of an emergency be empowered to act.
6. That the Committee be authorized to employ legal advice in drawing up the Schedule.
7. That the Committee be authorized to print such portions of the evidence as they may deem advisable.
8. That Resolution No 4 of the instructions given to the Licensing Laws Committee last year be re-affirmed, & that efforts be made by the Treasurer & Committee to raise funds to meet whatever expenses may be incurred by the Committee.

Accounts.

Mr James W. Weir Esq. Treasurer to the Conference laid on the table a statement of his accounts which was unanimously passed.



The Rev. Mr. Impey, at this stage, moved that as this Meeting of Conference had been specially convened for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee on Licensing Laws, the consideration of all further business of the Conference be deferred until the next Annual Conference.

This proposition being put to the meeting was agreed to.

On the motion of the Rev. A. Kropf it was agreed that the next Conference be held on the first Wednesday in July 1876.

Mr. Thalmbs intimated on behalf of the Board of Revisors of the Kafir Bible, that they had completed the revision of the New Testament, with the sanction of the British & Foreign Bible Society, they were at present in treaty with one of the Mission Presses to have the New Testament printed & published in this Colony.

On the motion of Mr. Impey the Conference unanimously agreed that the sum of £5.5. be annually granted to the Secretary for clerical assistance.

It was moved seconded & unanimously agreed:-

That a vote of thanks be given to John M. Peacock Esq M. L. A. for his conduct in the Chair.

The vote of thanks was conveyed by the Rev. W. Impey

On the motion of Mr. Storden seconded by Mr. B. Ross a vote of thanks was given to the Mayor & Town Council for the use of the Council Chamber during the present sitting of the Conference.

A vote of thanks was likewise passed to the Secretary

The Chairman having made an appropriate address, the Conference was closed with prayer by the Rev. J. Harper.

Geo Blainie  
Chairman



# Thirteenth Annual Conference.

King William's Town

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1875

— Wednesday —

The Thirteenth United Missionary Conference met this day in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 9 AM. George Blaine Esq in the chair.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman calling upon the Rev Peter Davidson to engage in prayer.

The missionaries present were:— Revs W. Impey, A Knopf, F Cluver, R. Bert, Bruce Ross, A Müller, W. Bate, A Juhl, Edm Gedge, F Fearle, P. Davidson, W B. Rayner, E Chapman, W J Davis, W C Holdew, A S Barton, D MacLeod, W M J B Mon, W Holford, H W Graham B.A. J M auto, Ben Impey, A Anders, A Mays, H. Van Prooyen, James Read Esq, J. H. Hofmeyr, J. A. Palmers, A Smith M.A. John A Bennie A Reimer.

There were likewise present:— Major Malau, J W Wain Esq, Col. Hon H. Ward, J R Innes Esq, C. E. Irvine Esq, R G Fainton Esq, M. W Edge Esq, Captain Blyth, W Kay Esq, W Haynes Esq, E Makiwane P J Mzimba & others.

The minutes of the previous conference were read & confirmed, after which apologies for absence were read from the Rev D Stewart, Rev R Leslie, Rev W Rein, Rev John Gordon, Rev E W Stegmann, Captain Bisset & Rev James Davidson.

The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the following resolution passed in 1873:— "That an hour should be set apart during the sittings of the Conference for devotional exercises," when it was agreed that a special session for prayer should be held the same evening in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev W J Davis to preside and conduct the meeting.

The Secretary then read the following letters received from the Bishop of Grahamstown in reply to an invitation from the Business Committee that he should occupy the Presidential Chair on this occasion. These letters were read with the concurrence of the Bishop:—



Grahamstown March 15. 1875

Dear Sir, - I write at once to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 12<sup>th</sup> & to express the pleasure which it gives me to receive this mark of confidence from the Business Committee of the Missionary Conference

As however there are a good many perplexing considerations involved I will delay the answer if you will allow me, for a week or two, as I wish to consult with others before giving a definite reply. Be assured, however, that I have a very hearty sympathy with all Missionary success, involving a change from the darkness of heathenism to the light of the Gospel & the numerous social questions of common interest to us all I am anxious to see well ventilated.

And although I believe I form one of a small minority of missionaries in my mode of regarding some of these questions about native customs, I shall not be the less pleased to see them have a full & free discussion. I am dear Sir, Yours faithfully

(signed) N. J. Grahamstown

Grahamstown April 12. 1875

My dear Sir. It is not without much reluctance that I write to inform you that I am unable to comply with the kind invitation of the Business Committee of the Missionary Conference conveyed in your note of the 12<sup>th</sup> ult.

Having taken the advice of those with whom I deemed myself bound to consult in this matter I have come to the conclusion that the position & the claims of the English Church put a bar in the way of my joining with any prospect of advantage in the discussion of a "General Constitution" composed of the discordant elements of which the Missionary Association is formed.

It would have been a real pleasure to me if I could, without compromising others and wounding their feelings have taken part in discussing several of the points on your list of subjects for consideration at the ensuing Conference.

But as on the one hand my abstaining from all share in the constitution would be naturally offensive to other Christian bodies, so on the other hand would anything like an isolation of myself or my Diocese from the remaining Dioceses of the South African Province breed heart-burnings & cause deep pain to a large portion of my fellow Churchmen. In neither case would the real unity which we should all so sincerely aim at be promoted, & the very opposite feeling would be engendered.

Accordingly I am compelled though with sorrow to myself, to beg that you will convey to the Committee my regret at being unable to accept their kind proposal.



It will, however continue to be my daily prayer that we may all be brought nearer to Christ  
thus be at the same time brought nearer to each other.

I am my dear Sir, Yours faithfully

The Rev John A Thalmers }  
Anderson Thomas River }

(signed) N. J. Grahamstorr

Grahamstorr May 13. 1875

My dear Sir, I have duly received yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst, & can have no objection  
to your reading my two notes at your next Conference, if you desire it.

It is a necessary act of self denial on my part, the not attending in person

I am my dear Sir Yours very truly

The Rev John A Thalmers }  
Anderson }

(signed) N. J. Grahamstorr

The Secretary stated that the Business to be considered by the present Con-  
ference was printed at the end of last year's abstract of proceedings. In  
addition to these subjects to be discussed Major Malau proposed to read a paper  
on a special subject, whereupon the Conference resolved to hear this paper  
at the afternoon sitting at 4 O'clock.

The following gentlemen were then proposed & accepted as members  
of the Conference:- Revs W Davis, G. Chapman, W B Raynor, F. Frank, B Impley  
J M auld, W<sup>m</sup> B Morr, H W Graham, Reimer, W Haynes, E. Maklwan &  
P J Mzimba.

The Chairman having called upon the Corresponding members to lay upon the  
table of the Conference their reports from the various Church Courts on the Draft of the  
Constitution.

The Rev W C. Holden submitted the following as the deliverance of the  
Wesleyan District meeting:-

Constitution - "The constitution of the Missionary Conference as proposed  
was approved by the District meeting

W. C. Holden. Cor. Member "

The Rev B. Ross submitted the following as the deliverance of the  
Free Church Presbytery of Maffraia:-

"Sordale April 8<sup>th</sup> 1875. which day the Presbytery met & was constituted. inter alia



The Assembly took up the business of the Conference. The following were the final recommendations come to on the Constitution.

I. The Name - The Annual Conference of Missionaries labouring on the Frontier.

III. 1. Say, "The Ministers & Missionaries of any Protestant Denomination on being duly proposed, seconded & agreed to by the Conference. Should there be any diversity of opinion in the Conference shall put the matter to the vote."

2. To be struck out -

3. Say "Lay members, on being duly proposed, seconded & agreed to by the Conference. Should there be any diversity of opinion the Conference shall put the matter to the vote."

IV. 3. Add "The Conference may in any special year choose a President who is not for the time being a member."

5. Say previously arranged.

V. 1 add. "The members of the Business Committee shall after three years retire by rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election."

Extracted by Wm. B. Morr. Clerk of Presbytery pro tem.

Rev John Ahalms on behalf of the Rev P. S. Leslie submitted the following as the deliverance of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria :-

Anderson 5<sup>th</sup> February 1874

This day the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria met here - inter alia.

The draft Constitution of the Missionary Conference having been considered this Presbytery approves of said draft with the exception of Nos 2 & 3 under the head Memberships recommends the following: - "That all lay members on application be chosen by the vote of the Conference"

Extracted from the minutes by Robert Leslie Presbytery Clerk.

Mr Rev John Harper read the following as the deliverance of the Kaffrarian Committee of the London Missionary Society.

Report of the Committee of the L. M. S. March 1874.

The proposed Constitution of the Conference. The Committee have no objection to offer to the adoption of the proposed Constitution of the Conference, as it appears in the abstract of proceedings.

John Harper Coms. member L. M. S.

The following was the deliverance of the Conference of Moravian Missionaries. Constitution of Conference. The Constitution as framed by the Committee and amended.



Last year was unanimously adopted.

(signed) Theo Weiz Corro. Mem. Moravian Church

There being no reports from the Synod of the Berlin Missions, & the Church of England, the conference proceeded to consider the draft of the Constitution, clause by clause.

After a lengthy consideration in detail, it was moved by the Rev P. Davison, seconded by the Rev E. Gedys & unanimously agreed "That the Constitution as amended & now read be accepted as the Constitution of this conference."

### — Constitution —

I. Name. The United Missionary Conference.  
II. Objects - 1. To promote the advancement of Christian Missions in South Africa.

2. To promote union & co-operation amongst Missionaries of all Protestant Denominations labouring in South Africa.

3. To advance the cause of Native education & to assist in the diffusion of Christian Native Literature.

4. To collect Missionary Statistics.

5. To obtain papers on Missionary topics.

6. To watch native interests generally.

7. To consult & advise on plans of Missionary labours, & where possible to secure uniformity of practice, but not to assume legislative authority.

III - Membership The Conference to consist of Clerical & Lay members

1. Of ministers & missionaries of any Protestant Denomination on application.

2. Of lay members on application, to be chosen by vote of the Conference.

3. An annual subscription of 5/- to be paid by each member.

4. Members to be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Conference.

IV. Meetings. 1. There shall be an annual meeting, the date & place to be fixed at the previous conference.

2. All meetings of the Conference to be opened & closed by reading of the Scriptures & prayer.

3. Each meeting to be presided over by a President or Chairman.

4. The Secretary shall be chosen by a show of hands of the members present but not necessarily annually.



5. The order of proceedings at the Annual Meeting shall be arranged by the Business Committee, including the selection of a Chairman.

6. Subjects for discussion must be introduced by due notice at a previous meeting but such notice may be waived by consent of the Conference.

7. All meetings of the Conference to be held with open doors, except on such occasions as the Conference may by vote decide to the contrary.

8. An Abstract of proceedings shall be printed together with the arrangements for the following Conference & supplied to each member.

### V. Committee & Officers.

1. That a Business Committee be formed to consist of a representative of each denomination included in the Conference, to be elected annually, all being eligible for re-election.

2. The Officers to consist of President, Treasurer, Secretary, who with the Ex President shall be Ex officio members of the Business Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to have 200 copies of the Constitution as amended & adopted, printed in a separate form, for distribution among members & others.

### Compulsory Education

The Chairman next called for the opinions of the various Church Courts on the question of Compulsory Education.

The Rev Bryce Ross reported as follows the finding of the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria  
Lovedale April 8<sup>th</sup> 1875

Which day the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria met & was constituted, inter alia.

On the question of Education the Presbytery think that the Government should be requested to expand the present system & to bring its influence to bear specially & directly on the Native Agents of Government, by calling on the Headmen to encourage the establishment & support of schools in their respective locations. Further that the Government be asked to issue annually a circular to Headmen, enquiring as to the number of schools erected in their locations & what number of children attend these schools; if a few or only a <sup>very</sup> small number attend, that they be asked to explain the reason why

Extracted by Wm J B Moor Clerk of Presbytery Portum.

The Rev W. Holden reported the opinion of the Wesleyan District meeting as follows:-

"The subject of native education having been remitted from the Missionary Confer-



ence at King William's Town to the District meeting for consideration. Resolved that we do not at present see any reason to alter the opinion expressed last year  
W.C. Holden Comrs. Member.

The Rev J. Palmer for the Rev R. Sheslie read the following as the opinion of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria  
Henderson Feb. 5. 1874

This day the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria met here, Inter alia. The question of compulsory education was considered when the following motion was agreed to. With reference to Compulsory education the Presbytery having already expressed its entire approval of such a system whenever practicable, has no further suggestions to make on this question, it would only recommend to the Conference the advisability of urging the Superintendent General of Education to extend still further the admirable system of Government Aided Schools.

Extracted from the minutes Robert Sheslie Presbytery Clerk.

The following was read by the Secretary as the opinion of the Conference of Moravian Missionaries:-

Compulsory Education.— We have scarcely anything to add to our opinion as read last year. As long as compulsory education is not the general law of the Colony, it will be perhaps difficult to get a kind of class legislation with regard to natives. But as we have the compulsory system in operation on our Stations we shall always support anything that may be done to make this system more generally adopted. Theo Weiz. Corresponding member of the Moravian Church.

The Rev A Kropf stated that the Synod of the Berlin Missions had not seen cause to alter the opinion already expressed at a previous Conference on this question.

The Rev J Harper read the report of the Committee of the L. M. S. as follows:-

A Government Scheme of Education among the Heathen.

The Committee on reviewing their deliverance see no reason for changing their views on this subject.

They would however remark that this question has drifted somewhat from the original form in which it was first presented to the Conference, which was the desirability of the Government introducing a comprehensive system of education among the heathen people of this country. Now it appears simply as a system of compulsory



education, while compulsion was only one of the various aspects of the question submitted to the Conference, it is desirable to keep clearly before our minds the original proposition.

1. The committee in recommending that the Government should do something to educate the heathen, do not in any way refer to the work carried on by the Foreign Mission bodies among the native races, but refer entirely to the great masses of heathen people beyond the reach & influence of any mission agency.

2. That the committee gladly recognise the aid afforded to mission agencies in imparting secular instruction to the youths under their care, they consider that the Government should not depend solely on Foreign agency to instruct the heathen youths of this country, but in addition to & independently of the work of these agencies, should make some effort to instruct the great masses of its heathen subjects & thereby fit them to become true citizens & not quietly look on while barbarism repeats itself in successive generations or until these Foreign agencies gradually embrace the whole population within the sphere of their operations.

3. The committee express no desire for any radical change to be made in the present system of aiding mission schools, but should the Government in adopting such a scheme as we recommend consider that the aided mission schools should be included in it, and wish to take them entirely into its own management, the committee would offer no objection to such a course.

4. With regard to the question of compulsion the committee think that it should be left to the Government to judge how it should be applied to its schools, they certainly never contemplated its application to mission schools, nor would they tolerate for a moment compulsory attendance for the purpose of receiving religious instruction at any of their schools.

5. Much has been made of the apparent difficulties in introducing such a scheme as we recommend, but the committee think that it is not for us to say how these difficulties should be dealt with. Should the legislature see it to be their duty to adopt this principle we may leave it to their wisdom to judge if the difficulties are insurmountable or not how they are to be met & overcome.

The chief difficulty referred to in the reports of last year seems to be the want of properly qualified teachers for carrying out such a scheme. But surely the training of such qualified teachers is part of such a scheme & would be the first step towards carrying it out.

Reference might be made to the proposed Seminary in Fingoland as showing



what could be done by Government were it to move in the matter.

Allowing that there are difficulties in the way the duty of the Government remains a duty which is now felt by all civilized Governments to be due to their subjects

(Signed) John Harper Corro. Member L.M.S.

After considerable discussion, on the motion of the Rev W. Impney it was unanimously agreed :-

That whereas it appears to this Conference that the influence of some of the Agents of Government - especially the Native Headmen - so far from furthering the interests of Education, is at least too often opposed to such interests: this Conference would respectfully urge upon the Government that they should take measures to remedy this evil, & would suggest that the Inspector of Public Schools & the Magistrates should have their attention specially directed to this matter.

On the motion of Major Malan, seconded by the Rev G. Chapman it was resolved:-

That it is the duty of this Conference to inform the Government that the circular issued last year by the Secretary for Native Affairs to the Headmen of locations against brandy drinking has had a very beneficial effect on some districts. They desire respectfully thus to assure the Government of the influence which its counsels has upon the mind of its Native agents. They hope therefore that the Government will be pleased to take the same action in reference to Education by issuing a circular through the Magistrates, to the Chiefs, & Headmen of locations, as requested in a minute of this Conference herewith forwarded. They feel that Education among the Natives will receive much encouragement from such notice on the part of the Government.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Superintendent General of Education, to the Hon the Colonial Secretary, & to the Hon the Secretary for Native Affairs.

The Conference then adjourned at 1 O'clock P.M.

When the Conference resumed at 1/2 past 2 O'clock P.M. the Rev W. Holdew supported a recommendation from a meeting held at Ann Shaw in April 1873 "in favour of the formation of a General Society to be called the 'Anti Kafir Customs Society' consisting of those who are opposed to heathen customs, & are anxious to see them abolished." A diversity of opinion was elicited in the discussion of this subject, but it was ultimately



resolved on the motion of the Rev E. Gedge seconded by the Rev P. Davidson:-

That this Conference believing in the desirability of union among the Natives themselves in the effort to abolish the evil customs existing among their own people, will gladly give its countenance to such society, & that the Revs W. G. Holden, J. A. Chalmers, W. McLeod, A. Hopp, A. Mays, & Harper & R. Birt be a Committee to draft a constitution stating the objects of such a Society & the method of securing them; a report to be brought up at the next Conference. W. G. Holden Convener.

### Report of Convener of Committee on Licensing Laws.

The Rev J. Harper submitted the following as his report on this subject:-

"Circumstances having prevented the committee meeting to draw up a report I as convener beg to state that before the sitting of the late session of Parliament a United meeting of the Business Licensing Committees was held when it was resolved that the convener communicate with Government bringing to their notice the Schedule of last year sent by the Conference on the subject of the Liqueur Traffic, specially reminding them of the clause of the act bearing on the subject of withholding licenses & that the convener communicate with all members of Parliament favour able to the object of the Conference. This was accordingly done, I am glad to be able to state that some of the most important recommendations of the Conference have been adopted & received by Government in Parliament. The committee have also been successful in inducing the Licensing Board to withhold a license to the Cantens at Swans location.

(Signed J. Harper Convener of Committee.)

On the motion of the Rev P. Davidson seconded by the Rev W. J. Davis it was agreed:-

"That the thanks of the Conference be given to the committee on the Licensing Laws for their past services, & that they be re-appointed with instructions to watch the operations of the amended act, & to bring up a report at the next Conference."

The conference next proceeded to elect <sup>the</sup> Officers & members of the Business Committee when

The Rev John A. Chalmers was elected Secretary.

James W. Weir Junr. Esq. Treasurer.

The Rev J. A. Hofmeyr, the Rev R. Birt, the Rev A. Hopp, the Rev W. B. Rayner, the Rev W. Stewart, the Rev James Davidson, the Rev A. Mays, & the Rev Theo Weir Members of the Business Committee.



The Rev W Weir Jun Esq submitted the financial statement for the past year which was approved & ordered to be printed along with the abstract of proceedings of the present conference.

The Chairman next called upon Major Malau, who read a paper on the subject:-

"Do the churches of South Africa desire such spiritual blessing as the Lord has granted to the churches at home? and are they willing to wait upon the Lord for such blessing according to His word?"

As the paper contained a definite proposal for a conference for prayer it was agreed that a special conference of Christians be held at King William's Town on the 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October next & that Major Malau, the Revs R. Birt, W B Rayner & J Harper with power to add to their number be a committee to make all necessary arrangements.

After devotional exercises conducted by Major Malau the conference adjourned until the following morning at 11 O'clock.

At 7 O'clock P.M. a large & interesting meeting for prayer at which the Rev W J Davis presided was held in the Presbyterian Church.

### Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1875

Upon the invitation of a few Christian friends, the members of the conference & several ladies & gentlemen sat down to breakfast at 9 O'clock A.M. in the Hall of the Ladies Undenominational School. A short service was conducted by Messrs Impey & McLeod; at the close of this interesting meeting a vote of thanks carried by acclamation was proposed by the Rev R. Birt to those ladies & gentlemen who had thus manifested their hospitality to the members of the conference. This was duly acknowledged by G. Blaine Esq.

The conference resumed its sittings at 11 O'clock A.M. in the Council Chamber Town Hall. The proceedings were opened by the Chairman calling upon the Rev W M J Morr to read a portion of Scripture & engage in prayer.

The first business before the meeting was the consideration of the question of Circumcision. The corresponding members proceeded to hand in



the ~~High~~ their respective Church Courts.

The Rev B. Ross submitted the report from the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria which was as follows:-

The following were the final recommendations come to for the Conference on circumcision

1. That any member of the Church who undergoes the rite of circumcision shall thereby become amenable to Church discipline.
2. That the Government be requested to make it a crime for any one to circumcise another without the consent of the parents or guardians.
3. That a parent or guardian who is a member of the Church shall separate his child or ward who is circumcised, from the other young men undergoing the rite & make special provision for him; also that the rulers of the Church shall make every effort to discover whether such parent or guardian is in any way implicated, & shall bring any person so implicated, under discipline.
4. That the headmen of each location where the rite is being practised be enjoined through the (Special) Magistrate to use every effort to prevent those that are being circumcised from breaking the laws of the land, either by stealing or indecently exposing themselves on the public roads, or by endangering the public safety - each case of seizing property by the Abakweta being regarded as a case of theft.
5. That headmen report the names of all those undergoing the rite at their locations, to the Magistrates, in order that they may be watched as parties under special temptation, & that in all Government returns the term "manu" shall not be used in the Kafir sense of a circumcised person, but in the sense of one who has attained the age of 21 years.

Certified as a true copy of minute of April 8<sup>th</sup> 1875 of the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria by Wm H B. Moir Clerk of Presbytery Protem.

The following was read as the deliverance of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria.

Held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1874

This day the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria met here, inter alia.

The question of Circumcision was considered when the following resolution was adopted:-

Circumcision as it exists at Mission Stations should be by every lawful means discountenanced; the missionary & the native converts being in the best position to devise means for its extinction among them.

With reference to its existence as a national custom among the heathen, this Presbytery is of opinion that as it is a public nuisance the Government ought to be memorialized to



adopt measures to break it up inasmuch as the natives in the colony pledged themselves to submit to all enactments promulgated by the Government for their elevation & civilization. As long as this & other public nuisances are allowed to exist unchecked among them, there is the existence of class legislation.

Extracted from the minutes by Robert Shoolie Presbytery Clerk.

The Rev W.C. Holden read the following as the deliverance of the Wesleyan District meeting:-

Circumcision. The general principles as expressed by the Rev R. Birt in his paper on Circumcision and reported in the King's Town Gazette of July 14<sup>th</sup> 1873 were approved by the District meeting. W.C. Holden. Corres. Member.

The Rev J. Harper read the following deliverance of the Kaffrarian Committee of the London Missionary Society:-

Circumcision. The Committee beg to urge the adoption of the measures recommended in the paper read at last Conference by the Rev R. Birt as the best mode of dealing with this degrading custom. John Harper Corres. Member L.M.S.

The following was read by the Secretary as the deliverance of the Conference of Moravian Missionaries.

Circumcision. We quite agree with the statements contained in the paper read by Mr Birt; that it cannot be considered merely as a rite useful perhaps in hot climates, or a rite that gives to the boys the status of men, but that it must be considered as a profession of heathenism & that all efforts must be made to suppress it by the missionaries on their Stations and if possible by a petition to Government. Theo Weiz. Corres. Mem. Moravian Church.

No report was presented from the Synod of the Berlin Missions.

A very lengthy discussion took place about the rite of Circumcision and its attendant evils, after which it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Birt seconded by Mr Impey:-

That a petition go from this Conference, & also from every Church organization working among the native tribes, to both Houses of Parliament; praying that Government may be pleased, through all its officials, to discountenance to the utmost the customs connected with the rite of Circumcision; & further, to pray that all abakweta be rendered punishable for exposing themselves on any public road, or at any village or mission station, or trader's shop or caravan; & further, that all abakweta dancing at the Kruals within the bounds of this Colony, be put down as a nuisance & an indecency, & that the co-operation of the general public be invited to support this application to Government.



Committee to consist of the Revs R. Birt, Davis, Bryce & Rao Major Malau was appointed to draft the necessary memorial on the subject Rev. R. Birt Comvrer.

With reference to the Ecclesiastical view of the question it was resolved

on the motion of the Rev W D Davis seconded by the Rev James Read Senr:-

Inasmuch as the rite of Circumcision, as it obtains in South Africa, is so closely, if not inseparably associated with great moral evils & abominable customs; this Conference recommends

I — That every pastor, seek by all means in his power, to obtain the honest & faithful co-operation of the Church under his charge in this matter, eliciting sympathy with him from the whole of the Church, young & old in his opposition to this practice. This may involve much trouble, some discouragements & disappointments, but let him persevere; the result will be worth all the efforts spent upon the work.

II — Let parents be instructed in their duty to discourage, & if possible to prevent, their sons adopting this custom.

III — Let measures be adopted whereby the public opinion of the community (both male & female) shall be influenced in opposition to this practice, & let it be a standing rule on every Station that there be no separate house allowed for the Isutsu for white boys.

IV — That as one means of realizing the desired object, this Conference recommends the formation of voluntary associations in which the young people of our Churches & Stations shall pledge themselves to abstain from & discountenance the practice of the rite.

The Conference then adjourned at 1 O'clock P.M.

On resuming at 1/2 past 2 P.M. the Rev R. Birt read the draft of the memorial which the Committee appointed in the forenoon had framed on the question of Circumcision for transmission to the Government. This was unanimously adopted, & it was resolved that in the first instance it should be transmitted without delay to His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, signed in & on behalf of the United Missionary Conference, by the President & Secretary.

### Memorial to the Governor on the Question of Circumcision

To His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly K.C.B. Governor of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope High Commissioner, Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

The petition of the United Missionary Conference this day assembled in King William's Town, humbly sheweth:-

That the great evils which attend the customs & practices of the heathen rite of Circumcision: the enforced idleness & unrestrained license in which a large portion of the Native youth live for some months every year (there being as is computed 5000 circumcised youth this year):- the degrading practices which follow the rite; the frequent large assemblies of idle Natives for dancing



by which the progress of civilization is materially hindered; together with the fact that it leads to stealing from farmers, from natives, & even from their own relations to supply food and fests for the circumcised youths. These evils call for some special action on the part of the Government.

They also show that there are very many educated loyal natives who are waiting for some word from the Government to support them in contending with these evils.

And the United Missionary Conference humbly prays:

That Your Excellency may be pleased to enjoin upon all the Officials of Government to discountenance the evil customs & practices connected with the rite of circumcision by every means in their power; further that no circumcised youth be allowed to expose himself on any public road, in any village, town, & mission station, or at any traders shop or canteen; & that all abakweta dancing in the tribes under the British Crown be suppressed as an indecency & a nuisance, & an offence against public morality.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed in & on behalf of the United Missionary Conference

King Williams Town }  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1875 }

It was resolved that the devotional meeting at 7 O'clock in the evening be held in Berkely St Chapel, the Rev R. Birt to preside.

The Secretary laid on the table of the Conference on behalf of the Board of Revisors of the Kafir Bible, two specimen copies of the Revised New Testament in Kafir printed up to the end of the Gospel according to John. Mr Wolford stated further that he hoped to complete his work at the press by the end of the year, so that the revised New Kafir Testament may shortly be expected to be in the hands of the public.

Ukulobola

The Chairman next called for the report of the Corresponding Members on the question of Ukulobola.

The Rev J. Harper gave in the following as the deliverance of the Kaffrarian Committee of the London Missionary Society:—

The Committee see no reason for altering the rule which has long been observed in the Churches they represent in dealing with this custom.

(1) They regard Ukulobola or the giving of dorry for wives as essentially a heathen custom totally inconsistent with the Christian idea of marriage.



(2) As degrading woman to a level inconsistent with the position assigned to her in the Word of God;

(3) as opposed to militating against the true & Christian idea of family life & relationships

(4) as being universally identified with Polygamy & other heathenish practices.

(5) As not possible to be reformed and therefore ought to be entirely done away with, & those practising it should be deemed unworthy of Church membership.

(6) The Committee most heartily approve of the suggestion & would recommend the Conference to memorialize Parliament to introduce a law requiring every marriage to be registered & making registration the Marriage act, & recognizing as heirs only the children of such registered marriage; the Committee believe that such a law would gradually effect a change in this custom, & put an end to the present anomalous position of the Colonial Law in relation to Native Marriages" (Signed) John Harper, Corres. Member L.M.S.

The Rev Bryce Ross gave in the following as the deliverance of the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria:-

"Lordsdale April 8<sup>th</sup> 1875, which day the Free Church Presbytery of Kaffraria met & was constituted. Inter alia.

Ukulobola. On this question the Presbytery agreed generally with the views expressed in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of the recommendations in the Rev Mr Kropffs paper, & they do this without committing themselves to all the statements contained in that paper.

Extracted by Wm. B. Moir Clerk of Presbytery pro tem.

The Rev W.C. Holden gave the following as the deliverance of the Wesleyan District Meeting Ukulobola. That as certain matters of discipline - referring to native customs - are reserved for consideration at the next General Meeting of the Ministers of the Wesleyan Churches of South Africa, to be held in 1876 this meeting reserves any expression of opinion for the present.  
W.C. Holden Corres. Member.

The Secretary read the following as the deliverance of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria:-

Aberdeen February 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 - This day the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kaffraria met here. Inter alia. The question of Ukulobola was brought up for discussion when after consideration the following minute was agreed to:-

This Presbytery without recommending the adoption of any legislative measure whatever expresses its decided disapprobation in every form of the custom among our native Christians and suggests that every moral means should be adopted by missionaries & others for its extinction.  
Extracted from the minute by Robert C. Public Presbytery Clerk



The Rev. Mr. Maggs read an extract from the Rules & Instructions for the guidance of those engaged in the Mission work of the Diocese of Grahamstown as follows:

"Chapter II. paragraph 10:- The practice called by the Kafirs 'Ukulobola' being a custom which leads to social evils ought to be discouraged by a Christian Missionary, and should receive no sanction from him even when exercised amongst heathen. This practice being also likely to affect most seriously the welfare of females educated in the Mission Schools every available means should be used to maintain the right of native girls to the same personal liberty & security, as is afforded by the law to other subjects of Her Majesty; and particularly to protection against being sold into unions not recognised as marriages by the laws of Christian nations"

The Secretary read the following as the deliverance of the Conference of Moravian Missionaries:-

Ukulobola. We have no objections if the recommendations in Mr Krupps paper Nos 2, 3, 4 should be accepted. With regard to No 1. we are afraid that if this - "do not excommunicate for doing it" were adopted by a majority without adding at least a clause it would encourage and establish once more for a long period a custom which all agree ought to be discouraged.

In our Church as well as in most others Ukulobola was always put into one line with Circumcision, Intonjane, superstition, witchcraft &c which must be put away with all the other works of darkness.

But on a conference in 1862 we came to the conclusion that receiving or giving a present as a "mild form" of Ukulobola will be called by an euphorism, is not quite "as the sin of witchcraft, nor as polluting every girl & annihilating every spark of virtuous feeling by Intonjane &c"

We adopted therefore the following rule:-

Giving a daughter to the highest bidder (compelling for instance a girl who is under Christian influence to marry a rich heathen) is punished by excommunication; but to make giving presents under less aggravating circumstances a matter of church discipline, might involve us in serious difficulties, one of these difficulties being hypocrisy. Saul assuring Samuel that all is done according to God's word, & Samuel nevertheless asking: "What meaneth then this lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Although it was not expected that Samuel should see what passed behind the curtain.

This rule may apparently open the door to full Ukulobola but nevertheless we



believe that a difference must be made between an evil and a sin. We are far from saying that it is not an evil, but as there is no room here for a full discussion, I shall just state the chief reasons pro & contra which brought us to that conclusion.

In favour of this custom, or to excuse it may be mentioned.

- (1) Among uncivilized nations in old & modern times, in Kafirland proper especially, it is the only lawful way to settle a marriage, not even the girl would be satisfied to be given away for nothing.
- (2) In a country where there are no savings banks, no life insurance, no poor houses, no benevolent institutions, a kind of benevolent intention seems to be at the bottom of this custom. See Kafir Laws H. H. Drummond's notes page 53, the cattle to be held in trust for the benefit of herself & children should she be left a widow &c.
- (3) Even civilized parents may be weak enough to prefer the richest one against the inclinations of a daughter, & if covetousness were to be brought under Church discipline few would be saved.
- (4) The Old Testament mentioning distinctly all the heathenish customs, idolatry, burning of the children, fornication &c mentions giving fifty shekels to the father, & many other similar laws & customs without putting them into one line with the above mentioned sins, on the contrary some form part of the law of the Jews.
- (5) Even the New Testament makes a difference between a social evil & a sin. St Paul who certainly never tried to please men, neither master nor servant, as he was always ready to be thrown into the mouths of lions exhorts the slaves to be obedient to their masters. Christianity will and must abolish every evil as slavery & ukuteleka, but it will at first go to the root & then the branches & leaves will follow.

Against this custom may be said:—

This custom gives to matrimony neither stability, nor security nor does it improve the state of society.

1. Although by paying a fixed number of cattle all seems to be settled, a heathen matrimony being built on a rotten foundation is not more, perhaps even less than on another one.

Not only can the wife by the ukuteleka be taken away for a time if all is not paid, but after the birth of the first child something more may be asked for the wife. The running away of the wife is a pretty common thing under certain circumstances & the parents or brothers will be only too glad to extend an additional head of cattle otherwise have the marriage dissolved on account of any pretext.



24 Purity of matrimony is not secured by that custom.

I am told that the French missionaries are so decidedly opposed to Ukulobola partly because the woman is by that custom not considered as a living soul but as property. If therefore the husband should be willing to admit any body else (who has perhaps once already paid a fine to him for such a transgression) then the will of the man in law, & adultery is perhaps much more common than we know. Exchanging wives occasionally is practised among heathen Eskimos; if understood well, Ukulobola does not prevent heathen Basutos, for instance nor other nations from similar mistakes.

3. The custom does not improve the state of society.

A poor young man is condemned to celibacy but as there are no cloisters, he is let loose nevertheless upon society, a good deal of immorality being the consequence, or if he is clever enough, he will try to steal horses &c to get a wife. Legislation should therefore oppose this custom by all possible means. The endless endeavours of parents & the elder brother to get something more from the husband disturb frequently very seriously the tranquility of a married couple, & this claiming back a wife a widow a girl or child even like so many cows, calves & goats is one of the most disgusting affairs & shows plainly that to them such a girl, woman, wife, or child, is not a living soul made by God but only a property & a source of getting more by selling her again.

"I gave unto Isaac, Jacob, & Esau" says the Lord, but the Kafir says I am the procurator of that girl thus therefore she is my property, but that is a mistake.

Theo Weiz corresponding member of the Moravian church.

The Secretary likewise read a letter bearing on the same subject from Jonathan Nyiffog, making reference to a case tried in the Eastern Districts Court.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev W. Holden seconded by the Rev A. Kropf & carried: that the opinions of the various Church courts now read be printed in the Abstract of Proceedings & that the further discussion of this question be deferred to the next Conference.

The Secretary intimated that the Business Committee was not prepared at present to offer any suggestion about a General Conference of all missionaries in South Africa.

In consequence of the unavoidable absence of D. Stewart who had just returned from Scotland no report was submitted on Missionary Statistics.

On the motion of the Rev H. Müller seconded by the Rev E. Gedye



The opening of the United Missionary Conference was appointed to be held at King Williams Town on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in July 1876 at 9 O'clock A.M.

It was further moved by the Rev G. Chapman seconded by the Rev D. M. Leadman unanimously agreed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Mayor & Town Council for the use of their Council Chamber during the present session of the Conference.

The usual votes of thanks were likewise given to the President & the Secretary.

The Rev W. Impney then drew the attention of the Conference to the usual method of closing the proceedings on each day, & suggested that the public devotional meeting in Berkeley Street Church should be specially regarded as the closing session of the Conference. This was agreed to, & the Conference adjourned to meet again later in the evening.

In the Berkeley Street Church at 7 O'clock P.M. a large congregation assembled. The Rev P. Davidson presided, the proceedings were of a varied & interesting nature.

The whole of the meetings in connection with the Conference were brought to a close at 12 past 9 P.M. by the Chairman engaging in prayer and pronouncing the Benediction.

Confirmed 12<sup>th</sup> July 1876. J. H. Mills  
Chairman



# Fourteenth Annual Conference

King's Town Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1876.

The United Missionary Conference met this day in The Council Chamber Town Hall at 9 a.m.

The Missionaries present were - Revs E. Gedge. R. Birt. I. Frosty. W. J. B. Moir. D. McLeod. I. Davidson H. Anders. J. P. Stephan, C. F. Nauhaus. A. Kroft. F. Cluver. A. H. Graham. P. Riemer. A. Gutsche. I. Harper. I. Gordon. J. A. Chalmers. T. Freiz. A. Padel. A. Brauer. W. Beste. I. Dewar, R. S. Leslie. H. S. Barton. E. D. Hepburn. O. Krause. G. Chapman. Several ladies and gentlemen also were present.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev R. Birt.

It was moved and unanimously agreed to that - I. R. James Esq. C. C. & R. M. occupy the chair.

Mr. James on taking the chair made a few introductory remarks and called on the Society to read the minutes which were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Letters of apology for absence were then read from Revs W. Innes Esq. N. Halford. A. Muller & Dr Stewart.

In consequence of the inability of the Rev W. Innes Esq. to be present it was agreed that the Rev. E. Gedge preside at the public meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Church at 7 o'clock. The Society stated that Hymns had been printed for the occasion. The Rev J. A. Chalmers tendered his resignation as Secretary in consequence of his removal to Graham's Town.

On the motion of the Rev J. Davidson seconded by the Rev F. Cluver it was agreed that the Rev. I. Harper be elected Secy. and that the Rev. J. A. Chalmers be a member of the Business Committee.

On the motion of the Rev E. Gedge seconded by the Rev. J. Gordon the following resolution was passed.



Moved with great regret that the Conference hears from its Secty the Rev. J. A. Chalmers that the altered circumstances in which he is placed render it necessary for him to resign his office and does hereby tender to him its warmest thanks for his past most courteous diligent and earnest services which have been so long and zealously rendered in that office, and also expresses the hope that he may be long spared to serve the Great Master in his new sphere.

Mr. Harper then took his seat as Secty.

The next question taken up was Ukulobola. The discussion of which was opened by the Rev. A. Hropst. and after a lengthy discussion the Revs. E. Gedge, R. Birt & A. Hropst. were requested to frame a resolution embodying the views elicited by discussion, to be submitted at a future stage of the proceedings. This was done accordingly and the following resolution was submitted and carried *Nem Con.*

That in the opinion of this Conference the evils connected with Polygamy and Ukulobola as practised by the Native Races will be greatly reduced by the extension of the Colonial Marriage Law to Native marriages, so as to require and make provision for the Registration of every first marriage between a Native Couple, rendering only such marriage and its issues legal - and prohibiting a second Registration whilst the parties to the first contract do both live - and that to avoid complications, it is desirable that such Registration and its provisions be only prospective - and further that should disagreements arise out of the practice of Ukulobola such be not recognized in any court of law.

Moved by the Rev. E. Gedge and seconded by the Rev. D. McLeod

That the Conference regards with satisfaction the universal disapprobation of the representatives of the various churches to the Kaffer practice of Ukulobola and trusts that in our



to church action we shall still by all possible means strive to create a yet stronger sense of public opinion against the practice and its attendant evils. Carried Mem. Con. The Report of the "Committee on Licensing Licos" was then submitted by the Convener the Rev. J. Harper. which was to the following effect - That nothing having occurred during the year calling for the action of the Committee there has therefore been no meeting and nothing to report to the Committee Conference. The Report of the Committee on "Anti Kaffir Customs" was not submitted owing to the absence of the Convener the Rev. H. C. Holden. The Reply of Government to the Memorial sent by last Conference was read and is as follows.

Office of Secretary for Native Affairs  
Cape Town 13 Aug 1875.

Sir

With reference to the memorial forwarded by you to His Excellency the Governor and also the two Resolutions forwarded to the Hon the Colonial Secretary and to myself I have the honour to inform you that the matters referred to in the above mentioned documents have been under the consideration of the Government and the result you will learn from the accompanying papers.

I beg in the name of the Government to request that you will convey our thanks to the Missionary Conference for having brought to notice the important matters contained in the papers submitted, and to state that it will always be our endeavour to second your efforts as far as possible in elevating the Native Races of South Africa.

I have the Honour to be  
Sir

The Rev. J. A. Chalmers  
Hon. Secy of Missionary Conference.

Your obedient Servant.  
C. Braamse  
Secretary for Native Affairs.



J. H. Eng. in the absence of J. H. Newsum Eng. The Treasurer then submitted the Financial Statement for last year which was accepted.

A letter from C. B. Heilohens Eng. of Fort-Beaufort on the subject of forming Good Templar Lodges among the Native people was read. The letter referred to having been answered by the Business Committee no further action was deemed necessary in the matter.

A paper by the Rev E. S. Barret on "A Subordinate Native Ministry" was read in the absence of Mr Barret by the Secretary.

It was moved by the Rev C. Gedge seconded by the Rev A. Knapp-

That this Conference has heard with much pleasure the paper from the Rev E. S. Barret on the subject of a Subordinate Native Ministry and whilst not committing itself to every view expressed therein, believes it to involve some of the more important aspects of our Mission Work commends the whole subject through the corresponding members to the consideration of the various churches and will arrange (D.V.) for the future consideration of the subject at the next meeting of Conference.

Mr. Barret's paper be published meanwhile in the Christian Express. Carried Nem. Con.

Proposed by the Rev R. Birt and seconded by the Rev J. A. Chalmers

That the Rev Mr. Barton and Mr A. Smith Eng of Lovedale be requested to write papers on the same subject to be read at next conference. Carried Nem. Con.

It was proposed and carried that the Rev B. Ross be requested to write a paper on the Gills of Kaffer Customs and how to remedy them to be read at next conference.

It was also proposed and carried that the Business Committee arrange for a paper on Missions to Central Africa

Moved by the Rev R. Birt and seconded by the Rev W. Best as follows

This Conference having heard of the death of the Rev W. Jovan



who was one of its first members - desires to put on record  
an expression of regret - at the removal of one who for thirty  
years laboured with unwearied zeal as a faithful and  
devoted Missionary of the Cross of Christ; and also to record  
an expression of gratitude to God in having given to the Mission  
Field in this country for so many years the invaluable  
services of that eminent and successful Missionary  
Carried Nem. Con.

Moved by the Rev E. D. Hepburn and seconded by the Rev J. Harper  
That the Business Committee be re-elected and the Revs  
B. Ross. & A. Guläcke be added to the Committee.  
Carried Nem. Con.

It was proposed and agreed that the Next Annual Meeting of the  
Conference be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in July 1877.  
Proposed and agreed to that the Rev H. J. B. Moir take Dr. Stewart's  
place as Convener of Committee on Statistics  
The Conference here adjourned until the following morning.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1876.

The Conference resumed its sitting & was opened by prayer.  
The Chairman directed the attention of the Members to the fact  
that Copies of the Revised Koffin New Testament may now  
be obtained at the Bible Depot.

The Rev B. Ross called attention to the fact that all the different  
Bodies are not now represented at the Board of Revisers, and that  
considerable difficulty was found in getting a quorum at the  
Meetings and as a consequence the work was delayed.

The Rev A. Krost confirmed Mr Ross's statement & hoped that the  
different Bodies would take a more practical interest in this matter  
as the work now devolved on three Individuals

It was then proposed by Rev J. Harper and seconded by Rev E. D. Hepburn  
That the attention of the different bodies be directed  
to the difficulty complained of by the Board of Revisers



and that each of these bodies be requested to send a representative to each sitting of the Board.

Carried Nem. Con.

Proposed and carried that a public meeting be held in the Berkeley Street Church this evening under the presidency of Rev J. A. Chalmers. It was then moved by Rev J. A. Chalmers and seconded by the Rev J. Harper as follows

This Conference having seen the accounts in the "Little Light" and other papers, of the failure in the attempt to send the Gospel to the Banyai Tribe, through the hostile attitude assumed by the Transvaal Government sends its fraternal greeting to the Brethren of the French Protestant Mission in Basuto Land and assures them of the deep sympathy of all their brethren here, who earnestly pray that soon He who has said "Go ye into all the World and preach the Gospel" will help them to fulfil his own command and gratify their desire to preach to the Banyai People

Carried unanimously.

Resolved and agreed that the Society communicate the above Resolution to the Govt. and direct the attention of the Govt. to the accounts of this matter which have appeared in the Public Press.

Proposed by Mr. Turle and seconded by the Rev. J. Davidson that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Mayor and Council for the use of the Hall on this occasion.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman J. R. Jones Esq. was then asked to leave the chair which was temporarily occupied by J. Peacock Esq. M.L.A.

A Vote of thanks to Mr Jones was then moved by Rev E. D. Hepburn for his services as Chairman. seconded by Rev J. A. Chalmers and carried by all present. rising from their seats.

The Rev A. Gutsche directed attention to the expense to which



Members were put in having to stay at Hotels during their attendance at Conference and suggested that accomodation would be readily offered to them by Christian friends in town and it was agreed that the Socy request members intending to be present and in need of accomodation to acquaint the Socy and Business Committee.

Evangelistic Services were held at the close of each days proceedings in different Churches in town, and terminated the sitting of the Conference.

Wm. Impney  
Chairman



# Fifteenth Annual Conference

King Williams Town  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1877

The United Missionary Conference met this day in the Council Chamber Town Hall at 9 o'clock a.m. The Missionaries present were — Revs H. Impney, W. B. Rayner, R. Birt, Theo Kreiz, Ben Impney, H. Anders, C. J. Nauhaus, A. Kropf, S. Baudert, H. Gutsche, H. Beste, P. Reimer, J. Priestly, I. Don, I. Wilson, I. Davidson, G. Partonson, C. D. Nepeburn, L. Harper, P. Davidson, J. M. Auld, B. Ross, P. Mzimba, E. Makiwane — Petman, H. S. Barton, S. M. M. M. M. There were also present Messrs H. W. Graham, A. Smith, W. Haynes, W. Hay, R. G. Tainton, L. W. Kreiz, I. Wilson, I. R. Jones, J. H. G. A. Duncan, H. Randall and others.

The Meeting was opened by Rev H. Impney reading a portion of Scripture and prayer by Rev J. Harper after which the election of the Rev H. Impney to the chair by the Business Committee was confirmed by the meeting. Mr Impney then took his seat. The Chairman then called upon the Rev J. Harper as Secretary to read the minutes of last Conference which was done in the usual way and confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary then read letters of apology from Revs H. C. Holden, Rev G. Stegmann, Rev J. A. Chalmers, E. L. Barnett, R. Johnston.

The Secretary then stated that in accordance with his instructions he had forwarded a copy of the Minute of Conference of last year on the subject of the Registration of Native Managers and that he had received the following reply from Government:



Office of the Secretary

for Native Affairs

Cape Town 3<sup>rd</sup> Novem 1876

No 11/941

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept last enclosing copy of a Resolution come to by the United Missionary Conference on the subject of the evils connected with Polygamy and Ukulobola as practised by the various tribes I have the honour to inform you that though the matter submitted is one of great importance it is deemed inexpedient at the present time at all events to introduce the changes proposed by the Conference

I may state however that Govt<sup>y</sup> will not lose sight of the question

I have the honour to be

Sir

your obedient servant

C. Brownlee

Secretary for Native Affairs

Rev J. Harper

Secy to United M. Conference

The Secretary also stated that he had sent to Govt<sup>y</sup> a copy of the minute referring to the action of the late Transvaal Govt<sup>y</sup> in regard to the Basutoland Mission to the Banyai and that he had received the following reply

Office of the Secretary for Native Affairs

Cape Town 3<sup>rd</sup> Novem 1876

No 11/935

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1876 and to thank you for its enclosures on the subject of the French Protestant Mission from Basutoland to the Banyai tribes which was not allowed by the Transvaal Govt<sup>y</sup> to pass through



their territory. In reply I have the honour to inform you that this Gov<sup>t</sup> does not see its way to any interference in the matter

I have the honour to be

Sir

your obedient Servant.

C. Brownlee

Secretary for Native Affairs

Rev J. Harper

Secy to United M. Conference.

It was then moved by Rev A. Kropf and carried that the Secty forward a Copy of the minutes of last year to His Excellency the Governor and to inform him that a copy of the minutes of this Conference will be sent him when printed

The Chairman then called for the reports of the Standing Committees.

The Rev W. C. Holden Convener of Committee on Anti-Slavery Customs being unable to be present had sent his report which was laid on the table - The Chairman remarked that as there were other papers to be read bearing on this subject it would be well to defer the discussion of Mr Holden's report until a later hour, which was agreed to.

The Convener of Committee on Statistics Rev L. H. B. Moor was not present - nor was any report sent from this Committee. The Rev J. Harper as Convener of Committee on Licensing Laws submitted the following report of this Committee

"This Committee held no meeting during the past year nothing having arisen calling for their action. Consequently it has nothing to report to the Conference on the Subject of the Licensing Laws."

Mr. Hay Esq. here called the attention of the Conference to the fact that a Bill is now before the Cape Parliament for the purpose of amending the present Act when it was resolved



to postpone the discussion of this report until the nature of the Bill referred to should be learned.

The Chairman then called upon the Rev H. S. Barton to read his paper on the subject of a Subordinate Native Agency. Mr. Barton having read his paper he was followed by a paper from A. Smith Esq on the same subject.

After discussion it was moved and carried that the Editor of the Christian Express be requested to print both papers at his convenience to which the Editor agreed.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Secretary of the Graham's Town Auxillary of the British and Foreign Bible Society on the subject of reprinting the Kaffir Bible. After a lengthened discussion it was moved by the Rev J. Harper and seconded by the Rev J. Davidson

That seeing that the present stock of Kaffir Bible is exhausted and that as some years must elapse before the revised Edition can be published This meeting of Conference deems it imperative that a complete Bible be provided for the Native people without delay. Carried *nom con*

It was then moved by the Rev R. Birt and seconded by Rev C. J. Nauhaus

That the British and Foreign Bible Society be requested to print five thousand copies of the old version of the Kaffir Bible together with the revised New Testament and that a Committee be appointed to communicate with the British and Foreign Bible Society on this subject. Carried *nom con*

It was then proposed by Rev H. S. Barton and agreed to

That Revs R. Birt, H. B. Paynor, Messrs J. W. Meir & H. Hay and the Secretary be a Committee to communicate with the British and Foreign Bible Society ~~of~~ obtaining a reprint on the subject of obtaining a reprint of the Kaffir Bible in terms of the foregoing resolution

The Chairman then called upon the Rev B. Ross to read his paper on the evils of Kaffir Customs and how to remedy them which done accordingly.



In the absence of the Rev W.C. Holden his report of the Anti  
Kaffir Customs Committee was read by the Secretary

The Rev P. Mzimba then read his paper on the Customs of Certain  
Marriage Customs among Native Christians.

After a long and earnest discussion of the papers of Mr Ross  
& Mr Mzimba it was moved by Rev P. Davidson and seconded  
by Rev J. Harper. — That the thanks of the Conference

be given to Revs B. Ross and P. Mzimba for their able  
papers read to the meeting

That the members of the Conference use their influence  
by prayer and effort to raise a new public opinion  
in our Native Churches and also to enlist the sympathies  
of our Colonial Churches upon this question

That the Conference reaffirm its resolution of last-  
year on this subject and that the Secretary be re-  
quested to forward a copy of Mr Ross' paper and also  
the resolution of the Conference of last-year to His  
Excellency the Governor and to the Colonial Secretary  
and further as having an important bearing on this  
question that the Government be requested to make  
provision for encouraging the building of better houses  
either by a temporary remission of taxation or by  
the payment of premiums Carried Nem Con.

It was then moved by Rev B. Injsey & seconded by A. Smith Esq

That the Rev P. Mzimba's paper be printed in the  
English & Kaffir Issues. Carried Nem Con

At this point the Conference adjourned until Thursday  
morning. A United prayer meeting to be held in the Presbyterian  
Church in the evening to close the proceedings of the day.

Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1877

The Conference resumed its sitting this morning at 9 a.m.  
After Prayer by Rev Mr Hepburn, the Chairman called upon  
Mr Graham to read his paper on Education



Mr. G. H. having read his paper a lengthened discussion ensued after which it was moved by Dr. Smith Esqr. and seconded by Rev. R. Bird:

That this Conference expresses their thanks to Mr. Graham for his excellent paper on Education which contains some valuable suggestions. With reference to the subject of Industrial Education the Conference think that the carrying out of a scheme for the Industrial instruction of natives by Government would be of great importance to the country and without committing themselves to details they would rejoice to see some such plan carried out as that proposed by Dr. Dale. They understand the scheme would be introduced gradually and that any defects in the plan would be corrected as it goes on. Carried *Unanimously*

The question of the Bill on Licensing Laws now before Parliament came up for consideration and after some discussion it was moved by Rev. J. Harper seconded by Mr. Graham

That the attention of the Conference having been directed to the Bill now before Parliament to amend the Wine and Spirit Act and standing in the name of C. C. Wright Esqr. Resolved that this Conference considers it inadvisable to make the proposed change in the act in question and earnestly hope that the Bill may not pass. Carried *Unanimously*

It was also moved by Rev. H. S. Barton seconded by Rev. P. Davidson

That the Licensing Laws Committee be requested to renew their watchful care in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquor among the natives especially as regards the extension of the Licensing System to the New Territory in Kaffirland and also to call officially upon his Excellency the Governor when he visits the frontier and make proper representations



to him on the Subject - Carried Nem Con.

It was then moved by Rev W. Impney & Seconded by Rev P. Davidson That - This Conference bears with delight and with devout-gratitude to God of the success hitherto of the Livingstonia Mission and desires to express to Dr Stewart and the other members of both branches of the Mission its fraternal and affectionate regards, with assurances of undiminished interest in their great-work and of its earnest-prayers for their welfare and prosperity. And that the Secy be instructed to convey the same by letter to Dr Stewart - Carried all standing

J. Meir Eng. As Treasurer submitted a financial statement for the past year which was accepted by the Conference

It was then moved by Rev J. Harper that and seconded by Rev Mr Hepburn - That - Mr Holdens report be printed in the Christian and Kaffir Express and that the Corresponding members be requested to bring up reports from their respective Churches to next Conference on the subject - Carried Nem. Con.


It was then proposed by Rev B. Impney and Seconded by Rev P. Davidson and agreed to - That - The Secretary be instructed to write the Rev D. McLeod a letter of sympathy in the name of the Conference.

Proposed by Rev P. Davidson seconded by D. Thomas Eng. That - in future the second day of Conference be exclusively of the nature of a Christian Conference and that the Business Committee make arrangements accordingly - Carried Nem Con

Proposed and Carried that - Reos A. Hofmeyr, R. Bird, A. Hropf, M. B. Rayner, J. Davidson, A. Maggs, Theo Meig, B. Ross, H. Gutroch, J. A. Chalmer, & the Secretary be the Business Committee



with power to add to their number  
 Proposed and agreed to that - the Corresponding Members  
 and Members of the other Committees be reappointed  
 Proposed by Rev J. Harper and seconded by Rev P. Davidson  
 That a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Mayor  
 and Council for the use of the Council ~~and~~ Chamber  
 and Hall on this occasion Carried unanimously  
 Proposed by Rev J. Harper and seconded by A. Smith Esqr  
 That a very hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev  
 W. Impney for his able presidency at the meetings  
 of this Conference Carried by all the members rising  
 This sitting of the Conference was brought to a close by a public  
 Meeting in the Evening held in the Town Hall at which a paper  
 on Missions to Central Africa was read by W. Hay Esqr in the  
 absence of the writer Rev J. W. Moir, and one on the benefits  
 which this Country has derived from Missionary operations  
 kindly read in the absence of J. Helier Esqr of Lunnystown  
 the writer, by J. R. Innes Esqr. C. C. & R. M. King W. J. J. J.

 Read & Confirmed  
 Edward Solomon  
 Chairman

~~Proposed~~  
 Rm - Wolmar's Inn  
 14 July 1880



The Missionary Conference was held either in 1878 or 1879. vide the following.

The following Resolution of the Business Committee of the Conference was passed at a Meeting held at King Williamstown, April 10, 1878.

"Resolved that considering the present state of the Country, so disturbed by war that travelling is unsafe, that Missionaries find it impossible to leave their families and Stations and that it is impossible to tell what the state of the Country may be three months hence, this Committee deem the holding of a Conference in July next impracticable, but that in view of the coming Session of Parliament, at which important measures affecting the native people are likely to be enacted, and on which it may be desirable that Conference should express itself, this Committee shall meet on Wednesday, the 9th October 1878, to arrange for holding a Meeting of Conference at such a date as may be desirable."

signed. John Harper, Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Business Committee of the Conference held on 13. March, 1879. it was agreed after some discussion that the Conference be postponed until next year -



Minutes of Sixteenth  
Annual Conference of Missionaries  
held in King Williamstown  
on the  
14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> days of July. 1880.

Wednesday 14. July. 1880.

The Sixteenth united Missionary Conference met this day in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at 9.30. am.

The Missionaries present were - Rev. E. Solomon (Chairman.)  
 Rev. D. Stewart,      Rev. Theo. Weiz      Rev. W. Russel  
 " R. Birt      " W. Boste      " H. Kayser  
 " W. Tyson      " A. Johl      " T. Auld  
 " P. Davidson      " Chas Liebich      " John Lundie  
 " W. Sargeant      " John Diwar      " John Wilson  
 " F. Clüver      " F. G. Kayser      " J. D. Don  
 " C. Boehmke      " H. Gutschke      " ~~F. A. Cunningham~~  
 " C. Nauhaus      " P. J. Mzimba      " - Coutts  
 " A. Kropf      " H. Anders      " Jas hwana  
 " W. J. B. Moir      " W. Rein      " H. Cotton.

There were also present: J. M. Wsir, Esq. W. Hay Esq:  
A. Duncan Esq: and others.

The Meeting was opened by the Rev. E. Solomon reading a portion of Scripture and prayer being offered by the Rev. W. Sargeant: after which the Conference approved the action of the Business Committee in inviting the Rev. E. Solomon

Dr. Bradford to take the Chair. Mr. Solomon then took his seat.

After a few introductory remarks by the Chairman the minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Harper, Confirmed by the Meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

Letters of apology were read from several Missionaries expressing regret at their inability to attend the Conference.

The Secretary then stated that owing to circumstances he begged to resign his office. It was then resolved that the matter of electing a Secretary be postponed to a later stage of the proceedings.

The reports of the Standing Committees were then called for - The Secretary stated that there was no report from the Licensing Laws Committee - Mr. Holden wrote to say that he was not in a position to send any report from the Anti-Kaffir Customs Committee. As Dr. Stewart, Counselor of the Committee on Statistics has not present no report was received.

The question was raised as to whether these Committees should be continued or discharged. Deferred to a later stage.

Mr. Harper then read his paper on "Christian Missions, Modes of operation and hindrances."

After the paper had been read Mr. Kropf moved and Mr. Naubaus seconded a resolution to this effect "That the thanks of the Conference



was accorded to Mr. Harper for his paper." Carried.  
After considerable discussion it was moved by  
Mr. Harper and seconded by Mr. Tyson "That the  
discussion on the paper read be closed" Carried.

Mr. Birt then brought forward his motion on the  
extraneous attendings native marriages and  
after discussion the following amended resolution  
was agreed to by a majority.

"The Missionary Conference having had brought to  
its notice the great extraneous attendings  
native marriages in this country, and considering  
that these extraneous attendings, by causing delay of marriage  
are a direct encouragement of immorality and  
waste, does hereby agree to recommend to the  
Churches to discourage all such extraneous  
attendings which tend to prevent marriages among young  
people."

Mr. Birt then moved and Mr. Tyson seconded, "That  
the various details omitted in the amended resolution  
be embodied in a note and forwarded to the  
different missionaries -

The question concerning the appointment of a Secretary  
was again brought forward when it was proposed by Mr.  
Clivier and seconded by Mr. Gutsche that Mr. Cotton  
be the Secretary. Agreed to. nem: con:

It was proposed by Mr. Harper and seconded by Mr. Stewart.  
"That the reading of Mr. Moir's paper be postponed until  
the ensuing meeting." Agreed to. nem: con:



It was resolved that the Committee on Statistics be re-appointed - the following being members of the same The Rev. Messrs. Weiz, Kropf, Birt, Lundie, Cotton, and Dr. Stewart, the latter being Convener.

proposed by Mr. Birt and seconded by Mr. Harper "That the Committee on Anti-Kafir Customs be discharged."

Carried.

It was proposed and agreed to nem: con:  
"That the Committee on Licensing laws be re-appointed, the following <sup>ministers</sup> ~~gentlemen~~ to compose the same" The Rev. Messrs. Rein, Tyson, Chalmers, Merrington, Weiz, with <sup>the</sup> Mr. Bruce Ross as Convener.

It was then proposed by Mr. Kayser, and seconded by Mr. Davidson,

"That this Missionary Conference regrets the repressive nature of recent legislation as affecting the natives of this country and prays for the adoption of such measures as may tend to relieve the natives of certain hardships and difficulties under which they at present labour from the Vagrant, pass, and other Acts of a similar nature; at the same time they are glad to hear of the expressed intention of the Ministry of issuing fire-arms to natives requiring and deserving them, and that the following Committee be appointed to draw up a memorial to Government in accordance with this resolution. The Rev. Messrs. Harper, Tyson, Don, and the Secretary."

Carried unanimously.



The conference adjourned at this stage until Thursday morning.

In the evening a <sup>Public</sup> Meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church at which papers were read by Messrs Moir and Harper on Central African Missions

Thursday, 15. July 1880.

The conference resumed its business after prayer had been offered by Mr F. Kayser.

An address from the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, Grahamstown, was then read. It was as follows:-

Grand Lodge, S. E. Africa.

Grahamstown. June 25<sup>th</sup> 1880.

To the Conference of Missionaries,  
in Session at King William's Town  
Assembled.

Rev Sirs and Brethren,

By order of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.G.T in S. E. Africa, we have the honor to address our memorial to your Conference in Session, praying that in your excellent endeavours in the cause of Temperance, and the suppression of the drink-traffic, your Conference may be pleased to afford your support and co-operation in the True Templar Movement which we are gratified to know is so efficiently represented in your Conference by our honored brother the R.W.M. the Rev. Henry Kayser.

We pray that your Conference may be pleased to aid the Grand Lodge in the formation



of True Templars or otherwise Total Abstinence Associations  
Wherever practicable -

We beg to subscribe ourselves on behalf of the  
Grand Lodge your faithful servants,

[Signed] Reuben Ayliff, S.W.C.T.

and five others -

The following address from the Executive Committee  
of the Independent Order of True Templars was also  
read :-

To the Chairman and members  
of the Missionary Conference  
King Louis Town.

Sirs and Brethren,

We the undersigned officers  
and members of the Executive Committee of the  
Independent Order of True Templars take this  
opportunity of calling your attention to the  
deplorable extent to which the natives of all  
classes are gradually coming more and more  
under the influence of intoxicating drink. We  
need not enlarge on the fact patent to all  
that those who are endeavouring to raise the  
natives have no greater visible hindrance to  
their success than "Drink" - That it not  
only closes and hardens the heart of the  
stiff heathen to the influence of Christian truth  
and teaching, but it alas! mars and blights  
more than anything else the good that has  
been and is being done in our various  
schools for the young.



those of us who live in towns it is most discouraging to see how readily our young people and those of maturer years as well, are following the example set them by the drinking customs of European Society and habits. At the cautions and hotels in towns and which line our highways, licensed and unlicensed, the native takes his glass and more particularly those coming from Stations and neighbourhoods where Kaffir beer is indulged in by members and heads of Christian Churches and families.

We take the liberty of calling your attention also to the following resolution unanimously passed at a meeting of the Congregational ~~Church~~ Union lately held in Port Elizabeth consisting chiefly of Missionaries and Representatives of Native Churches.

Resolved "That considering how greatly  
"the cause of Christian Missions and moral  
"progress among the Natives of this Colony  
"is retarded by the prevalence of Drunken-  
"ness, and bearing in mind also that this  
"is chiefly owing to the daily and habitual  
"use of Intoxicating drinks, and to the  
"many facilities provided for obtaining it,  
"by the increasing traffic in strong drinks;  
"this Union earnestly urges all Native  
"and other churches connected with it to  
"organize Total Abstinence or True Templar  
"Associations and invites particular attention  
"to the marked good results which have followed  
"the formation of True Templar Societies."

In the interests of morality - progress



and Christian Missions we respectfully and earnestly urge the members of this Conference to discuss and agree on some plan by which united efforts could be made to enlighten our Native classes on the nature of this evil and its sources, and to unite them in Associations for contending against the inroads of "drink."

Total Abstinence is one of the most effectual weapons in defence, to shield our people from the many temptations to drink, and the most powerful one in breaking down the prevailing drinking customs.

We can testify to the marked and encouraging results which have followed from the institution of True Templar Associations in towns and country places and take this opportunity of commending them to the Missionary Conference and to express the hope that many if not all the ~~Missionary~~ members of this body of Christian men will see their way ~~to~~ towards co-operating in the organizing of True Templar or Total Abstinence Societies wherever practicable.

With the expression of an earnest wish that your deliberations may be productive of much good to all

We remain yours

faithfully and truly  
(Signed) Thos. S. Murrington, P. R. S. C.  
and five others.



It was then proposed by W.H. Kayser and seconded by Mr Harper

"That considering how greatly the cause of Christian Missions and moral progress among the natives of this Colony is retarded by the prevalence of Drunkenness and bearing in mind also that this is chiefly owing to the daily and habitual use of Intoxicating Drinks and the increasing traffic in strong drink and making Kafir beer, this Conference earnestly urges all Natives and other churches connected with it to organize Total Abstinence Associations."

This resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr Harper moved and W. Kropf <sup>seconded</sup> that the following Ministers form the Business Committee of the Conference. The Rev. Messrs Birt, Dow, J. Davidson, Tyson, Gordon, Clivers, Kropf, Weiz, Gutsche with the Treasurer, J. Brownlee Esquire, and the Secretary Rev. H. Cottow *etc officio*. Carried nem. Coni.

The financial Statement was read, and was accepted by the Conference.

A letter was read from Mr J.W. Weir resigning his office as Treasurer.

Dr Stewart then moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Bester.

"That Mr Weir's resignation be accepted and that the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to him for his services during many past years." Carried nem. Coni.



It was also moved by Dr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Bate  
"That Mr. J. Brownlee be appointed Treasurer to this  
Conference." ~~Agreed to~~ Carried nem: con:

Dr. Stewart then moved and Mr. Harper seconded :-  
"That the Constitution of this Conference be  
reprinted with the report of this year's proceedings  
and that ~~the~~ copies of previous reports be got  
together and bound, such volume to be kept  
by the Secretary." Carried nem: con:

It was proposed by Mr. Russel and seconded by  
Mr. Moir, and agreed to,

"That the matter of Intemperance be referred to  
the Standing Committee on the licensing laws, to  
be considered by them and reported on at the  
next Conference Meeting."

Mr. Moir proposed and Mr. Harper seconded :-

"That the Conference gratefully acknowledging the  
goodness of God during the past 50 years, in  
the spread and success of the Gospel among  
the tribes of South Africa, and recognizing the  
Missionary call in Providence, addressed to  
Kaffir-speaking Christians, by the recent  
discovery in Central Africa of allied tribes  
understanding their language, resolve to appoint  
a Committee to receive subscriptions for the  
employment of Kaffir-speaking Christians as  
Evangelists, catechists, etc, to these Kaffir-  
speaking tribes, and to consider what means  
may be most suitable and likely to be  
effectual for increasing and perpetuating



the interest of the Native Churches here in the  
spread of the Gospel in the interior of the  
Continent, to report thereon to the Conference at  
its next Annual Meeting -

This resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mori then proposed, that the following ministers  
form the Committee, The Rev. D. Stewart, The Rev. Mr. Sp.  
Solomon, Kayser, Tappan, Lundie, with power to  
add to their number. D. Stewart to be Chairman.  
Agreed to. nem: con: -

Mr. Don then proposed the following which was  
seconded by Mr. Tappan

"That Mr. Davidson be requested to publish his  
address delivered at the Christian Conference and  
also that the <sup>Editor of the</sup> "Christian Express" be asked to print  
the same in its columns as well as some in  
pamphlet form." Agreed to: nem: con:

Proposed by Mr. D. Smar, and Carried nem: con:

"That this Conference expresses its sympathy  
with the French Missionaries in Basutoland  
in the present anxious position of affairs  
and prays that peace may be preserved."

Upon It was moved that Mr. Solomon leave the  
chair and Mr. Tappan occupy it. Upon this  
being done, the following resolution was  
proposed by Mr. Kayser, seconded by Mr. D. Smar  
and carried unanimously -

"That the thanks of this Conference be  
presented to the Rev. S. Solomon of Bedford for



his goodness in taking the chair and his ability in managing the business; also to the Rev P. Davidson for presiding at the Christian Conference; and to the Rev. J. Harper ~~for his~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~outgoing~~ Secretary for his valuable services.

Proposed by Mr. Moin and seconded by Mr. Solomon. "That a hearty vote of thanks be presented to the Mayor and Council of King Louis town for the use of their Chamber on this occasion." Carried unanimously.

It was also proposed, seconded and carried unanimously "That a cordial vote of thanks be given to those who have entertained the Missionaries attending the conference."

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During this day, Thursday 15. July. from 10 to 12 and from 3 to 5. a Christian Conference was held at which the Rev. P. Davidson of Adelaide presided.

At 7.0. o'clock in the evening a United Communion Service took place, The Revs J. Don, W. Sargant, and P. Davidson officiating.

Richard Birt



Minutes of Seventeenth Annual Conference  
of Missionaries held in King Williamstown  
on the

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> days of July 1881.

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

The <sup>United Missionary</sup> Seventeenth Annual Conference met this  
day in the Council Chamber of the N.W.D.  
Town Hall, at 9.30. am.

The Missionaries present were:

Rev. R. Birt, Chairman

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Rev. W. Sargeant, | H. Gutschke               |
| E. D. Hepburn,    | C. Liver                  |
| A. Kropf,         | J. M. Auld                |
| A. Müller,        | J. Dewar                  |
| F. G. G. Kayser,  | J. Gordon                 |
| W. Reese          | J. F. Cumming             |
| W. Reim           | A. Naggs                  |
| H. Baumgarten     | E. Makwane                |
| Robert Rein       | <del>Dr. Stewart</del>    |
| H. Brinckman      |                           |
| P. Reimer         |                           |
| A. Jöhl           | Messrs J. J. Irvine. M.A. |
| H. Meiers         | William Hay.              |



The Meeting was opened by Rev. R. Birt reading a portion of scripture and Prayer E. D. Hepburn.

The Rev. W. Tyson proposed that the Rev. R. Birt, according to arrangement made by business Com<sup>tee</sup>, be requested to take the Chair. Agreed.

The Chairman reported that the Secretary, the Rev. H. Cotton, was away at Baeroland, and <sup>that</sup> the Rev. Harper, who is acting as Secretary was very unwell, the Rev. W. Tyson was requested to take down the Minutes of the Meeting.

Letters of apology ~~were read~~ from several Missionaries, unable to attend, were read.

The Chairman reported, on behalf of Mr. Harper, that a Memorial had been drawn up, by the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed at the last Conference, and forwarded to the Governor, an acknowledgement of which has been received, and a statement that it had been laid before the Ministry. A copy was also forwarded to the ~~House~~ of Legislative Assembly. - Reading of memorial deferred till to morrow.

Reports of Standing Committees ought now to have been presented: but -

Rev. B. Ross had declined to get as Convener of Com<sup>tee</sup> on Licensing Laws. The note declining to act, had but recently been received. Therefore no report.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Convener of the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Statistics, and on Mission & Central



...a, not being present, no report- was made. Matters concerned deferred

A Paper prepared by the Rev. J. Harper, on the Desirableness of Mission Stations being granted some system of Municipal Law, was read by the Rev. J. G. Kasper.

Proposed by Rev. Tyson, seconded by Rev. E. D. Hepburn, and carried unanimously that the Thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Harper for his Paper.

Subject to be resumed at a later stage of Conference proceedings.

Rev. Mrs. Dalton, who was expected to have taken the Chair at the Christian Conference, to be held in the Presbyterian Church in the evening, not having come to the Conference the Rev. W. Tyson was unanimously agreed to preside.

Resolvers statement, in the absence of Mr. Brownlee, was read by the <sup>acting</sup> Secretary.

Proposed by Rev. Tyson, seconded by Rev. ... that the following gentlemen be appointed a Com-  
on Licensing Laws: viz, Rev. J. Don, R. Port,  
Lutche, Miller, Maffs, Rein, Bannparten,  
Russell. Rev. J. Don Convener.

Afternoon Session Com. at 2.30 P.M.

A Paper on the Report of the Education Commission prepared by Andrew Smith, Secy. of Lovedale, was, in his absence, read by the <sup>acting</sup> Secretary.

After a short conversation, the subject was deferred till to-morrow.

A vote of Thanks for the Paper was unanimously passed.



A Paper was read by the Rev Mr. Mapps on the subject of Homes for Domestic Female Servants in Towns.

Thanks were presented to Mr. Mapps were presented to Mr. Mapps for his excellent Paper. The subject to be deferred till tomorrow.

Thursday July 7. - 9.30. Am.

Meeting opened by Chairman reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer by Rev. Tyson.

Rev. E. Mackwane read a Paper on the Best Methods of raising <sup>3</sup> Funds and making Native Churches self-supporting.

A free and interesting conversation took place on the subject: and it was then proposed by Rev. Tyson, and seconded by Rev. P. Davidson -

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Mackwane for his Paper, and -

2. That this Conference earnestly recommend that all members of Native Churches be instructed from the beginning, by the Ministers and Officers of the Churches, in the duty of giving in support of the work of God amongst themselves, and for <sup>in</sup> the extension of amongst their Countrymen. (Carried unanimously)

3. That the Paper be printed in the Christian's Express, and translated into Kafir for publication in the Kafir Express; and that Copies be sent to the office-bearers of the several Missionary Churches.

4. That this Conference recommends to the several Missionary Societies represented here the appointment of Financial Delegations of Laymen, or others, to visit the several



Churches on the subject of this Paper.

Proposed by Mr. J. May; seconded by Rev. Auld  
(also carried unanimously)

Mr. Mays again brought up the subject of his Paper, which was read yesterday, whereupon it was

Proposed by the Rev. W. Byson, and  
Seconded by the Rev. P. Davidson,

1. That this Conference considers it to be very desirable that some such servants Home as that suggested by Mr. Mays in his Paper should be started, say, in King William's Town, as soon as possible. (Carried unanimously)

2. That the subject of the aforesaid Paper be brought to the notice of the Public Meeting this evening with the hope that the matter will be ~~seriously~~ taken up in earnest by the Clergy, Laymen, and ladies of the several Churches in N.W.P.

Mr. Smith's Paper on education was again read, at the close of which the Meeting adjourned.

Afternoon Session. 2.30. P.M.

Dr. Stewart having been heard on the subject of Statistics, it was proposed by Rev. P. Davidson, seconded by Rev. W. Byson, that the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Statistics be reappointed, viz. The Revs Messrs Lewis, Kropp, Bird, Lunde, Cotton, and Dr. Stewart, the latter to be convener. (Carried)

Continued over



On Mr. Smith's Paper on Education, it was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Miller, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Kropp

1. That an education Com<sup>tee</sup> be appointed with special instructions to urge upon the Government the necessity of delaying legislation for Mission Schools & other Native Schools, until the evidence of Missionaries and others interested in the question has been taken by a Commission.

2. That the following gentlemen be appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> to carry out the purpose of the above resolution, namely, Mr. Birt, Mr. Harper, Mr. Don, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gutsche, Mr. Kropp, and Mr. Hoon. — Mr. Don to be Convener.

Resolved that the Com<sup>tee</sup> on Missions to Central Africa be reappointed, namely, Dr. Stewart, Revs Solomon, Kayser, Tyson, and Lurie, with power to add to their number, Dr. Stewart to be Convener

Resolved: That the subject of Mr. Harper's paper be deferred, to give opportunity for better acquaintance with

Resolved: That the thanks of the Conference be presented through Mr. Don, to the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their Church for Meetings, of the Christian Conference.

Resolved that the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Birt for presiding over its meetings.



## Christian Conference.

On Wednesday evening, July 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 9 o'clock, a Christian Conference was held in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Tyson in the Chair, when addresses were given by Rev. P. Davidson, and Rev. J. Don, on the Connection between Active Sympathy with Missionary work and Vigorous Christian life. An interesting conversation, in which several laymen took part, followed.

On Thursday evening, from seven to eight o'clock, the Conference was occupied, in the same place, with the Paper of Rev. Mr. Mays. The resolutions of the Missionary Conference on the subject were reported to the meeting, and it was ultimately resolved on the motion of Mr. Hockley, seconded by Mr. James Hay, that the Ministers of King W<sup>m</sup>stown, be requested to act as a Com<sup>tee</sup>, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of bringing the subject before the public, and exhibiting the sympathy of the Ladies, of King W<sup>m</sup>stown, and of seeking to carry the project into effect.

The Sac<sup>t</sup> of the Lord's Supper was then administered to the Ministers and others, the Rev. J. Don presiding, and being assisted in the service by the Revs. R. Birt, Bruce Ross, P. Davidson, and W. Tyson.

Richard Birt  
Chairman



Minutes of Eighteenth  
Missionary Conference  
held in King W. Laun on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1882

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1882.

The Eighteenth Mixed Missionary Conference met here this day in the Council Chamber Laun Hall King W. Laun at 9.30 a.m.

The Missionaries present were Revs R. Bul (Chairman) H. Gabeche, F. Hym, P. Reiner, W. King, W. Rein, A. Juhl, W. Poyeant, W. Impey, R. Anders, H. Hastings, W. Beste, A. Rupp, J. Stewart, J. D. Don & J. Harper Secretary.

Letters expressing inability to attend were read from Revs Theo Treiz, W. Lamplough, J. F. Cunningham, W. Kapona.

The Meeting was opened by the Secretary reading a portion of Scripture & prayer by Rev J. D. Don.

The Secretary then stated that the Business Committee had nominated several Ministers to preside at this Conference, but that each on being asked to preside had for various reasons felt himself unable to do so. It would therefore be the duty of the Conference now to appoint one of their number to preside over the proceedings of the day.

After some conversation Rev R. Bul was chosen as Chairman & took his seat.

The Secretary stated that after the day of the Conference was fixed by the Business Committee it had been brought to his notice that a series of Meetings were about to be held by the Good Templars in this Laun in the same week as the Conference, and it was suggested to him that to avoid any clashing of the Conference with these Meetings



It would be advisable to change the day of meeting of Conference. This he had tried to do, but found it impossible to get a day for the Conference within the week that did not clash with these meetings so he thought it best to make no change in the day.

The Minutes of previous Conference were then read & confirmed.

### Reports of Standing Committees.

The Reports of the various standing Committees were then called for.

1. Committee on Statistics - Dr Stewart the Comrae not being present - no report was received.
2. Committee on Education - The Rev J. D. Don then read the report of this Committee, and after an interesting discussion it was agreed that the opinions of the Conference on this subject be embodied in a motion by the Rev W. Impney & one by the Rev J. D. Don. Both motions were submitted to the Conference at the afternoon sitting.

The Rev A. Kropf called the attention of the Conference to the fact that he had been charged House Duty on his Native Schools and that on his representing the matter to Government and remonstrating against Education being thus taxed he was informed by Govt that Schools being regarded as places of business they could not be exempted from this tax.

The Conference was at a loss to understand the new view of Schools expressed by Government.

2. Dr Stewart having in the meantime arrived gave in the report of the Committee on Statistics.

On the discussion of this report concluding it was moved by the Rev W. Impney and seconded by the Secretary as follows

That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to Dr Stewart and the Committee



on Statistics for their valuable services in  
Collection and preparation of Missionary Statistics  
and that they be requested to complete & forward the  
Schedules for presentation at next Conference -  
That it is very desirable that these tables should  
embrace returns of all Missions Work in South Africa  
and that for this purpose a application be made to the  
Heads of the various Mission Bodies labouring in  
South Africa

That hereafter these Statistics be taken once in  
five years dating from 1884. Agreed to & En. Con.

The Members of the Statistical Committee are Revs A. Kropp  
Thos Weir W. Sargeant - R. Birt - W. Dreyer H. Gutsch  
J. Lemaire & Dr. Steuart Conveners.

Dr. Steuart then asked the permission of the Conference  
to depart from the programme & for as to substitute for  
the report of the Committee on Missions to Central Africa  
the introduction of three subjects - on two of which as  
a member of the Native Laws Commission he was  
desirous of having the opinion of the Conference  
The three subjects being the Native Marriage Laws  
Liquor Laws Among Natives & the Christian Express  
Leave being readily given Dr. Steuart read a short  
Statement on each of the three subjects calling attention  
to the points of importance on which he wished an  
Expression of opinion. At this point the Conference  
adjourned untill 2.30 p.m.

### Afternoon Sitting

On the Conference, resuming its sitting the following  
resolution was moved by Rev J. J. Don seconded by  
the Secretary & agreed to.

1. The Conference is of opinion that as the



condition of the Natives within the Colony viewed with reference to Education is similar to that of Natives in the dependencies and which according to the Commissioners "are not ripe for the School Board System". The provisions of the proposed Bill by which that System would be extended to Mission Schools, are not applicable as they stand to the state of things in the Eastern Districts.

2. That in view of probable legislation which would interfere with the Status quo the Committee be instructed to continue their Efforts to collect Evidence and to consider with care what expedient arrangements should be suggested for the maintenance and extension of Mission Schools in connection with a possible change of System.

It was also moved by Rev W Injsey and seconded by Rev W B Cole and agreed to -

That this Conference respectfully urges upon the Government - the necessity of delaying legislation for Mission and other Native Schools, until the Evidence of Missionaries engaged in Educational work on the Frontier, and others interested in the question has been taken by a Commission. If such a Commission cannot be appointed this Conference then requests - that an Educational Committee be recognized by the Government - and that the Evidence taken by that Committee together with any report - that may be prepared thereon, be regarded as information additional to the Report of the Education Commission and laid before Parliament.

The Members of the Education Committee are Revs



R. Birt. J. Harper H. Muller. H. Guttsche  
Prof. W. Zorn. J. D. Don Comenier.

A Conversation then took place on the subject of the Christian Efforts. The result of which was the Expression of opinion that the members of Conference would more heartily Endeavour to make the Christian Efforts a greater success.

On the subject of Native marriage Laws it was moved by the Secy and seconded by the Rev W. Sargeant and agreed to that the following portion of the Resolutions of Conference of 1876 be reformed viz.

"That in the opinion of this Conference the Evils connected with Polygamy and Abkukobola as practised by the Native Races will be greatly reduced by the Extension of the Colonial Marriage Law to Native marriages.

On the subject of Liquor Laws among the Natives after some conversation on the subject it was agreed as expressing the opinion of Conference

"That it is desirable in the highest degree that the Law which prohibits strong drink being sold to Natives in the Transkeian dependencies be maintained"

The Rev J. D. Don then gave in the Report of the Licensing Laws Committee. After some conversation it was moved by Dr. Stewart & agreed to that the Committee be appointed.

The members of the Licensing Laws Committee are Rev R. Birt. H. Guttsche H. Muller. W. Rees. A. Mays. H. Baumgardin. W. Russell. J. D. Don Comenier.

The Rev W. Sargeant then read his paper on "The Imperial Conference its aims and methods" after which it was moved by Rev P. Rees and seconded



Secretary that the Thanks of the Conference  
be given to Mr. Sargeant - for his Excellent - paper.  
asud to - ven con.

The Treasurers Statement was then read and accepted  
It was asud that the Business Committee be  
reappointed.

The Members of the Business Committee are  
Rev. R. B. B. A. Kopp - J. D. - Don. H. Gutsoke  
M. Tyson. J. Gordon Theo Weiz. & Seely.

It was then moved by Rev. M. Tyson seconded by  
Rev. P. Reimer & asud to "that the thanks  
of this Conference be given to the Town  
Council for the use of the Council Chamber  
on this occasion."

The Conference was then brought to a close  
by the Chairman pronouncing the Benediction.

Peter Davidson  
Chairman



# Minutes of Fifteenth United Missions Conference

The Fifteenth United Missions Conference met in the  
Council Chamber Town Hall King W. Town on Thursday  
5<sup>th</sup> July 1883.

There were present - Revs J. D. Don. John Russell P. Davidson  
J. Harper P. Reemer. W. Luth. J. A. Chalmers. - Carstairs  
J. Gordon W. Rein F. Nynn. A. Hainsworth. J. M. Auld  
J. Dewar. J. W. Sterling J. MacLaren, J. Berry J. P. Mzimba  
W. Stuart. J. H. Anders. Jas Stuart. A. Troop. A. Jutrohe  
W. Beste. J. Young. R. Brit.

Mrs J. Bennie. A. Smith of Loredale. A. Duncan W. Hay  
& other gentlemen of King W. Town. and a number of ladies.

After Reading of the Scriptures by Rev P. Davidson & prayer  
by Rev A. Hainsworth. The Rev. Felix Davidson as  
Chairman addressed few words to the meeting thanking  
the Conference for electing him to preside on this occasion  
He then called on Mr. Harper as Secretary to read the Minutes  
of previous Conference. which was done by the Secy. reading  
the first & the last Minutes. Copies being at the hand of the  
Members. the rest being taken as read & the whole was confirmed  
The Secretary then read letters from brethren who had been  
prevented from attending. Revs W. Rood of Natal  
Revs W. Sargeant. H. Lusham. W. Lempough J. Reid.  
The Secy. was then called upon to read the Report of the Business  
Committee as the first item on the programme.

## Report of the Business Committee.

The Business Committee during the past year had occasion  
to take action in a matter of great importance to Mission Stations



as regards the lands belonging to them and a line of action which it was feared the Government was about to take in dealing with these lands under certain circumstances, and the Committee considered that a special report should be made to Conference as to what the Committee had done & in order to bring the matter before the Conference that if it should be thought necessary further action might be taken in the matter:—

At a meeting of the Burenas Committee held on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1882 the Rev. J. J. Don brought to the notice of the Committee certain intimations which he had received from the Civil Commissioner of the Division respecting some native occupiers of land at the Pine Drapen Station who had fallen into arrears in regard to the Quit-Rent & that under certain circumstances and contingencies these lands might be reclaimed by Government & put up for sale and so pass into the hands of strangers.

After careful consideration of the question Mr Don moved & the Committee agreed as follows

1. That with reference to lands on Drapen Stations upon which Quit-Rent is more than ten years in arrear, and which are liable therefore to be declared derelict, the Burenas Committee of the Abolished Missions Conference is of opinion that arrangements should be made whereby approved men unconnected with former owners may acquire the forfeited lots without payment of arrears.
2. That steps might be devised to prevent abuse in carrying out such arrangements and to ensure that only persons against whom there lies no claim for arrears should acquire possession of these lots.
3. That the extent to which these holders of lots have fallen into arrears is largely due to the fact that Government has not insisted on the payment of the Quit-Rent year by year, & that this should be justice be taken into account in dealing with the question.
4. That the sale of forfeited lands in open market and consequent admission of strangers, especially Europeans



4. - Injurious Statutes tend to the subversion of such settle-  
ments, and frustrates the design of the Societies in  
forming them, as well as the purpose of the Government in  
permitting them to be formed. The Injurious bodies  
cannot see their views going on without emphatic  
protest.

5. - That - apart from the interests of Injurious Statutes, the  
Method now being pursued of selling immigrants  
on the lands hitherto occupied by natives is producing  
deep discontent and dissatisfaction in the natives mixed  
and preparing future trouble of which some late acts  
of violence are but the promonotory signs.

6. - That - Government - be earnestly urged to stay all sales of  
lands hitherto occupied wholly or partially by natives  
untill they receive the report of the Land Board & to assemble  
the Land Board for this purpose as early as possible as  
an urgent - necessity..

It was further agreed that the Society forward the fore  
going resolutions to the Head of the Government.

This was accordingly done and the following reply was  
Received from the Colonial Secy:

No 4/1672.

Colonial Secretaries Office  
Cape Town Cape of Good Hope

Sir - I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec last. covering certain resolutions  
passed by the Committee of the United Missionary  
Conference which have received the Consideration of  
Government.

With reference to the first and second resolutions the Colonial  
Secretary desires me to intimate to you that he agrees  
with the views therein expressed & that Efforts will be made



to carry out the principles revealed by the Conference as far as possible.

Regarding the third Resolution, the Govt is prepared to be lenient & conciliatory in enforcing its claims for arrears but it will be borne in mind that Ministers have no power to pay arrears justly due to the Treasury, which the debtors are fully responsible with reasonable indulgence as to time - to pay.

The attention of the Honourable the Commissioners of Crown Lands & Public Works has been directed to the objection contained in the fourth resolution to the sale of forfeited lands in the open market and the alleged "admission of strangers especially Europeans into the open market". The Commissioner is not aware that it has been proposed to sell forfeited Crown lands in the open market and would be glad to be informed what sales of land have called forth the remark that "the Treasury bodies cannot see this process going on without emphatic protest".

With reference to the fifth Resolution I have to point out that the Agricultural Immigrant-Lands Act of 1877 & the Agricultural Immigrant Extension Act 1879 have been repealed by the Agricultural Lands Act 1882 & that under the provisions of the latter act any person irrespective of colour may apply for lots of land & that no application so received will be dealt with without being submitted in terms of the 5<sup>th</sup> Section of the Act to the Land Board of the District. By the working of the Act now in force the location of immigrants who apply for land cannot take place without due enquiry as to the rights of persons in occupation whether Europeans or natives and thus the Colonial Society fulfils to the object that the Conference seeks to attain.



Shore Robinson to be  
Sir your obedient servant  
Hampden Hillis  
Union Colonial Secretary

Rev. John Ainslie  
Secretary to the United Reforming Conference.

As will be observed in this letter the Commission  
of Crown Land & Public Works to whom the matter was  
referred and whilst opposing of any proposal to sell  
foreclosed Injuria Land in open market and to allow  
strangers to come into these Stations, requests to be  
informed as to what sales of such Land in open market  
had taken place to justify our fears and remonstrance  
The Committee accordingly felt called upon to state the  
grounds of their fears and what had led them to appeal  
to you in the matter, and the following is the substance  
of a reply sent to the Colonial Secretary

"With reference to the Fourth resolution of the Committee of  
the United Conference learn with much satisfaction that  
the Commission of Crown Land & Public Works disavows  
all intention of selling foreclosed Injuria Land in  
the open market, a decision which removes the  
greatest anxiety for which they conceive they had grounds  
A letter from the Civil Commission of King's Town  
to the Rev. J. J. Dunlop the Free Church of Scotland as  
representative of the Free Injuria Station was brought  
under their notice in which the following passage occurs

"Shore Robinson to forward a list of lands at the Free  
Injuria Station upon which the Civil Com. is more than  
ten years in arrears and which I propose recommending  
that the Government should declare 'derelict'

be done so I should like the people of the Station to be  
of my intention and also that any of the legal  
representative or heirs of the original grantee may by  
paying up the arrears and passing through the necessary  
legal formalities have these lands transferred to them  
and thus prevent them falling into the hands of strangers  
by purchase as they must ultimately do.

The Committee are not aware that a sale of forfeited land  
at Mission Stations in open market has actually taken place  
but the above intimation given by the local representative  
of the Govt. who must we presumed have acted in  
accordance with instructions received from his superiors  
brought them face to face with the risk of such sales occurring  
at any time, and justified their Enshak's protest in an-  
teicipation.

The Committee are glad to know that all applications for  
land must be submitted to the local board and that no dealing  
of importance or other can take place without due enquiry  
as to the rights of persons in occupation whether Europeans  
or natives.

This would be fully followed provided that the Act referred to  
viz. The Agricultural Land Act of 1882. is being worked and  
that its provisions suffice to meet all cases that arise, but  
they would respectfully point out that the safeguard against  
unjust or undue disturbance of those in occupation  
afforded by the existence of the Land Board does not extend  
to lots under 20 acres in extent. Mission and other land  
wholly or partially occupied by natives being therefore beyond  
the scope of the Board, and they would urge the importance of  
so enlarging and supplementing the functions of the Land Board as to  
set it to deal with the cases where small lots are in question.

After a lengthy & interesting discussion it was moved  
by Dr. Stuart & seconded by the Secy & agreed to as follows



That the question of Native Lands be remitted back again to the Board of Revisers; that Conference Express their thanks to the Committee for what they have already done and recommend that the matter be more fully and argantly represented to Government with a view to amended legislation so as to protect and assist Native holders of land.

The Conference recommend to bring before the Government

1. The Importance of extending the power of the Land Board so as to deal with smaller sections than lots of 20 acres inasmuch as most Native lots are smaller in extent.
2. To ask for powers for the Land Board to protect Mission lands for a given number of years till titles have been obtained, and they would call the attention of Missionaries and Mission Bodies to the importance of completing their titles.
3. To ask the Committee to embody so far as they can accept them the recommendations of the Native laws Commission in connection with the simplification of transfer of land & the recommendation also that Native grants of land be inalienable and unalienable except to Native purchasers.
4. The Conference recommend the Committee to make special Enquiry into the alleged state of the promised grants of land in the Lauskie and also in the Native locations in the Colony.

The Report of the Board of Revisers was then called for and was read by Rev. A. Roper as follows

### Report of Board of Revisers

In the year 1868 on the suggestion of the Protector of Natives



Before the Conference constituted a Board of Revision consisting of seven members Each of the seven Churches then labouring among the Kaffirs viz the Church of England, the Free Church, the M. P. Church, the Independents, the Moravian, & the Lutheran Church elected a deputy & his substitute. The Conference also decided on the orthography of Kaffir to be used in the Revision.

The First Session of the Board commenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1869 a full board of seven members being present. Each Session lasted from 10 to 20 days with from 9 to 10 hours work daily. After the 8<sup>th</sup> Session a falling off of members occurred, so that the Board consisted only of 5 members, no substitute ever appearing in the place of absent members. Notwithstanding the revision of the New Testament was continued till the 16<sup>th</sup> Session which ended on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1874. So that nearly 5 years had been bestowed on the Revision of the New Testament. During the 16<sup>th</sup> Sessions the Deputy of the Church of England had attended for 62 days. The Deputy of the Moravian Church 72 days. The Deputy of the Independent Church 82 days. The Deputy of the Wesleyan Church 186 days. The Deputy of the M. P. Church 194 days. The Deputy of the Free Church 197 days. The Deputy of the Lutheran Church 201 days.

The Revised New Testament was printed at the Wesleyan Mission Press at Mount. Coke, with the assistance of the British & Foreign Bible Society, after tentative Editions of the Gospel of St. Matthew and the Acts had been issued from the same press by the Board in order to invite criticism. But critics did not attend to the notice at the end of the tentative Edition. Very few sent their remarks to the Board, and still fewer supplied the desired corrections.

During the Revision of the New Testament two of the ablest members of the Board who laboured in this work with body & soul viz Rev. J. S. J. & Rev. W. Appleyard were removed



The Lord from our Board. Their loss is irreparable to  
us and their shoulders are still waiting to fall on other  
shoulders.

The old testament has been revised up to the 26<sup>th</sup> Chap  
of Jeremiah in 21 sessions from 8<sup>th</sup> July 1874 to the  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 1882. At the first 3 sessions 6 deputies  
were present which number was reduced session by session  
to three members, & that the former quorum of 4 had to  
be reduced to 3 and in 6 sessions only 2 deputies  
attended

In the revision of the Old Testament the Deputy of the  
Church of England spent 72 days the deputy of the Moravian  
Church nil. the deputy of the Independent Church spent 62 days  
The deputy of the Wesleyan Church spent 34 days The  
deputy of the M. P. Church spent 127 days. The Deputy of the  
Free Church spent 216 days & the deputy of the Lutheran  
Church spent 216 days. Therefore from the commencement  
of the Revision the Church of England worked 164 days  
The Moravian Church 72 days The Independent Church  
416 days The Wesleyan Church 120 days & the M. P. Church  
341 days. The Free Church, 413 days. The Lutheran Church  
417 days.

Genesis and Psalms have been printed at the Lovedale  
press as tentative Editions

The Revision of the whole Bible would likely have been  
finished by next year if the Rev. B. Ross had not been  
called to Scotland & if other members had not been called  
to very distant spheres of labour. It is too arduous a  
work for two or three members; especially when even the  
copying the manuscript falls on one of the two or three members.  
After the great labour spent on the Revision the remaining  
members of the Board hope that this Conference will advise  
steps for resuming with new vigor the important work.



difficult-Churches for without the word of God  
our work will languish and die and the spiritual  
life of our converts will never be sustained & increased

(Signed) A. Troop.

Chairman of the Board of Revenue

The Secretary then stated that he had communicated  
with all the Societies not represented on the Board  
of Revenue and read a reply from the Moravian Church  
at Shiloh & one from the Secretary of the Wesleyan District  
of Quinquagenary.

After some discussion it was carried by J. Stuart and  
secondarily by Rev J. D. Dan & a friend:

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the  
Board of Revenue and especially to the Rev A. Troop  
& the Rev B. Ross for their anxious labours in  
connection with the Revenue of the Kaffir Territories  
and that the Report of the Board of Revenue as  
drawn up be sent to the British & Foreign Bible  
Society for their information.

Miss J. Waterston of Alice then read a paper  
on the

Social Improvement of Christian Nations  
in their Homes Habits &c - which was

listened to with much interest  
after some discussion the Society moved & Mr Luth  
of Somerset seconded

That a cordial vote of thanks be given to Miss Water-  
ston for her paper & would request her to allow  
it to be published in the Christian Express & Magazine  
Samaritan. This was carried unanimously



At this point the Conference broke up as evening with the Presbyteries of the Free & U. S. Churches holding meetings with the opinion there would be so poor an attendance that the business of the Conference could not properly be carried on.

In the Evening a well attended public meeting was held at the Church Hall at which addresses of an exhortation were given by Rev. Wm. Nelson. Stuart. Stuart Carstairs & Mr Sloan.

This brought the Conference to a close

Richard Birt



# Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the United Missions Conference. held in King W. Linn July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4 1884.

Thursday July 3 1884

The United Missions Conference met in the  
Wesleyan Church Beckly Street King W. Linn  
this day at 9:30 am.

The missionaries present were Revd. R. Birt - Chairman  
Revd. F. Davidson U.P. Adelaide.

" D. Jaung F.C. Sembelau (Main) Transkei

" H. Gutreke G. B. King W. Linn.

" J. F. Ferguson F.C. Pannure.

" J. M. Auda U.P. Kobengaba. Transkei

" John Dewar U.P. Larkastad

" John Lundaie U.P. Willowall Transkei

" J. P. Jooste D.R. Maclean Linn.

" John Russell B.A. F.C. East London West.

" H. Muller L. Pannure.

" W. Impey E. " "

" J. Maclaren F.C. Blythwood Transkei

" W. Stewart F.C. Burnshell

" J. G. Stephan M. Jobern

" M. Rein L. Hartburg

" C. Koenigh

" F. Fuchs L. Kieskama Hoek.

" R. Birt - J. Peilton

" B. Ross F.C. Piree

" C. Gordon F.C. King W. Linn



- Rev. Jas Mac Donald F.C. Dautywa Transkei  
 " J. Stewart F.C. Lovedale.  
 " A. Kropf L. Stutterheim  
 " W. Beste L. " "  
 " P. Reimer G.B. Berlin  
 " J.W. Sterling M.P. Mbulu Transkei  
 " R. Lamplough W. Inouel-Coke  
 " C. Lones W. King W. Lamm  
 " J.C. Parsonson W. Queenstown  
 " J.P. Back W. King W. Lamm  
 " A.G. Heineze  
 " J. Gordon C. King W. Lamm  
 " W. Nym B. " "  
 " J. Han E.R. " "  
 " H. Parpeant W. Middle Drift-  
 " J. Harper J. King W. Lamm  
 " R. Stumbles E. Newland  
 " E. Makwane F.C. Macfarlane  
 " P. Mzimba F.C. Lovedale  
 Messrs: D. D. Fraser Esq. Bedford  
 " W. Hay " King W. Lamm  
 " J. W. Weir " " "

After the Scriptures had been read by the Secretary and prayer offered by Rev. J. Dewar

The Secretary stated that P. Nghtengate Esq. who had been accepted the invitation of the Business Committee to preside over the meetings of Conference had informed him by letter that in consequence of his being suddenly called to Cape Town on official duties he would be unable to avail himself of the honour of presiding over the meeting of Conference

He assured them that the Conference had his sincere



express sympathy in the work it was endeavouring to accomplish

The Secretary expressed regret that circumstances had prevented Mr. Lightfoot from presiding and that it would now devolve upon the Conference to select from the members present some one of their number to preside on the occasion.

Thereupon it was resolved after some other proposals had fallen through and agreed to that Rev. R. B. Irl. take the Chair.

Mr. Irl. on taking the Chair expressed his readiness to serve the Conference and addressed a few words to the meeting.

The minutes of previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Revs. J. Deane, Phileston, J. Walton, J. Harris, J. Green, Theo. Weir, Bayyia, W. J. Hacker, Butterworth, E. J. Barrett, Karamston.

The Secretary stated the arrangements for the evening meeting & that the musical portion of the program had been withdrawn in consequence of a letter from Mr. Griffiths stating that he had been unable to get the choir together for practice.

It was agreed that the evening meeting be held notwithstanding the alteration that Mr. Irl. take the Chair at the meeting.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Business Committee. Some discussion ensued on the subject of this report and one clause referring to the possible action of Parliament in dealing with the Memorial of the Conference was objected and it was agreed to amend it.

D. Stewart then moved that the Report as amended



accepted and printed with the proceedings.

also moved by Rev B. Pass & seconded by Rev Jas Mac Donald that all the letters & papers referred to in the Business Committee report - be printed in the minutes of proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Education was accepted as read as it had appeared some time ago in the local press.

It was moved & agreed to that this report with the papers referring to it - be printed in the proceedings.

Dr Stewart then read his paper on the subject of the Medical Training of Natives.

It was moved by Rev H Muller seconded by the Secretary & supported by Rev R Lamplough that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Dr Stewart for his valuable paper. & that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the Christian Express & a translation of it in the Kaffir Express.

This was carried unanimously.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Business Committee on the Question of Native Land. A very interesting discussion ensued.

The Rev J MacLagan then moved as follows

The United Missionary Conference having heard the Report of the Business Committee upon the Land question Express a cordial vote of thanks for the same and consider that whereas the preservation of peace in the Country and the advancement of the native races depend to a great extent on the natives obtaining fixed tenure of land by means of individual titles, but whereas such titles have been granted only to a very limited extent especially in the Transkeian Territory



owing to the opposition of Chiefs and Headmen and the ignorance of the people The United Missions Conference direct the Beames Committee to strongly urge the Government - to give instructions to the Magistrates to lay this matter clearly before the people and to do all in their power to secure individual tenure and that a sub-Committee of the Lands Commission be appointed to fully investigate this matter & report to the Beames Committee. so that they shall be able to take what steps they may think necessary to call the attention of the Government to the matter. The Committee to consist of Revs Auld Lundie MacLaren & Haack.

This resolution was put to the Conference and carried unanimously.

The Report of the Board of Revisers was then read by Rev. A. Knopf. and as it was now getting too dark to see the Conference at this point adjourned.

A Meeting was held in the Evening in the Odd Fellows Hall at which Dr. Stewart <sup>read</sup> a most interesting paper to a charmed and delighted audience. A few short addresses completed a very successful and profitable meeting.

Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 . 9.30 am

The Conference resumed its sitting and was opened by the prayer by Rev. J. F. Ferguson. The subject of the Report of the Board of Revisers stood first on the list of subjects - but as only few of the Missions were present as yet - it was agreed to defer the discussion.



The Report of the Statistical Committee was then read by Mr Futche the Convenor.

After the Report had been read it was moved by Mr Lempplough & seconded by Mr Young "that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr Futche for his assiduous work in preparing his voluminous report."

Carried unanimously

It was then proposed by Mr Ferguson & seconded by Mr Young and carried "that the Report of the Statistical Committee with its returns be revised and completed as far as possible, say in three months, and be printed under the auspices of the Conference."

The Revs Dr Stewart Lempplough Harper & Futche the Compiler acting as a sub-committee to see it carried out.

The discussion on the Report of the Board of Revisers was resumed and continued for some time. It was then moved by Mr Muller & seconded by the Secretary & carried

That as soon as the Revision of the Kaffir Translation still being carried on is finished the Board of Revisers be at once reconstituted to re-revise the already revised and printed parts as also the still unprinted portions of the Bible and that this resolution be sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society and also to the Chief officers of the Church represented on the Board so that they may be able to send their representatives to assist in the re-revision

It was further moved by Mr W Hay and seconded by Revd. John Graham and agreed to.



That - the attention of the Bible Society be called to the necessity for making some provision for meeting the expenses of members of the proposed re-constituted Board of Revisers

Another Resolution was moved by Mr Muller and seconded by Mr Young and Carried

"That - a fraternal letter be addressed to the Wesleyan Conference calling special attention to the Resolution just-passed and urging it to unite in the most cordial way with other denominations represented by the United Missionary Conference in securing one version of the Bible for the Kaffir speaking people of this Country."

Rev'd B Ross then reported on the subject - of two specimens of translation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Pilgrims Progress and of a short Bible History which the Bremen Committee had requested him to criticize, and which had been submitted to them with a view to publication

On hearing Mr Ross's report - It was moved by Mr Gutzke and agreed to -

"That the Conference is not in a position at present to undertake the matter in the absence of funds. to carry it to a successful conclusion"

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary read the financial statement for the year.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that a proposal had been made in Parliament - to



the Contagious Diseases (Women) Act  
and that it would be well to consider the  
matter.

After some discussion it was agreed

"That the Bursar Committee watch the move-  
ment and take such action as may be  
necessary."

It was then moved by Mr Jaenig and seconded by  
the Secretary and agreed to -

That whereas there have been several valuable  
reports and important documents laid upon  
the table and some important papers read  
the United Missionary Conference hereby resolves  
that the Bursar Committee be instructed to  
take steps to get all the said reports documents  
and papers immediately printed along with  
the minutes of the proceedings of this Conference  
in a permanent form.

It was also moved by Mr Hay & seconded by Mr  
Jaenig & carried

"That this Conference wish to express their  
unqualified appreciation of the valuable services  
rendered to the cause of Christianity in general  
to the Christian Missions in South Africa and  
especially to the natives within the Colony and  
beyond its border by its Bursar Committee  
and the Conference begs to tender to the members  
individually its hearty thanks for the persevering  
zeal and unflinching industry in the discharge  
of their onerous duties & that the members be  
re-elected"



Rev R Lamplough stated that Rev Mr Barnett who was to have read a paper on Our Native Christianity was unable to attend. The paper was an interesting one, but - as it was evidently the desire of most that the Conference should be brought to a close he proposed that the paper be accepted as read. This was agreed to.

It was then moved by Mr Hay & seconded by Mr. Jutche and carried

"That - Mr Barnett's paper be printed with the other papers."

Mr Lamplough then moved & Mr Knopf seconded

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Harper for his work as Secretary. This was agreed to. It was also agreed to that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev R Lamplough for his kindness in placing the old Wesleyan Church at the disposal of the Conference.

A vote of thanks to Mr Bail - was carried & the proceedings of the Conference were brought to a close by the Chairman pronouncing the Benediction.

W. J. Irvine  
Chairman



# Minutes of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the United Missions Conference

King William's Town 2 July 1885.

Sedent.

The United Missions Conference met this day in the Berkeley St. Chapel at 9.30 A.M. Present Bero. A Knopf, Immanuel, Stuttgartheim, Dr. Lewent, Free Church of Scotland, Howdale, J. Davidson U. Presbyt. V. Adelaide, J. Gordon Episcopalian K.W. Town, A. Birt, E.M.S., Section, H. Putzsch Pennan Baptist K.W. Town, F. Wynn Baptist K.W. Town, J. Lewis Wesleyan K.W. Town, J. J. Hoole Dutch Reformed, Maclean Town, A. Veldh, U. P. Frankei, John Andrew U. P. Frankei, John Stirling U. P. Frankei, W. Beste, L. Stuttgartheim, J. MacLaren F.C. Blythwood, A. Day F.C. Pirie, J. Reisser S. B. Berlin, J. Davidson U. P. Frankei, A. W. Stunks, V. Newlands E. König, L. Callcott, Dr. Galin L. K.W. Town, W. Stuart F.C. Drumhill, J. De Houch F.C. Frankei, J. Dewar U. P. Eerkstadt, J. Wynne F.C. Howdale, Miss Fraser (Bedford) Weston Dr. Johnson, Knop. Rev. J. D. Don, King W. Town.

Chairman.

The Chair was occupied by J. J. Hoole Esqr. of King W. Town whom the Business Committee had requested to preside.

Devotional exercises.

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Stewart read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. J. Davidson engaged in prayer.

Remarks by Chair.

The Chairman offered a hearty welcome to the members, and thanked them for the honour done him in inviting him to preside.

Minutes.

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

Sec. pt.

3. The Rev. J. D. Don was appointed Secretary pro tem. during the absence of the Rev. J. Harper in England.

Apology.

4. A letter of apology was read from the Rev. J. Walton regretting his inability to be present.



The Secretary intimated that arrangements had been made for holding a Christian Conference in the evening, in St. Andrew's Church, at 7. The Rev. P. Davidson would preside. It had been suggested that a united Communion Service should be held thereafter, but this had been left for decision by the conference. After some conversation it was decided that a Communion Service be not held.

Report of 6. The Secretary read the Report of the Business Committee. It was moved by the B. Summela, Rev. H. Entolie and Seconded by the Rev. D. Stewart that the Report be adopted, Agreed to. (The Report is contained in the published proceedings of the Conference).

Order of 7. The Rev. Pitt expressed a wish that the Report of the Board of Revision should be read and discussed. A motion to this effect was made by Mr. Hendie, seconded by Mr. Pitt, and agreed to.

Report of 8. The Rev. A. Knoff then read the Report of the Revisers of the Kaffir Bible. (The Report is contained in the published proceedings) Mr. Pitt expressed the opinion that the prejudice against the new version was largely owing to the printing in paragraphs. D. Stewart moved the adoption of the Report. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Mr. Pitt then moved as follows "That there be an Edition of the new version of the Kaffir Scriptures, printed in verses, not in paragraphs". Seconded by Mr. Dugiebra. Mr. M'charan moved as an Amendment "That the form of the Revised English Bible be followed." Seconded by Mr. Hendie.

Petitions of 9. After discussion, both motion and amendment were withdrawn in favour of a motion made by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. Pitt, as follows. "That the Conference represent to the Bible Society the desirability of having more than one edition of the Revised Kaffir Bible - at least a smaller one following the Revised English form, and if practicable, a larger one, containing the paragraph and verse form - also that a small portion of the Edition be in different styles of binding, tasteful in appearance, and strong, but inexpensive, in order to



"Probate Sales". His motion was carried.

Dr Dooste's paper

9. The Secretary intimated that it would be for the convenience of Mr Dooste if the hearing of his paper were the next business. Agreed to.

The Rev. J. P. Dooste then read a paper on the following subject "Colonists - how they can help or hinder missions." (Vide. Published Proceedings.)

Mr P. Davidson made some remarks and moved that the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr Dooste.

Chairman's interpos

A discussion having arisen, and criticisms been made on some points in the paper, the Chairman said that some of the statements in Mr Dooste's paper were of a semi-political kind, and such as could not be discussed in a body constituted like the Conference, without disturbing its harmony - that such a discussion ought not to therefore now to proceed, but that the silence of members was not to be construed as implying consent. Mr Dooste had made statements regarding native customs and character w<sup>ch</sup> he was confident could not be derived from his own knowledge and experience but from hearsay, w<sup>ch</sup> statements members of the Conference with fuller knowledge of the nations would certainly be able to refute. The Chairman believed he was expressing the mind of the Conference in taking exception generally to remarks made in the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> parts of the paper as inappropriate, and as not expressing the views of the Conference.

Mr Dooste admitted that in dealing with native customs he did not speak from personal knowledge. He wished it to be distinctly understood that his paper in no sense represented the views of his Church, but that he had taken up the question from a purely private point of view.

Discussions the general question was allowed till the time of adjournment. The Chairman then conveyed the thanks of the Conference to Mr Dooste. The Conference adjourned till 2.30 P. M.

The Conference met as adjourned.

Mr Bruce D. Sp. continued the discussion. Mr Dooste replied.



Report 10.  
Ch. Committee

The Report of the Licensing Laws Committee was then read by the Secretary.  
(Vide published proceedings)

It was moved by Mr Stewart, seconded by Mr Boste and agreed to that the Report be adopted.

Mr Bryce also gave emphatic testimony to the good effect produced by the existing restriction within the proclaimed area.

The Chairman urged upon the members the importance of collecting & furnishing information.

It was moved by Mr Stewart, and seconded by Mr Wynne that the Business Committee be empowered to issue a Circular as suggested by the Report, or to adopt any other means of obtaining information.

Printing  
Proceedings

The Business Committee during the session of the Resolution of last Conference that the important documents then presented should be printed, is to be carried out, the Conference proceeded to the consideration of this

The Chairman generously offered to be responsible for the payment of the printing so that these documents, especially the Statistics might not be lost to the country.

The Conference while deeply sensible of the Chairman's generosity recognized that every effort should be made by the members to raise the necessary funds. It was agreed that the Secretary address a Circular to the members of Conference urging them each to endeavour to raise a few pounds towards the general expenses of the Conference work, with special reference to printing these documents.

The matter was then referred to the Printing Committee

Finance

12. The Treasurer's Report was presented, but referred back to him for amendment.

Titles 13.  
671. 10000

Mr De Haven introduced the subject of individual titles for native lands explaining why the Committee appointed had not done anything. He also made a statement founded on Bluebook (1884) pp 99, 111, 115, and the Proceedings of Parliament to the effect that though the headmen are opposed the people are in favour of individual titles, whereas the matter has been



papers explained.

Minute 13th.

Agreed to instruct the Business Committee to proceed in the line of last year's resolution; at the same time to watch the progress of the Franciscan legislation and before Parliament, and take any action that may seem necessary in correspondence with the Franciscan Committee.

The Conference then adjourned till next morning at 9.30 A.M. making way for the Christian Conference to be held in the evening.

### Christian Conference

In the evening a Christian Conference was held in St. Andrew's Church.

Report by Rev. J. Davidson.

The Rev. J. Davidson presided, and opened the meeting with prayer after which he read a paper on 'The prospectives view of the missionary enterprise full of hope & encouragement' (W.E. published proceedings) Addresses were given by Dr Stewart & Rev. J. D. Dou.

Report by Rev. W. L. Brown.

Thereafter a paper written by the Rev. W. L. Brown on "Missions to Central Africa" was read by the Secretary.

Rev. J. J. Irvine proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Davidson & Brown for their excellent papers; and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

### Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The Conference met in Berkeley St. Chapel at 9.30. A.M. Rev. J. J. Irvine in the Chair. The Rev. A. Knapp opened up prayer

Minute 14.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved of





Disciplinary Committee

Prof. Brit, Knopf, Rein, Intohle, Ewiler, Stammgaten, Don, Conover.

Statistical Committee

Prof. Knopf, Humphreys, Brit, Dupes, Kunder, R Stewart, Intohle  
Mr Intohle Conover.

Votes of Thanks.

21. R Stewart proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Committees. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, it was seconded by Mr Knopf and carried with acclamation.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. Mr Jones for his kindness in placing the Berkeley St Chapel at the disposal of the Conference, and to the Rev. J. D. Don for the use of St Andrews Church for the evening meeting.

Close.

22. The benediction was pronounced, and the Conference separated.

*E. Dickles*  
Chairman



Minutes of the Society, Second Annual Meeting of N. Missionary Conference.

8<sup>th</sup> July 1886

The United Missionary Conference met this day in the Berkeley St. Chapel King Wm's Town at 10 A.M. Present The Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Harper, N.W. Town; J. F. Ferguson, Khondou; D. D. Young, Gumbuland; L. Isawa, Idutyira; L. Makinane, Macfarlan; W. J. A. Muir, Lovedale; J. Gordon, N.W. Town; L. Gedye, Seddie; J. Leimer, Berlin; H. Hastings, Engstini; A. Ross, Linc; A. Ross, Iseni, Frankel; B. Stewart, Lovedale; A. Knopf, Stutterheim; R. Best, Peeltou; W. Girdwood, Intuna, Frankel; J. Davidson, Tabulu, Frankel; J. Dewar, Fortkatscht; L. Jones, N.W. Town; A. W. Stumbles, Gredland; J. A. Godfrey, Alice; J. J. Doyle, Maclean; L. D. Don, N.W. Town

Election of 2.  
Chairman to

Motion proposed by the Rev J. D. Don and unanimously agreed to that J. L. Duckles Esq be requested to occupy the Chair.

Mr Duckles hereupon took the Chair, and called upon the Rev. R. Bitt, who engaged in devotional exercises.

Secretary

3. The Secretary p. t. stated that as Mr Harper the Secretary had returned from Europe and was now present, he would give over the Secretaryship if he had not temporarily into his hands.

Mr Harper stated that, when he left for England, he had really resigned his office; and he did not see his way to resume it. He proposed that Mr Don be elected Secretary, seconded by Mr Stewart, and agreed to. Mr Don consented to accept the office for the present.

Election of 4.  
Rev J. D. Don

Minutes

3. The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Letters of apology

4. Read letters of apology from the Rev J. Mason, President of the Wesleyan Conference, who regrets his inability to be present, from Rev E. Baret, who being detained by indisposition has entrusted his paper to the Chairman and from the Rev R. Hamphrey.



The Secretary suggested a programme of business. It was agreed to take the Business Committee's Report first, and to discuss it up to half past eleven. At that hour the papers on Vernacular Education will be read and discussed. Mr Jindiroodi's paper and others to be taken in the afternoon.

Report of Business Committee

The Report of the Business Committee was read by the Secretary. It was moved by Mr Harper and seconded by Mr Stewart, that the Report be adopted, and that a vote of thanks for drawing up the same be given to the Secretary. Agreed to.

Resolution on liquor traffic

7. The following Resolution was proposed by Mr Harper.  
"That the proclamation of Areas within which intoxicating liquor shall not be sold to natives has been justified by the experience of the last two years - that the restriction is approved of and desired by the mass of the native people and that the Areas ought to be extended so as to include all native districts. This Conference regrets that the Resolution in favour of Extension proposed in the House of Assembly by Mr Advocate Dimes was not carried; but, inasmuch as it was recognized that the Government has full power, and is free to act, the Conference would respectfully but earnestly urge that the Areas be extended without delay, and include the Transkei"

The Resolution was seconded by Mr Walter Subisoana. After discussion it was carried unanimously.

Resolution on the proposed Differential Franchise.

8. The following Resolution was proposed by Mr Stewart.  
"That this Conference views with great alarm the introduction of a principle into the Transkeian Representation Bill recently before Parliament, which differentiates the qualification for the franchise according to colour. Without expressing an opinion as to what the qualification ought to be, they must strongly protest against any attempt to make a distinction between black and white, as unjust, invidious, and hostile to the native people, whom it would practically consign



is a position of permanent inferiority and political subjection. Such a distinction would prove fatal to the hope of raising them in the scale of civilization, would be full of danger to the prospects of Durban work, broadly viewed, and of evil omen for the future of the country. It is thoroughly un-English, and unworthy of being proposed in a British Colony. They would appeal to their fellow-colonists of European extraction to help them in resisting the perpetration of such palpable injustice."

The Resolution was seconded by the Sec. J.

The motion, and after being spoken to in support by others was unanimously agreed to.

Resolution urging  
action on the part of  
the Natives

The following Resolution was moved by the Sec. J. Makimane.

"That, as doubt has been cast on the genuineness and sincerity of the representations made by or in behalf of the Natives on the subject of the hiqua Ruffie, this Conference wishes most strongly to call the attention of the Native people to the fact, that the time has arrived when they themselves must make their wants and wishes known, and use every constitutional means to secure the acknowledgment and exercise of their rights as citizens."

The Resolution was seconded by Mr Dewa, and unanimously agreed to.

Statistics  
(printing)

10. The Secretary drew the attention of the Conference to the subject of the Statistics, as explained in the Report, have not yet been printed. The general feeling of the Conference was in favour of making a fresh effort; but the decision was left till later in the Session of Conference.

Land Transfer 11.

Mr Starper drew attention to the subject of land transfer, and suggested that it be an instruction to the Business Committee to take into consideration the question of Durban lands, with the view of devising a cheaper and simpler mode of transfer among natives.

Report of  
Revision Board

12. The Report of the Revision Board was then read by Mr Kieff. The work of re-revision commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1885, and has been carried in nine Sessions to the end of the epistle to the Galatians.



There has been an improved attendance of representatives at these Sessions. A number of criticisms and corrections have been considered and so far as possible adopted. The Board mentions the valuable assistance rendered by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Groves as representative of the London Inq. Society.

It is expected that two or three more Sessions will finish the work. The Board has appointed Mr Hoop to see the work carried through the press.

The Report was adopted by the Conference, and assurance was given to the Board of their appreciation of its work.

Mr H. Hoop's paper 15

Mr Bruce Hoop then read a paper on the following Subject:  
"What can be done to promote the formation of some kind of vernacular literature or provide a supply of wholesome reading in the Kafir language?"

Hereafter the Conference adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

Met as adjourned.

The Chairman read a paper on the same Subject by the Rev L. J. Barrett

Mr Barrett's paper of Middle Draft

Discussion followed

Mr Hoop submitted a motion recognizing the importance of the Subject and suggesting an application to the Religious Tract Society for pecuniary aid. It was afterwards withdrawn.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs Hoop and Barrett.

Mr Fildwood's paper 14.

The Rev. W. Fildwood then read a paper on the following Subject:  
"The present attitude of heathenism towards Christianity - Is the forecast favourable or unfavourable?"

On the motion of Mr Brit seconded by Dr Stewart a vote of thanks was given to Mr Fildwood.

Business 16

The Conference gave its attention to the order of Business. It was



to hold a public united prayer meeting in St Andrew's Church at 7.30  
hereafter to proceed with business. I read Mr Inoué's paper. That Mr Jedge's  
paper should be taken at once, and the business finished this evening.

(See end of Minute)

Mr Jedge's paper. 16. A paper was read by the Rev E. Jedge on the following subject.  
"Methods of Mission Work: Descriptive Statement and Criticism."

Hereafter the Conference adjourned to meet in St Andrew's Church at 7.30 PM

Met as adjourned

After an hour spent in devotional exercises, the Chairman took the Chair  
and business was resumed.

Meeting from 17  
Mr Jutsche Read the following extract from a letter addressed by the Rev Hugo Jutsche  
now in Germany, dated 29 May 1886, to a member of Conference  
"Please give my brotherly greetings and good wishes to the United Missions  
Conference, as I am unable this time to attend, as I would gladly be present."  
The Conference cordially reciprocate Mr Jutsche's greeting

18 The Secretary recalled the attention of the Conference to the subject of  
Messrs Hop & Bennett's paper. He wished to re-open the discussion with a  
view to a Resolution.

After discussion, the following motion was agreed to, being a modification of  
that withdrawn in the evening:

"That, as there is a growing number of readers in the Kafir language, it is de-  
sirable to increase the number of books in Kafir. With this view, that the B  
Committee be authorized, when it was suitable books either original or translation  
or it desires to publish, to approach the Religious Tract Society, as the Conference  
has no funds available for publishing purposes."

Agreed to

Mr Inoué's paper 19 A paper was read by the Rev W. D. Inoué on the following subject.  
"The Infernal Spirit. What deteriorating tendencies have to be resisted?"  
"Practical Suggestions for preserving firmness and fervour of zeal."



After remarks by various members: Mr Bruce Ross proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Jedge and Davis, which was cordially agreed to.

20. Mr Ross moved that it be remitted to the Business Committee to consider the propriety of giving more time to devotional exercises, or to meetings of an edifying nature such as are associated with a Christian Conference.

This was agreed to.

Committee 21. The Business Committee was re-appointed, the name of Mr Jones being substituted for that of Mr Lamplough, with the addition of E. E. Duckles Esq. The Committee is composed as follows.

Messrs Bill, Hooff, Bruce Ross, Gordon, Jones, Gutsche and the Secretary, Clerical members with the following laymen J. J. Irvine Esq, W. P. West Esq, E. E. Duckles Esq

Committee 22. The other committees were re-appointed

23. Votes of thanks were then given to the Chairman and Secretary also to the office bearers of the Wesleyan and of St Andrew's Church respectively for the use of the buildings in which the Conference has met.

24. The benediction was then pronounced, and the Conference separated.

— Omitted part of paragraph 15 —

Treasurer's Statement. During a balance of £14.37 on the general and Thicaway laws funds combined, it was agreed that this should be drawn upon for the first expenses of printing the statistics; efforts being at the same time made to supplement this fund

Richard Bert  
Chairman



Minutes of the Twenty third Annual Meeting of the United Missionary Conference

The Twenty third annual meeting of the United Missionary Conference was held in the Berkeley St Chapel King Williams Town on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>) of July 1887 at 11 1/2 A.M.

Present the Rev. A. Pitt, Pretoria; D. Day Young, Kimberley, W. J. B. Inoir, Hovedale; J. Weber, Alhambra Missionary, Stellenbosch; B. Ross, Pine; J. Lamplough, Mount Cole; J. Smith Spencer, Queenstown; W. Stuart, Sunnyside; J. Weaver, Mount Cole; J. Davidson, Wabulu, Fort Lind; J. Dewar, Eastkapal; A. Clarke, East London; E. Mappa, Keiskama Hoek; W. Goodwood, Entura, Graaff-Reinet; H. J. Batts and H. Jutsche King W<sup>m</sup> Town; W. B. Robinson, Pretoria; C. Samla King W<sup>m</sup> Town; J. P. Dosta, Maclean; W. Leith, Somerset East; J. B. Geyere, King Williams Town; J. Harper, King W<sup>m</sup> Town; J. Gordon, King W<sup>m</sup> Town; A. Stam, Wes. Highlands; J. Ferguson, East London; A. Barr, East London; Hon. Charles Krommlee, Rev. J. A. Don King W<sup>m</sup> Town, Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed to request the Rev. Richard Pitt of Pretoria to occupy the Chair.

2. The Chairman opened the proceedings by reading the Scriptures; after which he called upon the Rev. W. J. B. Inoir to engage in prayer.
3. The Secretary proposed to record on the minutes that a public service had been held in connection with the Conference on the previous evening (Wednesday) at which interesting addresses were delivered by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Krommlee, the Rev. J. Smith Spencer of Queenstown and H. J. Batts of King W<sup>m</sup> Town.
4. The Secretary stated that letters of apology for absence had been received from the Rev. B. Stewart of Hovedale, the Rev. C. Labers of Keiskama Hoek, the Rev. E. Mason, President of the Wesleyan Conference, and the Rev. L. Durant Philip of Hovedale.
5. The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
6. On the motion of W. Jutsche it was agreed to place on record the following resolution with reference to the late Dr John L. Inoué and append its substance to the Report.

Resolved, that the Conference record on their minutes their sense of the great loss



has they have sustained in the death of Mr John S. Irvine. He was Chairman of the Conference two years ago, and since then had acted as a member of Committee, taking an active part in its proceedings, and being interested in everything affecting the welfare of the natives. He was a warm friend and liberal supporter of Missions - not alone those connected with his own Church - and a convinced advocate of their maintenance and extension in the country. In him the natives have lost one of their best friends, and the Colony one of its most valuable citizens.

They beg to tender their deep sympathy to the members of Mr Irvine's family.

7. The Report of the Business Committee was then read. It was accepted unanimously.

8. The Conference then proceeded to discuss the subjects referred to in the Report. The first is Native Lands and Titles.

The Secretary stated that since the report was drawn up, another letter had been received from the Department of Native Affairs, in continuance of the correspondence referred to in the Report. A letter from the U. S. N. Affairs was then read. The Secretary for Native Affairs wishes to know (1) the light in which the Business Committee is to be looked upon, whether as representative of all denominations engaged in mission work or only of certain sections. (2) Whether such Committee, in asking for individual title on behalf of the natives, represents the unanimous voice of the natives or a majority of those interested. Mr De Wet also asks whether assuming that Government agrees to issue individual title, the Committee, acting for the natives, is in a position to say that every one will take up his title, and whether the Committee is prepared to suggest a mode by which the references of Survey be can be secured or guaranteed.

After discussion, the following minute was agreed to:

The United Missionary Conference is thankful to the Government for relieving their minds from the anxiety which they had some years ago, but the intrusion of Europeans on lands reserved for native occupation should be allowed to break up these locations and work other evils. They do not share the Commissioner's expectation, however, that the intermixture of European with native occupants in small holdings, is likely to become harmless or even beneficial in course of time.

With reference to the questions asked by the Secretary for Native Affairs, they answer that the Conference consists of representatives of all Protestant Missions



labouring on the frontiers and in the Transkeian territories; and that there is substantial agreement among the missionaries on the question of title for the natives, viz. that tribal title should be given where they are not able for individual title, but that every facility should be afforded for the issue of individual titles to those who wish it. They believe that this distinction indicates the real state of feeling generally among the native people, viz. a general wish for title - tribal title on the part of some, individual title in the case of others.

Further, they would state that this Conference, being deliberative not executive, and though composed chiefly of persons standing in close relation to the natives, not being empowered to act for them, is not in a position to say that every one will take up his titles; but they pledge themselves to do what alone they can do, use their influence with the people to induce them to take them up.

### Liquor Traffic.

9. The Secretary drew the attention of the Conference to the avowal by Government of its intention to do away with the proclaimed area in the district of King Williamstown, and moved the following resolution:

The United Missionary Conference has learned with regret and alarm, that it is the intention of the Government to recommend H. E. the Governor to withdraw Proclamation No. 68. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1884, proscribing certain areas within which intoxicating liquor shall not be sold or given to natives. The Conference believes on grounds of sobriety and testimony - <sup>2 P. 2</sup> - that the restriction of sale to natives within the area in the District of King Williamstown, has been largely beneficial. Statements to the contrary notwithstanding, that its continuance is desired by the people, and that its withdrawal will be a calamity. They urge that the areas be extended to all native districts, and that the prohibition be extended to towns and villages. They heartily support the motion of Mr Wood for extension of the areas, now before the House of Assembly.

The motion was unanimously agreed to. It was also resolved to dispatch a telegram to the Members of Parliament for this Division informing them of the resolution in support of Mr Wood's motion.

10. A letter was read from the Rev. H. Keiper of Hankey,



transmitting an address to the Conference, signed by the officers and certain members of the Grand Temple of the Independent Order of Good Templars, representing thirty Temples or Associations with 2000 native members in various parts of the Colony. The address expresses gratitude and deep sympathy with the efforts made by this Conference to restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors to natives. It calls attention to the fact that the general use of Kafir beer prepares the way for the consumption of brandy. It suggests that the time has come for taking steps to enlighten the native people on the serious nature of this evil, and organizing Total Abstinence Societies at every mission station. An offer is made of assistance, should it be desired, by sending an agent for the purpose of holding public meetings and organizing either Total Abstinence, Blue Ribbon, or Good Templar Associations.

receipt of the address

The Conference decided to thank the Grand Temple for drawing their attention to the subject, the great importance of it, they fully acknowledge. They would mention that Temperance Societies of different kinds are very common at mission stations and are encouraged by the missionaries. The Conference as a body is not able to avail itself of the offer so kindly made, but must leave the matter to the discretion of individual members to whose attention they commend. It is probable that some will take advantage of the opportunity.

11. Mr Smith Spencer drew the attention of the Conference to the importance of co-operating with the Cape Alliance. The matter was referred to the Business Committee for consideration and action if necessary.

12. Registration Bill.

The Conference then took into consideration the propriety of giving expression to an opinion on the subject of the Registration Bill was before the House. Mr Bryce Ross proposed the following resolution, which after being discussed was agreed to.

That the United Missionary Conference regret the introduction of a measure which will have the effect of withdrawing the franchise from a large number of native voters worthy of it and sensible of its value.



who have enjoyed it for many years and discharged their electoral duties in a way beneficial to the country. They deplore the effect on the native mind of putting them practically outside the pale of the Constitution, removing the political guarantees they have hitherto enjoyed that their rights shall be respected and bestowing that stimulus to improvement and progress which the possession of political privileges is felt to be, at a time when its beneficial influence was becoming more manifest every year. Should the Bill pass the Assembly they instruct the Business Committee to appeal to the Legislative Council or take such action as shall seem to them most expedient.

13. The Conference recognized the propriety of presenting an address to the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee. The matter was referred to the Business Committee, with Mr. Minn the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Brownlee was associated for the purpose of preparing such an address.

14.

#### Revision of Kafir Bible.

14. With reference to the completion of the revision of the Kafir Scriptures intimated in the Report, the following resolution was submitted by Mr. Harper seconded by Mr. Young and agreed to:
- The Conference desires to place on record its gratification at receiving intimation of the completion of the Kafir Bible. They would thank the Lord that he has been pleased to spare and strengthen so many of those who began the work eighteen years ago, and enable them to bring it to a successful conclusion. They pray that the increased circulation of the Scriptures wh<sup>ch</sup> may be expected to follow the completion of the Revised Version may be conducive to the progress of the people in religious knowledge and to their growth in Christian character. They send their fraternal greeting to the Rev. A. Hoff Chairman of the Board, now in Europe superintending the work as it passes through the press, and would express the hope that he may be spared to return to this country after finishing the task on wh<sup>ch</sup> he is now engaged.



Mr Futsche for the Statistical Committee, reported that nothing had been done since last Conference, in the matter of printing the Statistics. He stated that the time had arrived to begin preparations for another census; but that the fate of the last recorded Statistics raised the question whether it was desirable to attempt to take another. If the Conference is of this opinion, the Committee should be dissolved.

It was moved by the Secretary and seconded by Mr Harper that the Statistical Committee be retained. Agreed to

It was then agreed that some Statistical Schedules prepared by the Statistical Committee should be published in the Annual Report.

1886. 16. The Treasurer's Report was given in as follows:

July	To Balance	£5.3.2	By New Line	£1.1-
	Subscriptions	4	Stamps (Dec)	5
			Postage (Dec)	10
			Balance	7.7.2
		<u>£9.3.2</u>		<u>£9.3.2</u>

Including last year

To Balance £9.0.6 - Total £18.3.7. - J. James Branch

17. The Business Committee was instructed to watch the proceedings of the Parliament in relation to the education of the natives; and to take such steps as they shall deem expedient, if action should be necessary.

18. The Business Committee was re-appointed: Mr Harper's name being substituted for that of Mr James. It consists of the following gentlemen Messrs J. J. Ross, Gordon, Futsche, Harper and the Secretary clerical members with Messrs Greig and Duckles.

19. Mr Futsche called attention to the fact that according to the constitution of the Conference there should be a president, but that no president had been appointed for many years.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Pitt be the president during this year.

20. It was also agreed to appoint Mr Harper Treasurer.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr Knowlce for his services as Treasurer for several years.

21. Agreed to meet next year N.V. in the first week of July; and to give more time to business.

Wm. D. Don Secretary

Richard Bert Chairman



## Christian Conference

A Christian Conference met in St Andrew's Church at half past three.

Papers were read by the Rev. A. Dewar on 'Life in the Spirit' and by the Rev. E. Barrett on 'Intercessory Prayer', and remarks were made by various members of Conference.

The Conference met again in the evening in the same place when papers were read by the Rev. E. Barrett on 'Intercessory Prayer' and by the Rev. W. J. B. Davis on 'Methodical work among the young'. Remarks were made and devotional exercises engaged in by various members of Conference.



Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the United Missionary Conference

The Twenty-fourth annual meeting of the United Missionary Conference was held in the Berkeley St Chapel King Williamstown on Sunday the fifth of July 1888 at 9.30 A.M.

Present the Rev. Richard Brit of Seelton, President in the Chair; Revs. Ruyse Ross of Irie (F.C. of Scotland) John Harper, N.W. Town (U. Miss. Soc) William Stewart, Dundull (F.C.) J. Davidson, Adelaide (U. S. C.), W. S. B. Moir, Inverdale (F.C.), Richard Ross, Cunningham, (F.C.) J. J. Mzimba, Inverdale (F.C.) Charles Samla, N.W. Town (Wesleyan), James Reid & Philipson (U. M. S.) James Reid & Philipson (U. M. S.), Alexander Wedde, Umtswali (U. S.) R. Stewart, Inverdale (F.C.) Hugo Gutsche, N.W. S. (German Baptist) Elijah Makimane, Inverdale (F.C.), A. S. Rhodes, N.W. S. (Wesleyan) W. Wilkinson, Bider, N.W. S. (Wesleyan), H. L. Batts, N.W. S. (Baptist) James Davidson, Umtswali (U. S.), Dundas & Liskie, Edolo (F.C.), Rev. Thomas Glenham (U. S.), Edward Gowa, Umtswali (F.C.), James M. Oub Kentani (U. S.), John Dewar, Inverdale (U. S.), L. W. Stirling, Umtswali (U. S.), W. Keith, Somerset East (U. S.), W. Jindrod, Umtswali (U. S.) J. Roper, Mount Coke (Wesleyan), J. Kieffer, Bider (German Baptist) J. Hunter, Umtswali (U. S.), J. D. Don, N.W. Town (F.C.).

Also Messrs Andrew Smith, J. Blair, J. Dingo, Sabun, W. Calver and C. Powrie

- 2 The Chairman called upon the Rev. J. Davidson to conduct devotional services. Thereafter he made some opening remarks.
- 3 The Secretary stated that letters of apology for absence had been received from the Revs. J. Smith-Jones, H. Kayser, Theodore Gray, L. Pedyce, C. Sabun, W. Lubwana, L. Baret, and from the Lutheran brethren assembled in Synod.
- 4 The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
- 5 The Report of the Business Committee was then read. Mr Stewart moved its adoption, seconded by Mr J. Davidson and unanimously agreed to.



The Conference then proceeded to consider the subject of the liquor traffic among the natives

Read letter from the Rev. D. Matheron of Johannesburg, Member of the Temperance Committee of the Wesleyan Conference of S. Africa, stating that they had resolved to memorialize both Houses of Parliament, inviting suggestions and urging co-operation. Read also letter from Rev. H. Harper of Stanley dwelling chiefly on the evils arising from the use of Kafir beer.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the native ministers of the Rev. J. P. Smith, Virginia, Bushman, Lubiana and Gasa form a Committee for the purpose of preparing a Circular on the evils of Kafir beer, the Rev. Charles P. Smith, Gwesana.

The following resolution was also unanimously agreed to,

"That the Conference deplore the evils produced by Kafir beer and other native intoxicants among those natives who do not use brandy pure and simple, and are strongly of opinion that their use should be discouraged in every way.

"That the Conference also deplore the ever increasing evils caused by the use of brandy, and resolves to memorialize Government again, asking for the extension of the areas of prohibition and the re-imposition of a tax on brandy; opposing the reduction of licences and whatever may tend to reduce the price of liquor."

Rules<sup>20</sup> Druif and Harper were asked to draft the memorial

7. The Report of the Statistical Committee being called for, Mr. Futsche stated that nothing had been done in the matter of publication of the returns and that he had no report to lay before the Conference.

Dr. Stewart submitted certain proposals for publication with specimens of different modes of printing the returns for the consideration of the Conference. It was agreed that these should lie on the table, and that the matter should be taken up again at a subsequent stage of the proceedings.

8. The President having retired, the Secretary submitted the address prepared by a sub-committee to be presented to the Rev. A. D. D. on the occasion of his jubilee. Approved, and resolved to present the same at the social meeting this evening.

Adjourned till 2:30



Not as adjourned

9. A paper on the present condition of the Native women, and what may be done for the improvement of certain classes amongst them, prepared by Miss Sturrock of Shaftesbury ~~House~~ <sup>House</sup> Beeton was read by the Sec. & Anti.

Also a paper on "Various methods of utilizing Christian Women in Extension work" by the Rev. J. Myranda.

The thanks of the Conference were given to the writers of these papers.

10. With reference to the suggestions in Miss Sturrock's paper the following resolution was passed:

"That this Conference heartily approves of the suggestions made by Miss Sturrock viz. that a General Young Women's Christian Association be formed for the benefit of the Native women. Also that a ladies' Conference be established. The Conference would suggest that a number of ladies be asked to form themselves into a Committee for the purpose of giving practical effect to these proposals, the subject of a Resisting and Home being specially commended to their attention.

"That Miss Sturrock, Mrs. Minihed, Miss Blair, Miss Bond, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Asper be asked to place themselves in communication with ladies in the N. Town by circular or otherwise in name of this Conference with a view to the formation of such associations. That the ladies named have power to add to their number, Miss Sturrock being Convener."

11. The Rev. W. Stuart of Brimshill read a paper on the question "How to make prayer meetings interesting"

The thanks of the Conference was moved by Mr. J. Davidson who made some remarks on the same subject.

12. A paper on S. Schools by Mr. George Head of Bechouen was read by the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. James Davidson and seconded by Mr. Harper that the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. Head for his interesting and valuable paper.

It was suggested by Mr. Myra Ross that a fee should be taken for



putting the more practical parts of Mr heads paper into shape for circulation among the various churches and schools. Mr Inye Don was asked to take this matter on board; and it was suggested that the object might be secured by means of the Kapri Express.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10. A. M.

### Social gathering.

A social gathering was held in the evening in the Oddfellows Hall to which the members of Conference were invited by a local committee for the purpose of presenting an address to the President the Rev. D. Pitt. and of hearing some of his reminiscences of 1848 & 49 years.

The hall was crowded with a large and interested audience. George Mainie Esq of Weltondale was called to the chair. After devotional exercises the Secretary to the Conference read letters of apology from the Rev H. H. Dwyer, Rev W. Thompson, & Rev Philip of Cape Town, Rev J. Jeffreys of Stellenbosch, Rev D. Philip of Kooledale, and Rev D. de Koning of Port Elizabeth.

The following address was then read by the Secretary.



Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the United Missionary Conference.

The United Missionary Conference held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting in the Seaside & Chapel King West Town on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1889 at half past nine A.M. In the absence of the President (the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Charles Brownlee), the Rev. J. Davidson of Adelaide was called to the Chair

Present, Revs. Peter Davidson Adelaide (W. Presbyterian Church) John Kendrick, Mackay (W.?) John Dewar Inverkeithing (W.P.) James McLean, Myrtlewood (Free Church Scotland) William Stuart Brinsford (F.C.) John Thomson, Dunipree (F.C.) Edward Lewis Mann, (F.C.) John Hooper, N.W. Town, Congregational Richard Birt, Seelton, (C.) Hugo Futsche, N. W. Town (Baptist) Roger Ross Pine, (F.C.) E. Shearer Glenitton, (W.P.) James Davidson, Mt. Pleasant (W.P.) Richard Ross, Cunningham (F.C.) James W. Ould, Colmar (W.P.) John W. Stirling, Buchanan, Queen (W.P.) Walter B. Ambrose, (C.) John Gordon, N.W. Town (English Church) R. W. Sturges, Wickham (P.) W. Best, Stutterheim (Unitarian) E. Mathison, MacFarlane (F.C.) E. Mpruka, N.W. Town (Wesleyan) W. Philip, Swaba (P.) W. W. Sommers, Rouxville (Primitive Methodist) Robert Kerr Rhoads (F.C.) A. E. Rhodes, N.W. Town (Wesleyan Ch.) E. Roper, Mount Cote, (W.) W. J. Sells, N.W. Town (Baptist), A. Hauserrot Fort Beaufort (F.C.) W. J. S. Swair, Kowdale (F.C.) Alex. Weldie, Enyoali (W.P.) James Stewart Pratal, and L. D. Don, N.W. Town, Secretary (F.C.) Also the following laymen, Messrs Andrew Smith, Hector Calder, Kowdale, John D. Yekelo, N.W. Samuel Sadula, Uculana, John Knox, Kowdale, J. Hugo, Sabana, N.W. E. L. Dredges and William Hay, N.W. Town.

The Chairman opened the meeting with devotional exercises



Mr Hart replied, thanking the Conference for their congratulations, and proceeded to read an interesting account of his reminiscences of mission life.

Hereafter speeches were delivered by the Chairman, the Rev James Head S<sup>r</sup>, and the Rev D Stewart:

The benediction was pronounced by Mr Hart.

6<sup>th</sup> July.

The Conference met as adjourned. Rev. D. Hart in the Chair.  
The Chairman called upon the Rev D Stewart to engage in prayer.

13 The Consideration of the Subject of Statistics was resumed.

After discussion, the following points were agreed to. (1) That the publication of the returns in a modified form be proceeded with, the matter being remitted to the Business Committee in correspondence with D Stewart (2) That the tabular form be adopted. (3) That Mr Sutcliffe send copies to the diff<sup>r</sup> missionaries from whose returns were obtained, accompanied by new schedules.

14 The Accounts were submitted by the Rev J. Harper, Treasurer, approved.

15 It was proposed by Mr Sutcliffe, seconded by the Secretary and agreed to that the Rev W. D. B. Morris be requested to take charge of the S. African Prayer Union adopted by the Conference as its own institution in 1885.

16 Papers on "The Conditions of Natives in towns" were read by the Rev J. Harper and E. Makinnon. Resolved

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the writers of the papers and that an effort be made to form an Association of Christian gentlemen in towns to co-operate with the missionaries in dealing with some of the points specially referred to eg. the vending and use of Kafir beer, Homes for the young, organization of the better class of natives for purposes of mutual encouragement and support, the promotion of wholesome recreation &c

The following Missionaries were Mr Hart, Harper, Anya Ross, Lopez



Mr. J. Mula and Inkusana were asked to join themselves into a Committee with powers to add to their number, and especially to associate gentlemen in town willing to co-operate for the above-named purpose. Mr. Harper Convenes.

17 A report on the printing of the Revised Version of the Bible sent from Europe by the Rev. A. Kropp was then read. Mr. Kropp complains bitterly of the great and unexpected delay in printing & threatens to prolong his stay indefinitely. He contemplates this prospect with concern on account of his wife's health and his own, both of whom have suffered much from the severity of the climate.

Agreed that a letter of sympathy be addressed to Mr. Kropp. Also that a letter be addressed to the Bible Society urging the importance of hastening the progress of the work.

Mr. Stewart suggested that it might be possible so to arrange after the summer is over that the sheets be corrected in S. Africa - one coming and another going by every mail - and that Mr. Kropp stay in Europe during another winter until thus be advocated.

Agreed that this suggestion be made to the B. Soc. and Mr. Kropp.

18 The Secretary brought forward certain proposals made by the Rev. F. Mason of Grahamstown in favour of District N. M. Conferences, forming one organization, uniting in a General N. M. Conference & might meet triennially. These were referred to the Business Committee for consideration & inquiry, to be reported on at next meeting.

19. The Business Committee was re-appointed, the names of Rev. B. Stebbins substituted for that of Mr. Kropp. It consists of the following gentlemen Messrs. Hart, Harper, Anya, Ross, E. Lopez, H. Fintack, J. Gordon. - Stebbins and the Secretary, Messrs. Inep<sup>m</sup> & Anokles

20 It was moved by the Sec. & seconded by the Treasurer, and unanimously agreed to that the Hon. Charles Brumby be President for the ensuing year



The attention of the Conference having been drawn to the lamented death of the Rev. J. A. Chalmer of Grahamstown James a member and long the Secretary of the Conference it was agreed that a minute should be placed on record expressing the deep sense of the Conference of the loss sustained and its sympathy with the bereaved family. The Secretary was instructed to perform this duty and to send a copy to the family of the deceased.

22 It was resolved that the Proceedings of the Conference as recorded in the Minutes be printed at intervals; it being understood that it should not be at liberty to enlarge the Abstract by a fuller report of convenient

23. Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Officers of the Wesleyan Church for the use of the Serketley & Church: to the Members of the local Committee, the ladies and others who assisted in the arrangements for the social meeting; also to Geo. Munnings for his services in the Choir

24 It was omitted to the Business Committee to consider whether any change should be made in the time of meeting, and to fix the next meeting according to its decision

25 The benediction was then pronounced by the President.

### Minute on Rev. J. A. Chalmer, Grahamstown

The Conference has heard with great sorrow of the death of the late Rev. J. A. Chalmer of Grahamstown. Though the minister of a Colonial charge at the time of his death and in recent years, he was long a missionary of the W. Wesleyan Church among the Gaitas, like his father one of the early Scottish missionaries who also was cut down in his prime.

Mr Chalmer did excellent service to the Church of Christ during his missionary career; and is affectionately remembered by the native Christians, as well as by the missionaries & different Societies, who found in him an able and valued coadjutor in the work common to all, and



Nothing requiring co-operation. He never ceased to be a missionary in spirit and sympathies, and endeavoured successfully to promote the cause of missions, in the pastoral phase of his later years.

He was one of the founders of this Conference and for long its Secretary; in <sup>an</sup> capacity he took an active part in its discussions, as well as in the correspondence and varied work arising out of the questions w<sup>h</sup> the Conference has had to consider from time to time.

He was also a member of the Board of Revisers, and one of those who shared the chief burden of the work; having joined the Board soon after it was formed and continued upon it till its work was finished a short time before his death.

He was possessed of eminent abilities, fervent piety, evangelical ardour and a most Catholic spirit - a man in whom the feeling of brotherhood towards those in sympathy with him was very strong, and who never grudged counsel or help to those in need of it. He was full of zeal for the cause of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom; and gave himself unreservedly to promote the high and sacred interests connected with it.

The Church of Christ in this land and the cause of missions have lost a pillar, and are the weaker because of his death.

The Conference desires to express its warmest Christian sympathy with his widow and family, and wants to commend them to the care of Him who knoweth their sorrow and need, and will not leave His servants desolate.

P. Davidson  
Chairman



Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the United Missionary Conference.

1889.

The United Missionary Conference held its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting in the Berkeley St. Chapel King Street Town, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, at 9.30 A.M. In the absence of the President, (Honble. Charles Howland), the Rev. J. Davidson of Adelaide was called to the Chair.

Present, Revs. J. Davidson (United Methodist) J. Huntie (U.P.) J. Dewar (W.P.) J. McHaren (Gen. M. of Scotland), W. Stewart (F.C.) J. Thomson (F.C.) J. Trewin (F.C.) J. Harper (Congregational) R. Burt (C.) H. Sutcliffe (Baptist) B. Ross (F.C.) J. Shearer (W.P.) W. W. Rider (Wesleyan) J. Davidson (U.P.) A. Ross (F.C.) J. M. Auld (W.P.) J. W. Stirling (W.P.) W. B. Rutusana (C.) J. W. Strimling (English Church) W. Beste (Lutheran) J. Makinane (F.C.) W. M. Sommers (Primitive Methodist) J. Mphahlele (Wesleyan) J. R. Philip (F.C.) Robt Barr (F.C.) A. E. Rhodes (W.) J. Gordon (C.) J. P. Papp (W.) H. J. Batts (B.) A. Haresworth (F.C.) J. R. B. Verrill (F.C.) A. J. Walsh (W.P.) Thomas Stewart Hotel, J. A. Don Secretary (F.C.)

Also the following laymen were present: Andrew Smith (Lake Howland) Hector Calder (Howland) John R. Updele (N.W. Town) Samuel J. Adula (Lutheran) John King - Bokore (Howland) J. Lemp - Sabane (N.W. Town) J. P. Duellas (N.W. Town) and William H. King (N.W. Town)

The Chairman opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Apologies for absence were presented from Revs. A. Hampson, J. Barrett, O. Jadel, D. Westphal and W. Stewart

2. The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
3. The Business Committee's Report was read by the Secretary. Its adoption was moved by Mr Dewar, seconded by Mr Trewin, and agreed to
4. The Secretary stated that the President, Mr Howland regretted being unable to take the Chair on account of the state of his health, and had deputed him to convey to them some things he would have liked to say in taking farewell. He



expressed his satisfaction that so many petitions had been sent from the natives asking restriction of the liquor traffic. He hopes they would persevere in their efforts: but that they must do everything in their power to put down smuggling etc, give information, and assist gov<sup>t</sup>. He expressed his belief that restriction by means of proclaimed areas had been of use.

He regretted that the "Difedini" had become extinct, and expressed the hope that it might be revived as a weekly newspaper.

He referred to the uses of the Conference as a platform on which the members of different Churches and Missions meet for fraternal intercourse etc. He trusts it will continue and prosper, and prays that God's blessing may rest upon it, and on the labours of all the missionaries. He wishes to thank the Conference for what he esteems a great honour, being appointed President of the Conference last year, and at the same time to resign the office.

Resolved. That the Conference has heard with much regret of the cause of Mr Jacobson. That the Conference has heard with much regret of the cause of Mr Jacobson. It has considered it impossible for their President, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Proculus to be with them to-day. It thanks him for the message conveyed to them by the Secretary. It desires to express its deep sympathy with him in his affliction; and earnestly prays that he may be relieved from suffering and still further spared - that he may be sustained and strengthened in mind and heart, and that God's precious presence with him may impart light, comfort and hope.

5 The Chairman expressed regret that he must ask leave to retire for a time, and proposed that the Rev Mr Angedon should take his place. This being agreed to Mr Angedon took the Chair etc. He continued to occupy himself until the Conference.

6 The Report of the Statistical Committee was given verbally by Mr Futsche Comenius, to the effect that the tables had at last been printed in a condensed form. Copies were laid on the table. A letter was read from Mr Stewart emphasizing the importance of proceeding at once with the effort to obtain fresh returns.

The following resolution was proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Mr McHaren and agreed to:

The Conference has received with much satisfaction the printed Statistics prepared by the Committee, though presented in a condensed form owing to the expense of printing.



They thank Mr. Broun much they owe to the Rev. H. Pictou who has freely given both time and trouble to the laborious task of collecting and classifying the returns - a work requiring patience and perseverance as well as independent and discrimination. They thank him for what he has done, and would express the hope that he will not be deterred by past difficulties and discouragements from undertaking a fresh census as the period of 5 years has now expired. They also thank Dr. Stewart of Howdale, for what he has done in condensing, revising and printing the returns - also Mr. Collier of Howdale for his services.

They desire to record their conviction of the value and importance of such statistics, not only in S. Africa, but to the friends of missions throughout the world; and would strongly urge all missionaries to give their help to make the returns complete, so that it may be possible to estimate progress by a comparison between these statistics and those now to be collected.

Mr. Pictou expressed his willingness to undertake the collection of fresh returns, postage and stationery expenses will be met by the Conference.

7. There was no report from the Board of Revision; but the Chairman announced that the printing of the revised translation is now completed, and that the Board do not wish to be discharged. The following resolution was agreed to.

The Conference has heard with much pleasure of the completion of the revised version of the Kafir Bible. It begs to acknowledge the energy and courtesy of the British and Foreign Bible Society in carrying through the work and receiving the suggestions of the Conference.

They have also heard with great satisfaction that the University of Berlin has conferred on Mr. Knopf the degree of D. D. for his distinguished services as a translator. They heartily congratulate Mr. Knopf on the honour so graciously bestowed upon him, and pray that he may be long spared to enjoy it, and to continue the work of his life as a missionary to the heathen in S. Africa.

They desire also to record anew their gratitude to God for His goodness in bringing this great work to so happy a close. They would thank the members of the Board of Revision who have devoted so much time and attention to this important undertaking during the long period of eighteen years.



They call the attention of the Kafir-Speaking Christians to the fact that there now exists a version of the Bible in their own language, which may fairly be regarded as final and sufficient for a long time to come, and they urge upon them the paramount duty of buying and reading the Scriptures. Only if the Bible becomes a thoroughly well known and well-read book in the native Church will that Church become a strong living and self-propagating Church.

They continue the Board of Revision for such final touches as may seem to them necessary before stereotyping the version.

8. A letter was read from the Rev. F. Pearson late of Grahamstown suggesting a re-organization of the Conference on the principle of having distinct conferences which should meet annually connected with a general United Conference which might meet every three or four years.

This letter had been intended for last year's Conference, but had been received by the Secretary after the Conference. It had been laid before the Business Committee, which does not see its way to make any report or suggestion, but simply lays it before the Conference.

The time having arrived for hearing certain papers, further consideration of this subject was adjourned.

9. A paper on "The best method of stimulating the natives to work for the cause of Christ, and to Christian giving" prepared by Rev. E. Barrett was read in Mr Barrett's absence by Mr L. E. Duell.

Also a second paper on the same subject by Rev. E. Eason.

The Conference then adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

Met as adjourned

It was agreed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the writers of the papers read this morning.

10. A paper on "Spiritual growth in Mission Churches" prepared by the Rev. Durant Philip was read by Mr Wood. The thanks of the Conference to the writer was unanimously agreed to.



11. Mr Harper presented a Report from the Committee appointed by last Conference to consider what can be done to improve the condition of natives in town. The Committee make various suggestions as follows:

- (1) Resolved to form a committee to suggest by laws to check sale of Kaffir Beer
- (2) That a copy of the bill should be sent to the magistrates to provide the necessary accommodation for them & to be aware of the amount of their
- (3) That grants of the B. Act be reviewed by their respective magistrates & to be aware of the amount of their

It was agreed to adopt the Report, and remit the matter again to the Committee, for the purpose of carrying out the suggestions, so far as possible, in the name of the Conference.

12. The Secretary read a paper prepared by him for the Business Committee at their request on "The liquor traffic among the natives and the licensing Act, Past, Present and Future", containing a review of what has been done by the Conference in this matter, a survey of the existing situation, and suggestions for future action.

After discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr W. R. Laker.

Resolved, secondly, Mr J. Harper, and agreed to

This Conference appoints the following gentlemen to act in connection with the Business Committee as a Vigilance Committee, to see that the provisions already existing for regulating the sale of intoxicants to natives are duly observed; to collect information that may prove useful in securing better legislation; and to act in the name of this Conference, during the intervals of its meetings, in the interests of the natives, and in arousing greater public interest in the existing menace to the peace, health and morals of our native population. (Mr W. R. Laker and the mover)

13. Mr Harper called attention to the fact that there had been no Special Kaffir Services in connection with the meeting of Conference arranged for this year. It was agreed that the ministers of native churches in town should form a standing committee for the organization of such services; and that this should be regarded as an institution



connected with the Conference; the help of members being solicited in good time before  
- lunch, spent by Year

Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.30 A.M.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Met as adjourned. Rev. Bro. Dorr in the Chair.

14. With reference ~~also~~ to the Committee appointed by last Conference of Mr. Miss Starrock is convenor, the Secretary stated that no report has been forwarded, but that Miss Starrock has been in correspondence with persons in London, Edinburgh & Cape Town and has obtained information as to the working of the organization proposed elsewhere. The matter was referred again to Miss Starrock for further action and report.
15. No report was forthcoming on the subject of the S. African Prayer Union. Mr. Moor, being present, agreed to attend to the matter.
16. The Treasurer's Statement was then presented. It shows a Balance in hand on the general account of £4.15.2. on the Vic. House Fund of £9.0.5. Accepted.
17. It was agreed that the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Swainson should again be appointed President for the year.
18. A paper on "Women's Work in the Union Sets" was read by Mr. Moor. It was ~~known by~~ ~~that~~ ~~secondly~~ ~~Mr Moor~~ ~~and~~ ~~proposed~~ that nearly thanks be given to Mr Moor for his paper, and that he be asked to print it in the Christian Express. After a conversation on the subject of the paper it was resolved that Mr Moor be asked to correspond with the various Missions and Stations on the subject of Women's Work, with the view of obtaining information, and to report on the subject next year. Mr Moor agreed to do so.
19. The subject of the Disputes Act was referred to in the message from the President was then discussed. The Business Committee was instructed to put itself in communication with Mr Stewart, to ascertain whether a financial guarantee can



and whether the resuscitation of the Digestive as a weekly is a feasible undertaking. If found feasible the Conference approves of an effort being made to do so.

The Business Committee was instructed to associate the Revision Committee with themselves in dealing with this matter.

20. Consideration of the question of re-organization of the Conference was deemed. It was resolved as follows: (a) That the Conference continue to meet annually (b) That there be a special meeting in King of the South tennially (c) That Correspondence be entered into with the French Missionaries in Basutoland and others, with the view of obtaining representatives from a larger area to the tennial meeting (d) That the appointment of Corresponding Members be revised (e) That an effort be made to procure short speeches from each member stating anything of interest in his year's work, at the annual meeting of Conference.

That the Business Committee be requested to endeavour to carry out these proposals.

21. Mr. Moor having drawn attention to the fact that Mr. S. Stewart a member of the Natal Conference was present, the Chairman heartily welcomed Mr. Stewart who briefly replied.

22. The following members were appointed Corresponding Members in connection with the diff<sup>r</sup> bodies represented in the Correspondence C. of S. J. Rev. R. W. Stumles (Wolofan) Rev. R. W. Debar, L.M.S. Rev. W. Lubusana, U.S. Rev. J. Debar, Gambia Rev. J. Wharrie, Jemankukwan Rev. D. Knopf, Mororan Rev. J. Padd.

23. The Conference proceeded to raise the Committees. The following were discharged: Education Com: Law & Titles D; High Court Licensing; Diseases in Central Africa & the following re-appointed: Statistical Committee as before Mr. Futsche Com. Sec. Business Committee President, Mr. Knopf Charles Brownlee C. of S. Rev. D. Knopf (Wolofan) Rev. J. Jordan (U.S. J. Rev. J. Debar (L.M.S.) Rev. J. Debar and A. J. Debar (Wolofan) Rev. J. Padd (Mororan) Rev. J. Debar (U.S. J.) Rev. J. Debar (L.M.S.) Rev. H. Futsche (Defint) Ernest Warr & Duettes.

24. A vote of thanks was given to the managers of the Wesleyan Ch. for the use of the building. Also to the Business Committee and the Secretary



was resolved in conclusion, to record the thanks of the Conference to Almighty God for His goodness to them during the twenty five years of their existence as a constituted body; in that they have been permitted to meet in peace and harmony, and to carry out various measures fitted to promote the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. They would specify the completion of the printing of the Revised Kafir Bible, and the publication of the first body of Statistics, as events signaling the present meeting and deserving of grateful recognition.

The Chairman called upon Mr Hanesworth to conclude with prayer.

Boyer R. P.  
Chairman



26th Annual meeting of the United Missionary Conference. 3 July 1890 -

The United Missionary Conference held its twenty sixth Annual meeting in the Berkeley St Chapel King's Cross Road on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1890 at 9.30 A.M. In the absence of the President, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Brownlie, D. Ross of Exe was called to the Chair, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises.

Present, Bishops: D. Ross (E. of Scotland) D. Kroff (Lutheran), Otto Lidel (Evangelical) M. Jeteche (German Baptist), A. W. Stumtles (E. of Sweden) J. Gordon (C. of England) James Davidson (W. Scotland) J. McLaren, J. Ferguson, W. D. Moor, J. Thomson and T. Makisane (E. of Scotland) J. Harper, (London Miss. Society) Thomas Espar, A. S. Rhodes, J. Mputa (W. of S. Africa) E. J. Leimer (Ger. Baptist) N. Ando (Lutheran) W. Magubela (W. of S. Africa) J. D. Van (E. of S. Africa) Secs.

Also the following laymen Andrew Smith Esq, J. Seng Sabam Esq, J. E. Duckles Esq.

The Secretary stated that the Business Committee had agreed to recommend that D. Kroff should be asked to occupy the Chair on this occasion. D. Kroff, who was now present, asked to be excused from filling the Chair on the ground of indisposition. It was agreed that D. Ross should continue in the Chair.

Apologies for absence had been received from the Bishops, R. Lambton, J. Davidson, J. Ando, W. Ambusana, and J. Joste.

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

3. The Report of the Business Committee was then read and adopted.

The Report having referred to the liquor Commission and the question of action by Government thereupon, Mr McLaren affirmed the necessity of dealing with the minority report of the liquor Commission without delay, and moved as follows: That the Conference appoint a Committee to examine both the majority and minority reports of the liquor Commission - to compare <sup>them</sup> with the evidence, and draw up a statement if necessary to be forwarded to the Business Committee w<sup>ch</sup> shall judge whether the statement should be printed and forwarded to Members of Parliament.



Mr Andrew Smith expressed himself as in favour of Areas of Restriction, but at the same time urged the necessity of guarding against class legislation.

The Secretary seconded Mr McKeown's motion, which was agreed to. Resolving to constitute the Committee. Mr Ross, Messrs A. Smith, W. Hay, J. Hanford, the Secretary and the mover (Mr J. McKeown)

4. The Report of the Committee on 'Natives in Towns' was called for. There was no report. The Conference refer the matter again to the Committee, and urge them to take immediate action in the direction indicated last year.

5. The Secretary stated that there was no report from the Committee of Mr Miss Sturrock is Convener charged with the endeavour to provide a Home and Lodging for young women in town, but he had received a letter from Miss Sturrock in which she explained that the want of a suitable person to take up the proposed work had been a hindrance to progress. There was some prospect of obtaining a suitable agent. If this hope were realized, she thought the scheme might be in working order by another year.

6. The Report of the Statistical Committee was read by the Convener, Mr Gutsche. It states that the Statistics laid before the Conference in 1884 have at last been printed and distributed. Copies have been sent to Missionaries and Governments in S. Africa as well as to parent Societies.

Statistics are now being collected for the period ending with last year, and it is hoped that a report similar to the last will be ready for the printer in a month or two. The financial question will have to be faced at once.

7. The Treasurer's Report was then called for. It is as follows

Receipts		Expenditure	
By Contributions	£ 9.0.2	To May Burs	£ 2. 15. -
By Missionary Fund	9.0.5	Rowley & Co	7. 6
		May Burs	-- 10. 6
		Mr H Gutsche	6. 15. 8
		Balance	10. 8. 8
			7. 11. 11
			£ 18. 0. 7



The Treasurer noted that the account for printing the Statistics, amounting to about £20, is still due to be paid, to meet it there is only the balance of last year to be supplemented by the present year's subscriptions.

8. Discussion on the Statistical Committee's Report being resumed, it was resolved,
- (1) that the statistics now being collected be printed at once (2) that a charge be made for each copy sufficient to defray the expense of printing (3) that a list be found of those willing to undertake the responsibility of publication and make good any deficiency (4) that should there be a credit balance on the general fund in the Treasurer's hands, it shall be available for the same purpose.

The following names were placed on the list: Bryce Nov, J. A. Dou, A. Knopf, J. McHenry, Andrew Smith, John Harper, J. S. Ferguson, Jas Davidson, H. Futschie, Otto Padd, P. J. Krimer, Njaha Makhame, Alexander Walsh, J. E. Duddle (up to 20), J. Roper, W. J. B. Moor (involve 10 or more copies)

Mr Knopf suggested that application be made to Societies and others in Europe asking them to take copies. Agreed to do so.

9. A report on "Women's work in the Missions" was given in by Mr Moor. He had corresponded with mission stations all over S. Africa, and had received some replies from Natal and the Cape Colony. Experience however suggests that perseverance in this effort to collect information will secure a larger response by and by. Nothing new has been suggested; familiar methods seem to be generally employed. The importance of personal contact with individuals by visitation and otherwise is emphasized by some of the writers.

The Conference thank Mr Moor for his report, agree to request the publication at least of extracts in the "Christian Express", and to continue the Committee.

10. On behalf of the Board of Revisers Mr Zisoff reported verbally that the Bible Society in accordance with its custom, requires another revision before stereotyping the new translation. That the Revisers have met, and appointed a <sup>Session</sup> meeting to be held in August when the work of re-revision will be begun.

The Conference agreed to urge the various bodies concerned - that is, those who compose this Conference - to send representatives to the Board of Revisers for this work.



Mr A. Smith having drawn the attention to the fact that their Chairman (B. Ross) had recently received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Glasgow as a ~~due~~ well-merited recognition of what he had done as a member of the Division Board, the Conference agreed to place on record their great satisfaction that the eminent Services of Mr Ross in connection with the revised translation of the Scriptures into Kafir have been recognized by the University of Glasgow, & that it has conferred upon him the Honorary degree of D. D. They congratulate him upon an honour of which he is so worthy. It is their prayer that he may be long spared to enjoy the distinction, and to continue his work as a missionary in this country.

Adjourned till 2-30 1911.

Met as adjourned.

11. It was agreed to instruct the Business Committee to address the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in name of the Conference on the subject of the liquor traffic among the natives, urging them to use their influence in favour of restriction.
12. The attention of the Conference having been called to the continued illness of their President, the Honourable Charles Knowles, also to the recent prostration of the Rev Richard Ross of Cummuthram it was agreed to record their deep sympathy with Mr Knowles and Mr Ross <sup>(and their families)</sup> in their affliction, and their prayer that the Lord may comfort bless and help them. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this minute to Messrs Knowles and Ross.
13. The Chairman then invited the members to take part in a Conference on work asking each to give some account of their work and of the state of things in their respective districts, mentioning such facts as might interest the Conference.  
The Rev P. Dreyer was first called upon and responded, being followed by Messrs Hanper, Sidel, Inois, Asper, Vidler, Duquoinne, Du Ham, J. Davidson and the Chairman.
14. After the Conference on work the question of continuing or dissolving the Conference was introduced by the Secretary. He referred to the diminished interest in its work shown by the scanty attendance, to the difficulty experienced in securing papers and preparing a programme for the annual meetings, and urged that it would be better to wind up its affairs than that it should continue in a half-alive state of existence.



Mr Duckles deprecated the dissolution of the Conference, referring to the instructive and interesting conversation of this afternoon, and urging that if the time were similarly occupied at the annual meetings, these would lend a more attractive character to the proceedings of the Conference, and induce a larger as well as steadier attendance. He complained that so much of the time was devoted to the discussion of general business as detracted from what is the proper work of such a conference, holding that the matters dealt with can now be attended to more satisfactorily by the separate organizations of the various Churches. But he considered it to be of great importance that the missionaries of different denominations should meet on a common platform for friendly conference on the subject of their work, instead of being kept in a narrow groove by mingling only with those of their own denomination.

Mr McHarm while agreeing as to the importance of what Mr Duckles had emphasized, considered that the Conference had accomplished a great deal in the past by attending to matters affecting the general welfare of the natives, and he believed there was still work of the same kind to be done, which could not be done so effectively by separate organizations as by such a representative united body; and urged that the Conference should neither be dissolved, nor confined to an interchange of views and experiences, though its proceedings might be modified to suit altered circumstances.

Similar opinions having been expressed by other members, it was resolved.

- (1) That the Conference be continued (2) That the best place in time and importance at the annual meetings be given to Conference on work at which the members shall be invited to a free interchange of ideas and experiences such as may serve for inspiration and mutual encouragement (3) That other matters be attended to by the Business Committee which shall act in the name of the Conference as it sees occasion, holding stated meetings for this purpose and presenting a Summary report of its proceedings at the annual meeting. Further (4) That the question of convening the Conference be left to the Business Committee, it being understood that, unless they see fit for sufficient reason to determine otherwise, the Conference shall assemble next year as heretofore.

15. The various Committees and offices were re-appointed - Mr Roper being substituted for Mr Rider as loc. com.

16. A vote of thanks was given to the Wesleyan Ch. for the use of the chapel; and the Conference was closed with the benediction.

A devotional meeting was held in St Andrew's Ch. in the evening presided over by the Chairman, it was attended by 240 men on Central African Missions.

W. Mason