Disbursement of the Catechist Grant from July, 1921, to March, 1922.

Ilaka	No. of Catechists.	Monthly Allowances.	Paid in Nine Months
1. Ranchi	40	Rs 130	Rs 1170
2. Lohardaga	25	Rs 55	Rs 495
3. Gumla	16	Rs 43	Rs 387
4. Kondra	21	Rs 55	Rs 495
5. Chainpur	20	Rs 60	Rs 540
6. Kinkel	43	Rs 133	Rs 1197
7. Khutitoli	21	Rs 41	Rs 369
8. Koronjo	26	...	...
9. Jharsuguda	13	Rs 84	Rs 756
10. Rajgangpur	28	Rs 80	Rs 720
11. Jarakudar	17	Rs 45	Rs 405
12. Karimati	27	Rs 75	Rs 675
13. Chaibassa	4	Rs 20	Rs 180
14. Purulia	6	Rs 24	Rs 216
15. Singhani	3	Rs 14	Rs 126
16. Burju, Tamar, & Tokad	38	Rs 65	Rs 585
17. Gobindpur	26	Rs 76	Rs 684
18. Takarma	27	...	...
Total	401	Rs 1,000	Rs 9,000

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The Secretary then explained some discrepancies in Mr. Soy's speech and attempted to make clear some statements which would lead to serious misunderstandings of facts. First of all he referred to the N.M.C. Resolutions in the pamphelet prepared by Mr. J.H. Oldham and showed that while different organisations had their say ,it was the Churches and Missions which should determine their policies. He read out and translated the fol lowings from the pamphlet :-

" X X that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the Churches and Missions. It is the intention of the N.M.C. that the same fundamental principle should be the basis of missionary co-operation in India . X X X any one who is appointed an officer of the N.M.C., X X X must realize that if he were to commit any Church or Mission to any course contrary to its deliberate wil and judgment,he would at once and justly forfeit its confidence; X X As has already been said ,the officers are not going to attempt to impose their policies on the Churches and Missions,but to assist the Churches and Missions in working out together a common policy and to help to give effect to that policy after,and not before ,it expresses the real mind of the Churches and Missions themselves."

As to the question that the German missionaries can not return till the restrictions are removed,Mr. Hurad referred to the Minutes of the International Missionary Council,Lake Mohonk,and pointed out that -" Mr. Burton reported the action of the United Missionary Council in Australia, which had resulted in permission being given for the German missionaries to remain for a period of 7 years ,after which the question would be reconsidered." He next referred to the Memoranda of the Government and pointed out that His Majesty's Government and the Govt. of India cordially welcome the co-operation of missionaries in furthering the moral and material well-being of the peoples of India. He explained the new "exceptioanl conditions under which missionaries of former enemy nationality may be admitted to India",and showed that there would be not much difficulty in the autonomous church (which would be no longer a mission) to find a British subject as its official head,if British subject meant only not those born in Britain but also those born in British India.

As to Mr. Soy's point that aliens can not return as a body or a mission,Mr. Hurad said that most probably it was possible provided the official head in India were a British subject. The restrictions of 5 years he said were general for all societies of former enemy nationality but exceptions under special circumstances from the general prohibitions were also possible.

Mr. Soy had drawn the attention of the Conference to the most important subject connected with Autonomy. He had said that by the return of the German missionaries ,the accepted autonomy would be seriously imperilled. As to this Mr. Hurad explained that there were two things most closely related to autonomy which also meant self-administration and the other self-support. He enlarged upon these two points and pointed out that they lacked in both. He then read out an extract (a translation) from a letter of the Rev. H. Roterberg of the Berlin Gossner's Mission Home Board , which read as follows: (Copy of the Extract enclosed)

He also read out and translated aportion from Dr. Kausch's letter which was this--"

" I can assure you ,that we dont intend to cancel,or to disturb or even to dissolve the accepted autonomy of the Chota Nagpur Church. On the contrary our missionaries are prepared to enter into the Constitution in the sense declared in your letter,and to promote and to strengthen the autonomy in reality by spiritual guidance and education of the future ministers and by advising the present ones. Please tell this our position to the members of the Church Council,as we already in our Jubilee-letter have declared ,that we greet with joy the autonomy. Therefore there is no no peril at all for the autonomy."

He then related in brief the relation of the Church towards the two Boards. He said he did not intend in any way to condemn the present arrangement. But while acknowledged with gratitude the invaluable service rendered to the Church he pointed out some defects in the machinery itself which was harming the cause of the Church to some extent.In order that the delegates could be helped to form a right idea of the present situation he said he would cite only one instance. He cited the Kinkel trouble and said that they could not get over this trouble and settle their ~~inter~~ relations with the S.P.G ,during the last 3 years though the

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Advisory Board and the Provincial Council acted as go-betweens.The S.P.G. Church,he said,in the meantime having taken advantage of this undue delay did whatever it wanted to do. He also said that he could give some more instances but he was afraid lest he should be considered as one unfair to the Boards. He acknowledged with thankfulness the good the Boards were doing in many ways and the generosity of the American Lutherans without whose material help the Advisory Board would have not been able to conserve the extensive work they have been called upon todo.

With regard to Mr. Soy's speech that owing to low exchange of German mark and financial stringency the German missionaries would not be able to finance the whole work,Mr. Hurad said ,that he did not believe that finance would stand on their way. He was positive,he said,that God's work would never suffer for lack of funds. Before the War funds for Chota Nagpur were raised not only in Germany and other parts of Europe but in America and also in India and he felt sure that the generous Christian friends in these countries would out of Christian charity respond to the appeals of the officers of the would be organisation.

Mr. Hurad further pointed out that they had only made a beginning in self-support. It has been alleged,he said,that the return of the German missionaries would take away and kill the spirit of autonomy and self-support in the people,while it could be proved on the contrary that this is far from the truth. In 1914 when the missionaries were in the field the Church contributions of all kinds amounted to Rs 40,000,while the contributions of 1921 amounted to Rs 30,000. This alone evidently proves whether our efforts towards self-support were better directed by the missionaries.. True it is we did not know what we were then doing,as the machinery of the administration was not in our hands. But now with our accepted autonomy we are to share equally the burden of that real self-government.

In closing ,Mr. Hurad read out a portion from Prof. Mukerji's speech which he delivered in Lahore ,as the President of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians. Prof. Mukerji said:-

"After mature consideration the conviction has grown on me that the time has come that missions as such should cease to exist; that,wherever possible ,Missions should be merged in the Church and that there should be one and only one organisation,viz,the Church Organisation.In future ,the foreign missionary should be related to the Indian Church, and that his work in this country should be determined by it. This will do away with the idea of Foreign Missions controlling the Indian Church. The principle of equal partnership must be regarded as a cardinal principle . There will be neither the question of an Indian serving under a European or a European serving under an Indian. The sooner we can get rid of this word "under",in this context,the better. It should be deleted from a Christian's dictionary."

Mr. Hurad told the Conference that uptill now no missionary society had yet consented or expressed the policy of the Home Boards,to merge the Missions to Churches and call the new products as -"Church Organisations". On the other hand the Berlin letter showed that the German missionaries who were considered as narrow and quite ignorant of the rapid developments that were taking place outside of Germany ,had been the first to move in accepting the principle of equal partnership with the Indian Christians.The Berlin letter outlined in the most emphatic and unmistakeable terms the course the German missionaries would take in future in relation to the Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.When this new scheme takes effect,the Chota Nagpur Church,with all its backwardness, would be the premier Church in all India and a source of strength and inspiration to those who aspire to that end,and it would achieve that much longed for goal,which Indian Christians in other missions are crying in so loud a voice to have.

In concluding Mr. Hurad asked the Conference to consider prayerfully whether the development of the Church could be effected better along with the selected few of the former German missionaries ,who knew the people and the country and their needs more intimately and thoroughly, or with the Boards as at present constituted.

Next to this several delegates,both ministerial and lay,spoke intimating their approval of the return of the former missionaries to Chota Nagpur.

After some lively discussion votes were taken by raising of hands.

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All unanimously ,without a single dissenting vote,voted for the return of the German missionaries.

The votes being taken the President requested the Rev.Mr. Cannaday to address the Conference. The Conference listened to his interesting speech and the President then thanked him on its behalf for that.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED: That this Conference while expressing in its fullest measure the endevours made by the Advisory Board,the Board of Trustees, the B.& O. Missionary Council,the N.M.C.,the Guntur A.E.L.Mission and the National Lutheran Council of America to conserve the work of the former German mission in Chota Nagpur & Assam,feel that in order to effect the moral,spiritual and material development of the Church,in the best way possible,it is essential—

A. That definite endevours be made by the Advisory Board through the proper channels to secure the return of the German missionaries as soon as practicable.

B. That in gladly and thankfully accepting the terms of the Berlin Home Board,the Conference recommends the names of the following and with a view to allow them to resume their work in Chota Nagpur and Assam, request that the Government of India and His Majesty's Government be approached accordingly.:-

(1) The Rev. D.Dr. A. Nottrott. (2). The Rev. John Stosch. (3) The Rev. Chr. Schmidt. (4). The Rev. E. Wueste. (5). The Rev. A. John I. (6). The Rev. F. Graetsch. (7). The Rev. W. Diller,also the following lady workers:-(1) Deaconess Miss M. Vorkoeper. (2) Miss .T. Palm. and (3) Miss L. Hahn.

C. That the wishes and the sentiments of the Church be communicated to the Berlin Gossner Mission authorities by the Advisory Board and ask them to comply with the conditions prescribed in the Government's Memoranda, by getting the application forms filled in for the missionaries named in B.

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Govindpore.
P.O. Jariagarh.
Bihar, India.

The Rev. H.O. Kausch, D. Theol.
Gossner Mission House.
Berlin-Friedenau.

9. Mai 1922

My dear Doctor,

I hope by now you have received my short letter of the 30th. March last and must have known something as to what we are doing here for the return of our beloved missionaries to Chota Nagpur. I am to-day sending under a separate cover a copy of the N.M.C. Report and its resolutions as prepared by Mr. J.H. Oldham and 3 copies of the new draft of the Indian Christian Marriage Act. I think these will be of some interest to you all. The latter I send for favour of expert opinion from some of our missionaries who have had ample opportunity while in India to express themselves on an important subject as this, on which a considerable amount of our well-being depends. Hope I shall get some valuable suggestions from them very soon.

The Advisory Minutes have just come which I enclose, also a copy of the discussion which took place in the Conference on that all-important question of the <u>return</u>. A copy of this was sent to the Board too for their meeting. I may note here for your information that Mr. N. Soy, the Rev. John Topono and a small minority who were misled by them, showed by their words and deeds that the return, on many and special grounds, was not good for the community. Mr. Cannaday was present throughout my speech. When I spoke for some 35 minutes, Mr. Cannaday and Mr. Soy too asked me through the President to shorten my speech, to enable others to express their opinion. Of course there was ample time and we practically finished this subject before time. ~~And~~ I could not answer all the points raised by Mr. Soy. But whatever I said could not be contradicted by any one. My speech as given here is only a brief. What struck me most was that if Messrs. Soy, Topono and the party thought it and found it by their reasonings that the return was not good and desirable they should have voted against the return, which they did not do. This is what they exactly did in 1918 when we wanted our severance with the S.P.G.. While advocating the voice of one party, they are careful not to lose the sympathy of the other, in case the first party is out of power. This is nothing but treachery.

The Board have now decided to consider this question at a special meeting (vide p.7 of the Minutes). I do not know what they want us to do. But I would tell them that the Church Council has now power to undo what the Conference has done or decided. What I now suspect is that they would ask us to continue to be under the Board i.e. the Church and the returning missionaries. To this I have the strongest objection. This is prejudicial to the real interest of the Church. The Boards are an impediment to the real progress.

The Trustees have taken resettlement of the Lohardugga compound on payment of an exhorbitant Sallami and on an annual rental of Rs 300/- or a like sum. They have sold a piece of land in Purulia for Rs 4000/- They are now selling the furniture &c in Gumla without consulting the Church and without letting us have an opportunity of buying such property at the first instance. We think we have a prior claim to buying. The Church is not recognised in the Trust Deed as one entitled to inherit the Mission Property. The Trustees have every power ~~tex~~ and they can do whatever they like with the property. The Trustees have been spending large sums out of the contributions of the American Lutherans towards the maintenance of the property and still they find it necessary to dispose of the property which should not have been done as they have been doing at present.

The funds from America come for the interest of the Church and its activities and the same Church is not consulted . The Advisory Board with funds at its disposal is all in all and this is our Autonomy. To me it appears that for evangelistic and pastoral work we have a poor organisation-the Church Council, with hands and feet bound down, for educational and philanthropic work we have the Board as a separate mission set up in our midst, and for the property we have a body not responsible to any one(of course responsible formally to Government-formally and nom-

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inally) but playing with money obtained from outside.

I feel confident that whatever time it will take to discuss this question of the <u>return</u>,the door of the Chota Nagpur Church will remain ever open to the former missionaries. If it be not possible to bring them back before the expiry of the 5 year's' time limit,there will be no difficulty standing on their way when the people themselves want them. People have extended their welcome and this welcome will never die. Of this I can assure you.

On the 30th. March Mr. Cannaday told me that a rumour had got into the town that the Germans are coming back,and consequently the Trustees' Agent asked him to accept his resignation as he would go to Calcutta and look for a job there.He said he would go and see the Commissioner on this and if questioned as to the cause of this rumour,he would give him my name as responsible for all such matters,as I had great influence on the minds of the Lutheran Christians. I told him I would explain my position to the Govt.,if asked to do so. He had been to the Commissioner but I have not heard anything from him since then on this matter.

Your kind pastoral letter was read out by me to the Conference and was shown to Mr. Cannaday too.It is just what it should have been. We thank you humbly and from the depths of our hearts for your exhortations and wise and valued counsels. I hope to send you a formal acknowledgment of the same soon after our Council meets next month.

Cand. Khristochit Guria,now in Rajgangpur,has been ordained to the Gospel-minstry during the Conference and is being posted to Govindpur replacing Rev. Daniel Horo who goes to Sarnatoli.

Please be not anxious for my support,though I am sure not to get anything from America,because of the Board. My Madras friends now helping me and I have asked the Conference this time to pay me my allowance regularly every month @ Rs 40/-,and according to the new scheme Rs 60/- p.m. from June next. *To this the Conference agrees & I am to be paid out of Central Fund.*

In the meeting of the Council and the Ministerium,Mr. Yuel Lakra was elected Treasurer and has now repleced Mr. N. Soy as such.

I feel your constant prayers for me have sustained me,comforted me and have kept me steadfsat in all my tribulations.Please accept my most sincere hearty thanks for all these things. I always look for some consoling words from your and other friends' pen and I request you all to write me some lines and strengthen me in my feeble work. Whenever foreign mail comes,I think,I would get some good news from you and some words of counsel and advice. I know,however,that the Lord on whom I trust will straighten up things in due season and comfort us.

In closing I beg you to accept my wife's and my children's and my own Yishusahays for/self Mrs. Kausch,Rev. and Mrs. Roterberg, Rev. and Mrs. Mehl and to all who know me in the Mission House.

My dear Father has asked me to convey to you his humble greetings and to Rev. Roterberg whom he thanks for sending him late Rev. Nowak's news.

With kindest regards,

I remain,
Yours ever in the
Lord's service,

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THE RETURN OF THE GERMAN MISSIONARIES

in Chota Nagpur & Assam.

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28 March 1922-Tuesday- The item that was taken up in the morning session this day was the return of the German missionaries in Chota Nagpur and Assam. As previously arranged Mr. N. Soy opened the discussion by a speech which lasted a little more than an hour and explained in detail the present and future situation of the Church. He told all that it was quite natural that all and every one would wish to have the missionaries back in the field but there were other matters which needed our most careful consideration and they were these :-

A. That the decision of their return did not rest with the Church but with the various bodies and finally with the Government.

B. -That the missionaries can not be allowed to resume work within the British Empire till the restrictions imposed upon aliens are removed.

C.-That they can not come to India as a body or a mission.

D.-That after a period of 5 years only such will come who are not guilty of any act of disloyalty.

E. -That the accepted autonomy of the Church will be imperilled.

F. -That owing to the very low value of German markthe missionaries will not be able to conserve the whole work as at present.

G. -That it is possible that the American Lutherans will cease to send their financial help ,if the German missionaries return.

H. -That the missionaries returning shall have to experience all sorts of troubles,difficulties and even dishonour.

I.-That as soon as the German missionaries will come the Advisory Board will be dissolved and we shall be put to pecuniary difficulties.

He referred to the deliberate absence of the representatives of the German societies from the meetings of the International Missionary Council held at Lake Mohonk and that this absence had created bad impressions in the missionary circles and was not favourable towards the resumption of their work. In closing he said that taking into consideration all the facts and specially (A) above,he was of opinion that the return of the German missionaries was not desirable.

The President and other representatives of Ilakas then spoke. The President then asked the Secretary to express his views on the subject.

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Shri 6 Mahamanyvar Dharmm-
pitvadhyaksh shri Director Rev. Dr.
H. Kauschmahashay Ko aur
anya sab membaron Ko bahut 2 Yeshu
sahay janata hun.

Pyare mahashay

Aps logon ki pichhli Chitthi
paka main bahut anandit hua aur
aps logon kai namaskar Yeshu
sahay mahasabhai men parh ka sunaya
hai. jisse mahasabha aps logon Ko
anand sahit bahut 2 Yeshu sahay
bheji hai.

Ab yah sawal hone par ki kum
log apne bidayti Padriyon Ko chahte
ho ki nahin 2 barshik mahasabha men
aps logon Ke phir aane Ke bishay apnai
manjuri prakash kiyai aur is Ka
resolution pass Karke Advisory Board
men pesh kiya hai, us kai bichar Advisory
Board & Church Council & B.O. Council
men 1922 Ke 20. 21 June men hogi.

Ap logon Ke pitrivat prem Ke liye

main aur maharaloka dintai
purbbak dhanybad karti hai.

Mandli ab tak apne Lutheran
bishwas men sthir hai, jaubki
kitne thore log lautkir aaya se
S. P. G. aur Roman mandli men
1921 men chale gaye hain, us kai
tirik report Secretary baban se ap
logon ko milega / ham log bahut
chahte hain aur prattyasa karte
hain ki hamare pitradhyakshoga
ko jaldi pahunchawe.

Main ek chitthi mahashay Lie.
J. . Stosh sahab ke liye likha hun
us Kaap kripa karke uske pas. bhej
dijiye. age shubh.

ap logon ka bishwast sewak

Rev. Lakra

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Übersetzung zu 289 Ranchi 18.4.22

Dem Hochwürdigsten Vater Herrn
Director Dr. H. Krausch und allen
Mitgliedern vom Rat des Sahay

Lieber, Hochwürdigster Herr

Als ich Ihren letzten Brief erhielt, freute ich mich sehr zu hören im Simlapurat Ihren Besuch zu Ihr Rat des Sahay mit, worauf der Simlapurat Ihnen mit Freuden wieder Ihr Rat des Sahay konnte.

Jetzt handelt es sich hier um die Frage: Wollen Ihr Ihre ursprünglichen Missionen wieder haben oder nicht? Die Ihres Conferenz hat ihre Zustimmung zu Ihren Rückgabe gegeben und ihren tatsächlich Rat beigetreten (Advisory Board) mitgeteilt. Darüber soll man am 20. zu 21. Juni 1922 im Beirat, Simlapurat zu in den Bihar & Orissa - Ausschuß beraten werden.

Für Ihren alten väterlichen Liebe Dienste
sich zu der Simlapurat : alle Dankbarkeit.

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Die Gemeinde ist durch gütige Hilfe einer
hiesigen Schwester, wenn auch
einige wenige neue eifrige Hoffnung
machen für S. P. G. so ist die nächste
Sache eine Kirche, die 1921 fertiggestellt
sind. Der Bericht darüber wird Ihnen
noch vom Sekretär zugehen. Wir
haben große Verlangen danach in Christus
Gott, daß er unsere Brüder bald zu sich
hinzubringe.

Ich habe einen Brief für Herrn Lic. J. Stosch
geschrieben. ~~Leider fand~~ Bitte senden Sie
ihn ihm. Gut bestellen!

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Ihr treuer Diener

gez H. D. Lakra!

Anm. Die Kirchenrat: Ranchi (Church Council
wird jetzt: Synod (auf diesem Briefe wenig-
stens), Mahasabha genannt, 'der große
Rat'. Die neue für die Curatorium.
Der Vorstand jetzt Chotki Sabha (kleiner
Rat!

Stosch.

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Vorstand G. E. L. (Gossner's) Mission,
Chota Nagpur & Assam.

18 Mai 1922

V. J. No. 291

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Sehr verehrter Herr Direktor,

In meinem Briefe von Januar bat
ich, mich in Ihrem Husbandam, daß ich
3 von den von mir vorbereiteten Can-
didaten für die Prüfungen vorbereiten,
u. daß Sie mir für meine Anstrengungen
beim Lehren u. für die Lebensmittel,
die ich ihnen abgab, gutschrieben. Ich, denke
daß, durch den Krieg der Preis für
die Lebensmittel gestiegen worden.

Gestern Abend schrieb mir Br. Beck-
mann, er wüßte nicht wieder,
daß er zur J. Prüfungstag nach Nikolsko

Vorsitzender, Böttner ist nicht mehr,
da er am Pfingstsonntag nach
Pforzheim reist. Würden Sie Hr.
Fräßdorf fragen, ob Ihnen meinen Vorschlag
machen? Ich würde die Namen gern
bald bekannt geben. Radrich

Sonnabend Vorm. von 10 an bin ich
für Ihnen d. Nachm. ab 6 Uhr auch, wenn
Sie kommen mögen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr Schuldes

H Roth.

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Berlin. Friedenau, the 21st of May 1922.
"Sunday. Rogate."

Abschrift.
my mission Original.

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My dear and beloved brother Patras Murad!

Your letters, dated 21.st, 29.th of March and the later (arrived here on the 9.th of May, but ~~the~~ without a date) also the several printed matters under speial cover, have caused great joy in the Lord among us. Our commition is strengthened, that our risen and living saviour will fulfil his promise among our community in Chota Nagpur and Assam also:

> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Espetially yourself have stood during the General Conference with steadfastness in the power of faith, of brotherly love and of joyful hope for the progress and real autonomy of our church. May God guide you, according to Psalm 84, 7:

> From strength to strength"

in all devotion, humility and deliberation of the Holy Spirit.

I cannot regret, that brother Nirmal Soy, brother John Topno and the small minority have expressed their o.

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prision about the return of the missionaries. It is much
better, that they have openly and clearly in the public ut-
tered their considerations, than if they had been silent
and even had agitated in the stillness. The principal
and the most important result of the discussion is,
that the Conference, unanimously, without a single
dissenting vote, voted for the return of the German mission-
aries. That has been done by the Lord, and is a won-
der in our eyes. He be praised, who rules the hearts like
brooklets and streams of water!

Now comes the whole matter to the Advisory Board. On
the 20.th and 21.st of June we shall remember you and
the other representatives in our fervent prayers. We
will hope, that the Board will not treat the affair
from the standpoint of worldly politics and of exclusive-
ly human reasons, but only from the standpoint of
the furtherance of the Evangelium and from Christ
Himself, who has purchased his Ev. Luth. Gossner
Church in your once so dark and disastrous land by
his precious blood and has sent to you his faithful
and loving servants with the whole truth of his word.

Should the Government give afterwards its prin-
cipal assent to the return of a number of our former
missionaries, the personal question would become to be
considered according to the special conditions of every

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person. Some changes have entered among your mission-
aries and their families. For example Bro. Grabsch is
starting in few weeks for South America Brasilia
as pastor of a German congregation, and Miss Vorkoper has
gone to China as lady missionary among the tribes of the
Miaos. So the gracious God will and must reign every
person according to the counsel of his will and his plea-
sure. We are putting our whole confidence in Him.
The Sadhu Sundar Singh has visited us in the first days
of April, and he, brother Grabsch and myself have written
some lines together to the Church Council c/o Rev. Hon.
Lakra. He gave us your all hearty greetings, and our heart
was comforted. Now I am sending you a picture of us
three as token of our spiritual communion in the Lord.

Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.

My daily prayers surround you, your family and all
the precious members of the body of Christ. All in the
mission house are greeting you.

I remain your brother and thankful fellow-labourer in
the work of our Lord

(sign) D. H. Rausch.

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महा-महिमान-कौशा-साहिब-को-मेरा-वहुत २ यीसु-सहाय-

वहुत-वातें-को-कभी-लिख-नहीं-सक्का-हूं-। पर-प्रार्थना-कि-आप-और-हमारे-प्रभु-यीसु-मसीह-हैं; आप को-लिये-हमारे-मन-नित्य-अति-अभिलाषी-है-कि-आप-से-वृक्ष-के-प्रेम-में-वढ़े-रहने-की-शिक्षा प्राप्त-स्वर्गीय-परमानन्द-में-पहुंचें-। पर-इस-वात-में-कोई-रोक-देख-पड़ते-हैं-। जिस्को-आप-इस मिनट-में-देख-सक्ते-हैं-। पर-निश्चय-प्रार्थना-कि-सारी-छोटा-नागपुर-की-कलीसिया-आपने-सेक्रेटरी-साथ-एक-चित्त-हो-निरन्तर-प्रयत्न-करने-में-नहीं-थकेगी-। और-समस्त-कलीसिया-सेक्रेटरी-साथ-साहस-कर-कहूं-मिरगिथों-को-चुन-चुकी-है-। अर्थात्-रेवरेंड, स्तोरा, स्मिथ, डा० नोत्तरोत्त, वड़ा-जोन; और-वड़ा-वीस्ते-को-। आप-लोग-प्रार्थना-साथ-उपाय-कीजिये-कि-जो-काम-परमे०-ने-आप-द्वारा-(जूथेरन-मुरमी-द्वारा) हमों-में-आरंभ-किया-है-उस्को-आप-ही-के-द्वारा-हमों-में-सिद्ध-और-पूरा-कर-देवे-। और-अपने-नाम-की-महिमा-और-वहुतों-की-भलाई-सारा और-सुगातर-जीवन-होय-न आमीन।-

आपे-सुभ-

प्रभु-मे— आप-का-प्रिय-पुत्र

M. Hurad

Pastor of the Chaibassa, Singbhum Congregation

1. Juni 1922

The
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Berlin - Friedenau
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Via 293.

From
The Rev. M. Huad
Chaibassa
Bihar British India

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Dem sehr geehrten Kausch Saheb sende ich viele Yisusahay.

Ich kann jetzt nicht viel schreiben, aber Sie mögen hiemit wissen, dass unsre Herzen nach Ihnen, die Sie unsre lutherischen Väter sind, herzlich verlangt, damit wir von Ihnen Unterweisung erhalten, wie wir in der Liebe Christi verharren sollen und die himmlische Seligkeit erlangen. Aber in dieser Sache treten mancherlei Hindernisse zu tage, was Sie aus diesen „Minutes" ersehen können. Aber seien Sie dessen gewiss, dass die ganze Kirche von Chota Nagpur mit ihrem Sekretär eines Sinnes ist und in ihrem unablässigen Bemühen nicht müde werden wird. Und die gesamte Kirche mit ihrem Sekretär hat mutig bereits einige Missionare ausgewählt, nämlich Roterberg, Stosch, Schmidt, D. Nottrott, den grossen John und den grossen Wöste. Treffen Sie mit Gebet die Massnahme, dass ~~Sie~~ Gott das Werk, welches ~~Sie~~ Er durch Sie, unsre lutherischen Väter, unter uns angefangen hat, unter uns auch durch Sie vollführe und zu Ende bringe, damit sein Name verherrlicht werde und viele Gutes, Heil und ewiges Leben erlangen. Amen.

Soviel.

Ihr lieber Sohn in Herrn

Martin Hured,

Pastor der Chaibasa (Singbhum) Gemeinde

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D. theol. H. Kausch
Berlin-Friedenau
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10. July 22.

My dear brother in the Lord!

Many thanks for your kind letter, dated 8.5.22. I have read it with much pleasure and my colleagues in the work of our living saviour too. God never goes back, and he will continue and accomplish his eternal blessings among the people of Africa Negros as he has once begun. We say with St. Peter the apostle in his sermon on the day of Pentecost: "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call". May all our ministers be found faithful on the day of the coming Christ our heavenly King! Many Yiou rahays for you, your whole family and all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerety. Please pray for us the present calamities. Heb. 13.8 Ps. 111, 1–10.

Ever in God's love Yours truly H. Kausch

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Govindpore.
P.O. Jariagarh.
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar.
5 June 1922.

The Rev. Pastor H. Roterberg.
Mission-Inspector.
Gossner Mission, BERLIN.

My dear honoured Sir,

I am in due receipt of your letter of the 26th. April, acknowledging receipt of my note on General Conference. Thanks. I believe Dr. Kausch has also got my subsequent letters and a registered book packet.

Now that joint-meeting on that much vexed question of the "Return" comes off on the 20th. I am representing the Church Council. I hear the Bihar Mis. Council and the Advisory Board representatives would put some difficult questions to me and cross examine me as well. By God's grace I hope to be able to stand their examinations and would also like to ask several questions to them as well bearing on the future management and development of the church's activities and the mission propeerty. I am preparing facts and figures by which I could show that the autonomous church would have a better development along with the German missionaries than with the Board which is only a provisional body. We have resolved in our Executive last month that "representatives are instructed not to commit themselves to anything that will in any way go against the decision of the Conference or its general policy".

I am praying daily unceasingly and trust that God our Hope and -- Strength in ages past would now throw open the way for our illustrious missionaries--the German missionaries, who have had a glorious record in India since the days of Schwartz, whose shrines I had the privilege of visiting last year in South-India. No less glorious is the history of the Gossner missionaries who have made Chota Nagpur as it is to-day. I am sure our elected friends are getting themselves ready to start at the earliest opportunity offerred. I wish to write to Rev. Diller soon after the 20th of June.

I am much grateful to Dr. Kausch and yourself for your kind appeal on behalf of my poorself to our esteemed friends in America. Mr. Cannaday has intimated to me, as you also write, that Rev. Holetr has sent $ 25.00 expressly for me. A copy of my correspondence with him on the same is enclosed for your perusal. Mr. Cannaday apparently thinks that the gift was in response to his request. He could have helped me long ago, as the Board is meant for that but he refrained deliberately and that in my most gloomy days. When I had asked even for a loan it was refused. I had to submit to the Divine Will. It was His will that I should be strengthened in faith by long sufferring. But better days were sure to come and it is, I am glad to say, now in sight. In response to your sympathetic appeal, the Rev. Hugo Froese from Argentina with great liberality sent me two drafts of £ 1-11-0 each. Besides, our dear and esteemed brother Pastor R. Ziech from Brazil has generously presented to me all his personal effects (now in Gumla) to be valued at Rs 450 to relieve me of my present troubles and anxieties.

When I received these good-news, I could not but thank God and say- " I sought the Lord and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears ....The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants and none of them that trust in HIM shall be desolate."

I am glad to note that you think that these generous friends have nothing to do with our Constitution. I thought like that and am glad am supported by yours. These brethren in Christ are really friends to help us in our great needs and troubles. My Heaven bless them. I am acknowledging their magnificent gifts with heart-felt thanks. I am also telling them that I shall render to them an abstract account of in what I shall be spending these moneys. Now I have some breathing time and shall endevour to repay all my debts that have amounted upto Rs 300/-

I now dare appeal to Pastor Ziech for some more money as I am also anxious for some pastoral work. The whole of Hazaribagh district is now without a pastor and the people are being neglected. The Dublin mission is indirectly trying to make us give up that field. I wish I could post some pastor there if I could only get Rs 20/- or 25/- p. month for him. Perhaps you know that the Board is now giving us a Catechist grant of Rs 900 a month and not a pice for evangelistic or pastoral work. If I get remittances directly sent to me, I shall be able to do such work which is suffering the heaviest and need greater care.

I am glad to learn that you all wish to see myself put in the

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office of a
Ministry of the Holy Gospels.I feel the/pastor too high and I fear whether I am worthy of such a noble calling. I am however ready to do His holy will. I am ordering for more books from America.

Thank you for your kind inquiry of the Ranchi choir and your interest in it. I am sorry to say it is a living dead. The singing in the church is deplorable and wish an able musician missionary some day in a near future be in its charge.The organ too is badly in need of repairs. Good music adds much to the solemnity and impressiveness of the Divine service. I feel these most acutely,as I am a ritualist.

The Rev. John Baba,I regret to announce, who was stationed at Darigutu,went to eternal rest on the 1st of June at about 4 p.m. He was for sometime past suffering from elephantisis.

My wife was ill for sometime last month but by God's grace she has now recovered .School children are now enjoying summer holidays and all my children are now with us and they all with my wife join me in sending you all our hearty Yishusahays.

With kindest regards to Dr. Kausch,to self and to Mr. Mehl,

I remain,
Yours ever in the Lord's service,

S Gurney

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Thank you Sir for sending us our beloved Sadhu Sundar Singh's nice letter, endorsed by Dr. Kausch & Rev. J Stosch. The Sadhu has had twice very warm reception in our Church at Ranchi. He loves us in Christ & we love him too.

S Gurney

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Copy of letter dated "Woodstock",Kodaikanal the 27-4-22.

Dear Mr. Hurad-Our Guntur Treasurer informs me that Rs 25.00 have been sent by Mr. Holter for you. This is in answer to my request to him of last August or September. When this money is realised later I sahll let you know. However,I must call attention to one thing: The Church Council is in debt to me nearly a thousand rupees. When President -- Hanukh borrowed borrowed the Rs 89/- from me I was told that it was intended for your salary.Is that correct ? I am not complaing about this debt and am willing to carry it longer,if necessary,but I trust that youwill see that steps are taken to repay me before very long.
Yours etc. Sd/- I. Cannaday.

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Reply to the above. Letter dated Govindpur the 3rd May 1922.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

As to Rev. Mr. Holter's gift of Rs 25100,I request you kindly to convey my heart-felt thanks to him for his generosity.The borrowing of Rs 89/- by President Hanukh Lakra towards my salaries is quite correct and,I think,the debt must be paid back in due season. As to the other debt by the CC. of nearly a thousand rupees I do not seem to know much about it. But if there be any,the CC. should surely endevour to return it as soon as funds are available.

I must thank you again for your request to Mr. Holterto which he responded so kindly and I should like to make it clear here that I have neither written him nor have heard from himsince you brought me the books from him when you returned to India. Yours etc. Sd/-P.Hurad.

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Copy of a nother letter dated Kodaikanal the 11th.May 1922. from Mr. I. Cannaday.

" With reference to the gift from Mr. Holter,I note your statement that there has been no private correspondence.So far as I know this money was sent to you in response to my request to Mr. Holter last August,that I be allowed to help you some privately. This was after your visit to me ,I think. I shall thank Mr. Holter on your behalf when I write him again. I have not yet had an intimation from the Bank, Guntur,that this money has been deposited ,so I can not yet tell you just now how much it amounts to.I note what you say about the CC's debt to me."

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Zur Wiederaufnahme der internationalen Beziehungen seitens der Deutschen Mission.

Wir haben in der letzten Nummer die Antwort gebracht, die die Vertreterversammlung der Deutschen Missionsgesellschaften auf die Erklärungen von Lake Mohonk beschlossen hat, mit dem Schluß, daß wenigstens in beschränkter Weise und mit Vorbehalt die Deutsche Mission als solche die Internationalen Missionsbeziehungen wieder aufzunehmen bereit sei. Anstatt der ihr vorbehaltenen sechs Plätze nimmt sie zunächst nur zwei in dem Internationalen Missions-Rat (I. M. R.) ein. Auch die Zustimmung zu dieser beschränkten Wiederaufnahme der internationalen Beziehungen ist manchem deutschen Missionsvertreter recht schwer geworden. Daß Grund dafür vorhanden war, mögen folgende Ausführungen zeigen.

Die Regierung von Englisch-Indien hat eine Erklärung erlassen über den Wiedereintritt von Angehörigen „früher feindlicher Staaten". Im allgemeinen sind Angehörige „früher feindlicher Staaten" „für die Zeit von fünf Jahren", vom Kriegsende an gerechnet, aus Indien auszuschließen. Das wäre also bis Ende 1924. Es können aber Ausnahmen gemacht werden zugunsten von Missionaren, und zwar unter folgenden Bedingungen: a) Es muß der Nachweis von einer „anerkannten Missionsgesellschaft" (also wohl angelsächsischen) erbracht werden, daß es ohne Hilfe solcher, sagen wir kurz deutscher, Missionare — denn nur diese kommen in Betracht —, unmöglich ist, „die nötige Zahl von Missionaren zur Ausfüllung der durch den Ausschluß von Angehörigen früher feindlicher Staaten leer gewordenen Plätze zu finden" und daß dieser Ausschluß „für eine von dieser (anerkannten) Gesellschaft in Indien betriebenen Mission einen großen Verlust oder schweren Schaden zur Folge haben würde". Dieser Nachweis muß von der „Konferenz der Missionsgesellschaften in Groß-Britannien" oder der „Missionskonferenz in Nordamerika", also von einer angelsächsischen nationalen Missionsinstanz beglaubigt werden. b) Der Leiter der Missionsgesellschaft, die einen solchen Missionar auf sein Arbeitsfeld erbittet und zuläßt, muß britischer Untertan sein. c) Der zuzulassende Missionar muß durchaus vertrauenswürdig sein. Ob das der Fall ist, darüber hat eine der angelsächsischen Missionskonferenzen eine genaue Untersuchung anzustellen. Sie muß sich für seine Vertrauenswürdigkeit verbürgen und hat ihm ein Beglaubigungsschreiben zu geben, das ihm als Ausweis dient. Es kann sich bei alledem nur um eine begrenzte Anzahl von Anträgen handeln, die in der Regel nur für fünf Missionare gestellt werden dürfen, die bereits in Indien gearbeitet haben.

Soweit die Bestimmungen der englischen Regierung. Sie sind zunächst nur für Indien erlassen. Aber sie werden wohl auch die Richtschnur sein für die Wiederzulassung deutscher Missionare in die anderen englischen Kronkolonien. Mit anderen Worten: für den Wiedereintritt deutscher Missionsgesellschaften bleiben die Tore fest verschlossen. Nur einzelne deutsche Missionare können zugelassen werden und zwar im Dienst einer angelsächsischen Mission. Die Bedingungen für diese Zulassung einzelner Missionare sind aber so einengend und so demütigend, daß man sich fragen muß, ob wohl auch nur ein einziger deutscher Missionar sich finden wird, der diesen Preis zahlt.

Die bedeutendste, in Indien erscheinende Missionszeitschrift, das „Harvest Field" (das Erntefeld), gibt zu, daß diese Bedingungen hart sind. Es fährt dann aber fort: „Wir fürchten, die Führer der Deutschen Missionsgesellschaften machen den Missionsarbeitern die Rückkehr auf ihre früheren Arbeitsfelder nicht leichter. Sie halten sich standhaft und einmütig vom Besuch der Internationalen Missionsversammlungen fern, bis ihnen alle ihre Arbeit zurückgegeben ist. Wenn sie sich weigern, ihre missionarischen Brüder anzuerkennen, so wird dieser Umstand es diesen Brüdern erschweren, ihre Sache zu führen. Sie schneiden sich selber ab von der Gemeinschaft mit ihren Mitarbeitern am Missionswerk und geben eine Gesinnung kund, welche ihre Stellung stark ins Unrecht setzt. Die Repatriation der deutschen Missionare geschah nicht auf Bitten der missionarischen Kreise. Wir bereiteten uns selbst Schwierigkeiten, indem wir darauf drangen, daß den deutschen Missionaren die Fortsetzung ihrer Arbeit gestattet würde. Die Regierung ergriff die Maßregel, welche sie als notwendig empfand, und wir hatten ruhig zu sein. ..... Die Direktoren der deutschen Missionen nehmen anscheinend den Standpunkt ein, daß sie, bis sie alles zurückerhalten, nichts haben wollen. Sie sind nicht bereit, das Werk, das infolge der solange über die Arbeiter verhängten Suspendierung gelitten hat, anderen Missionsgesellschaften zu übertragen. Sie wollen die Bedingungen nicht annehmen, unter denen einige von ihnen in ihre Arbeit zurückkehren könnten. Diese Politik stellt die deutschen Missionsgesellschaften und Missionare in den Augen der christlichen Welt sehr bloß und wird es für die Christen schwerer machen, sie willkommen zu heißen, wenn der Weg für ihre Rückkehr in größerer Zahl offensteht. Man darf die Tatsache nicht außer Acht lassen, daß Deutschland das Vertrauen der alliierten Nationen noch nicht wiedergewonnen hat. Solange Mißtrauen gegen Deutschland besteht, werden die alliierten Staaten zögern, den Deutschen freien Zutritt zu ihren Gebieten zu gewähren. ..... Die volle Rückkehr der deutschen Missionare wird dadurch nicht gefördert werden, daß die Deutschen sich weigern, mit Missionsarbeitern anderer Länder Gemeinschaft zu haben. .... Wenn die leitenden Männer der deutschen Missionsgesellschaften nicht bereit sind, über die Versorgung ihres früheren Werkes zu disputieren, so müssen die, welche die Verantwortung für das Werk übernommen haben, diejenigen Schritte unternehmen, welche am besten imstande sind, das Werk zu erhalten und auszudehnen."

Diese Ausführungen des Harvest Field, des führenden indischen Missionsorgans, das sich während des Krieges durch seine maßvolle Haltung ausgezeichnet hat, bedürfen doch eines starken Widerspruchs. Wir erkennen bereitwillig

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an, daß für die Maßnahmen der Regierung nicht ohne weiteres die englischen Missionskreise verantwortlich sind, daß vielmehr von diesen manches geschehen ist, um die Lage der deutschen Mission zu erleichtern und zu verbessern. Wir sehen dabei von Verunglimpfungen und Verdächtigungen, die die deutschen Missionare hier und da auch von einzelnen englischen Missionsleuten erfahren haben, ab, können das um so mehr tun, als die Erklärung von Lake Mohonk einmütig das Verhalten der deutschen Missionare während des Krieges rechtfertigte. Ja, wir an unserem Teil gehen sogar so weit, daß wir unter das, was während des Krieges geschehen ist, einen dicken Strich machen können. Was vergangen ist, mag vergangen sein. Das, was noch immer hemmend und erschwerend zwischen den angelsächsischen und den deutschen Missionskreisen steht, ist die Gegenwart, die furchtbare innere und äußere Not des deutschen Volkes, die durch das grauenhafte Diktat von Versailles herbeigeführt ist. In diese, jeder Beschreibung spottende Gegenwart ist die deutsche Mission mit hineinverflochten. Dafür aber vermissen wir bei unseren angelsächsischen Brüdern noch jedes Verständnis. Sie stehen mehr oder weniger noch alle unter dem Bann der fluchwürdigen Versailler Lüge von der alleinigen Schuld Deutschlands an dem Weltkrieg. Wir werden nicht müde werden, darauf hinzuweisen. Es ist ein indisches, von den Methodisten herausgegebenes Missionsblatt, das aus Anlaß der erwähnten Bedingungen für die Zulassung einzelner deutscher Missionare schrieb, wie wir dem Evangelischen Pressedienst entnehmen: „Der Deutsche muß sich merken, daß er bei vielen Missionaren als der Vertreter einer Politik und von Grundsätzen angesehen wird, die das Gegenteil von christlich sind. Er wird bösen Leumund, Argwohn, Hohn und vielleicht auch Haß niederringen müssen. Die Erinnerung an die Vergangenheit kann nicht plötzlich ausgelöscht werden. Wenn der deutsche Missionar bereit ist, Schmach und Schande auf sich zu nehmen, dann ist der Weg frei." Wir bemerken, das ist kein politisches Blatt, es ist ein Missionsblatt, das so etwas schreibt. Ob eine solche Sprache der Wiederannäherung dient?

Es ist ferner nicht wahr, was Harvest Field meint, daß die deutsche Mission auf dem Standpunkt steht, daß sie, bis sie alles zurückerhalten habe, nichts haben wolle. Gewiß hält die deutsche Mission grundsätzlich den Anspruch auf ihre Missionsfelder, von denen sie vertrieben worden ist, aufrecht. Aber die deutsche Mission ist sich darüber ganz klar, daß sie auf die volle Wiedereröffnung der ihr verschlossenen Missionsfelder nicht dringen darf und kann. Menschlich gesprochen, könnte der deutschen Mission kaum ein größeres Unglück widerfahren, als wenn ihr heute oder morgen alle ihre Missionsfelder zurückgegeben würden. Sie würde einfach gar nicht die Mittel dazu haben, sie zu bearbeiten. Die gesamte deutsche Missionskraft reicht bei der trostlosen deutschen Geldentwertung nicht einmal dazu aus, das der deutschen Mission erhaltene knappe Drittel ihrer bisherigen Arbeit zu versorgen. Darum sei es auch ganz offen ausgesprochen, daß wir es für nicht richtig halten, daß Missionsgesellschaften, die kein Arbeitsgebiet mehr haben, auch nicht die Aussicht, es in absehbarer Zeit zurückzuerhalten, trotzdem als selbständige Missionsgesellschaft weiter bestehen und ein neues Arbeitsfeld suchen, anstatt ihre Kraft mit der einer anderen Missionsgesellschaft zu vereinigen.

Es ist ebensowenig wahr, daß die deutschen Missionen nicht bereit sind, mit anderen Missionsgesellschaften (der alliierten Staaten) über die Versorgung ihrer ehemaligen Gebiete zu „diskutieren" oder sie ihnen zu „übertragen". Basel z. B. hat sich bereitwilligst über die weitere Versorgung der Goldküste und Kameruns, Bremen über die Versorgung von Togo mit angelsächsischen und der Pariser Mission ins Benehmen gesetzt, ebenso Neukirchen und Bethel mit der neuen belgischen Mission. Die Rheinische und die Neuendettelsauer Mission haben ihre schöne Arbeit in Neu-Guinea im vollen Vertrauen der Australischen Vereinigten Lutherischen Kirche übergeben, so schwer beiden Gesellschaften der Abschied wurde. Aber wir können nicht verschweigen, daß einzelne englische Missionen nicht willens waren, mit deutschen Missionen zu „diskutieren", wie das Verhalten der Mission der Schottischen Staatskirche und der Universitäten-Mission auf dem Berliner Missionsgebiet in Ostafrika bezeugt.

Endlich ist es auch nicht so, daß deutsche Missionen sich standhaft und einmütig geweigert hätten, mit Missionsarbeitern anderer Länder Gemeinschaft zu haben. Es haben wiederholt private Besprechungen zwischen englischen und deutschen Missionsleuten stattgefunden. Wenn auch inoffiziell, so waren doch deutsche Missionsvertreter auf der internationalen Zusammenkunft in Crans (22. bis 28. Juni 1920), und jetzt eben hat ja die deutsche Mission beschlossen, offiziell den Eintritt in den I. M. R., wenn auch in beschränkter Weise, zu vollziehen. Die deutsche Nichtbeteiligung an der großen Internationalen Missionskonferenz in Lake Mohonk ist von den Anwesenden wohl lebhaft bedauert, doch aber verstanden worden. Mit Recht bemerkt zu diesem Punkt das Leipziger Missionsblatt: „Als die Franzosen weder die von dem (schwedischen) Erzbischof von Upsala während des Krieges angeregte Zusammenkunft von Kirchenmännern, noch (nach dem Krieg) die 14. Kontinentale Missionskonferenz, die sonst alle evangelische Länder des europäischen Festlandes vereinigte, beschickten, haben wir nicht gehört, daß irgendeine englische, neutrale oder auch deutsche Missionszeitschrift sich darüber erregt hätte, sondern man hat es verstanden. Das französische Volk taumelt nicht am Abgrund, und der französischen Mission ist im Weltkrieg kein Unbill widerfahren. Wenn aber die bis zum Tode getroffene deutsche Mission in ein oder zwei Fällen in der Wiederanknüpfung internationaler Beziehungen sich zurückhaltend zeigt, so nennt man das eine standhafte und einmütige Weigerung! Wir fürchten, daß man durch diese wenig objektive Beurteilung die Wiederanbahnung freundschaftlicher Beziehungen nicht erleichtert. Es ist nicht wahr, daß wir die Weiterarbeit im Weinberge des Herrn hindern. Die sich dieses Frevels schuldig machen, sitzen auf der anderen Seite. Es ist christlich, sich nicht nur unter die persönliche Schuld, sondern auch unter die des eigenen Volksganzen zu beugen."

Wir schließen mit einem Satz des Leipziger Missionsblattes, dem wir gleichfalls nur zustimmen können: „Ob das Urteil der angelsächsischen Welt mit dem der christlichen Welt gleichgesetzt werden darf, mag unerörtert bleiben. Uns steht jedenfalls über dem Urteil der Welt, auch der christlichen, das Urteil des Herrn der Welt. Wir halten

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Govindpur.
P.O. Jariagarh.
5/6/22.

My dear honoured Sir,

I trust a registered Book-packet sent to Dr. Kausch's address in which I had enclosed the Board's Minutes have reached you and you have noted what the Board has said in Item 15.(b)-(1). I shall try to explain to the Board this matter and get it cleared, as it is the Council that made the inquiry and not yourself. You simply gave us the account of money you left and of which we are entitled to know and which the Board so long withheld from disclosing. There has been no foul play, it has been a straight talk..

This year we are expecting a very good rain. Just now we had a good shower of rains and there are signs of an early monsoon. The peoples are busy ploughing and tearing up their lands and many have already sown seeds .

I think you will be able to give us some of your valuable suggestions on the new draft of the Christian Marriage Act, copies of which have already been mailed to you. It would be very kind of you all if this can be sent to me a bit earlier.

With kindest regards and hearty Yishusahays from me and my wife to Mrs. Mehl and yourself,

I remain,
Your's very sincerely,
Eduard

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BERLIN-FRIEDENAU.

My dear Doctor,

I am really grateful for your generous appeals on my behalf. The Lord has been gracious and heard our prayers. Revd. Ziech from Marcellino, Brazil, and the Revd. Hugo Froese from Argentina very kindly responded to your requests of which I have already written to Revd. Roterberg. Mr. Holter from Brooklyn has also sent two remittances of $ 25.00 and Rs 60/- each. The former translated to Rs 89/4/-. My first business with these monies will be to buy a suitable conveyance(preferably a bicycle) which I am so badly in need of. Then I shall repay my debts into which I have fallen. As bicycle can not go everywhere, specially during the rains, I am thinking of buying up a pony. These two conveyances are indspensable and can not be done without. Much work is suffering because of lack of these. We have repeatedly since a long time cried for the help of the Board in this matter but they turned a deaf ear to it. All ponies and horses of the missionaries' time were either killed, presented to others or otherwise disposed of. When there is trouble anywhere, I am wanted there, but no one cares for as to what to do and how to perform these journeys. Since last month I am getting Rs 40/- regularly (of which also there is no guarantee) and what is this for a big family of 8 members in these hard days. My whole time is devoted to my work and am not able to look to my private business. I do therefore request that you will kindly ask Mr. Holter not to discontinue his remittances. All gifts will be used for my personal maintenance and for the up-keep of conveyances and travelling expenses &c. I shall keep a record of accounts and send you its abstracts from time to time.

The Special Joint-meeting comes off early next week. I believe you have got my packet containing some Missionary Council Reports &c and have known the situation. I am confident that the Lord who hitherto gave me courage and strength in my work will guide me and further strengthen me to do His holy will and enable me to clear the way for the incoming of our beloved missionaries. There are men about who are still stirring up people against the return of the missionaries but they are labouring in vain. I am coming to the Lord daily with this prayer of mine that He help us in our endevours and make those in authority kind and gracious to allow our beloved missionaries to resume work in a near future. I am confident He will grant us our petitions.

I am doing well with my family and children who are all with me these days and they all join me in sending you and Mrs. Kausch our kindest regards and hearty Yishusahays.

I remain,
Dear Doctor,
Yours in the Lord's service,

Erhard

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STATISTICS OF THE G. E. L. SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1921.

Ilaka	Pupils: I & II Classes. B.	I & II Classes. G.	L. P. Classes. B.	L. P. Classes. G.	U. P. Classes. B.	U. P. Classes. G.	M. E. Classes. B.	M. E. Classes. G.	High School. B.	High School. G.	Total	Christians	Non-Christians	Whether Boarder or Day pupil: Boarders B.	Boarders G.	Day pupil B.	Day pupil G.	Pupils according to tribe: Munda B.	Munda G.	Uraon B.	Uraon G.	Kharia B.	Kharia G.	Ho B.	Ho G.	Bengali or Hindu	Muhamadan	Others	No. of Teachers: M	Wn.	No. of T. Trained: M.	Wn.
1. Ranchi H. E,					85		72		228		385	298	87	204		181		118		193						59	15		20		9	
„ Ilaka	182	89	119	92		49		19			550	471	79	33	62	268	187	38		233	214		1			47	11	6	19	13	10	13
2. Lohardaga	112	44	50	24	51	11	14				306	219	87	52	36	165	53	2		199	89					16			15	8	5	7
3. Gumla	99	44	28	5	11						187	160	27	15	9	123	40			125	48							14	21	1	6	1
4. Chainpur	94	26	21	6	21						168	162	6	29		107	32	1		129	34					4			8	1	3	1
5. Kondra	81	18	26	4	12						141	112	29	12		107	22	2		99	21	2				14	2	1	9		4	
6. Kinkel	225	92	50	16	27						410	357	53	45	26	257	82		1	233	96	20	11			49			18	2	2	2
7. Khutitoli	191	73	45	1	9						319	278	41	11		235	73	44	39	93	8	96	21			1			17	1	3	
8. Koronjo	265	103	82	24	47	6	53				580	549	31	105	32	342	101	288	101	80	13	72	18			4	1	3	30	2	9	1
9. Jharsuguda	5	3	6	1	2	1					18	18		12	4	1	1	11	2	3	2								3	1		
10. Rajgangpur	293	65	42	6	29						435	329	106	53		311	71	158	28	148	24	39	12			23	3		16	1		1
11. Jarakudar	197	65	30	14							306	236	70	2	9	225	70	122	47	93	32					8	3	1	12	1	1	
12. Karimati	235	60	89	7	14						405	263	142	32		307	66	228	60	57	6	3	1			50			14		2	
13. Chaibasa	67	31	57		45						200	45	155	9	23	142	26	14	8	11	11			23	1	85	44	3	6	3	2	2
14. Purulia	95	47	43	10	10	6					211	133	78		9	148	54		6							154	1	50	5	2	2	
15. Burju	303	87	142	6	106		30				674	566	108	171		410	93	561	93	5						7		8	38		18	
16. Gobindpur	284	139	169	69	89	32	51				833	732	101	86	68	507	172	540	225	17	7					6	2	36	44	3	31	3
17. Takarma	242	147	108	36	69	8	49				659	556	103	105	42	363	149	401	176	7		17	12			35	5	6	27	3	11	2
18. Tokad	120	83	20	14		8					245	204	41		68	140	37	136	101		3								4	3	3	3
Total	3090	1216	1127	335	627	121	269	19	228		7032	5688	1344	976	388	4339	1329	2664	887	1725	608	249	76	23	1	567	87	145	326	45	121	36

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	Number of Schools.					
	High School.	Middle English Schools.	Upper Primary Schools.	Lower Primary Schools.	Theological Seminary.	Totals.
For Boys.	1	5	16	190*	1	213
„ Girls.		1	6	2		9
Totals.	1	6	22	192	1	222

*These are mixed schools, as is also true of some U. P. Schools.

STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS.

	Theological Seminary.	Agricultural Schools.	Industrial and Engineering Schools.	Art. Colleges.	Training Schools.	High Schools.	Nurses' Training Schools.	S. P. G Lace Schools.	Medical Schools.
Men.	40	4	44	21	*29	228			4
Women.					*12	43	1	32	

*Some may be reading privately. These are not included.

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The above tables contain the statistics for the year 1921. The figures were secured from the Pastor-Supervisors, who tabulated them on forms specially provided for this purpose.

COMPARISON WITH THE 1914 AND 1920 STATISTICS.

We notice that the attendance for 1921 has increased somewhat over the attendance for the year 1920. The total attendance in 1920, according to the Report of Rev. George A. Rupley, was 6247 pupils. The present attendance is 7032, making a gain of 785 pupils. Compared with the 1914 Statistics, which were the basis for the 1920 Report, issued by Rev. George Rupley, the attendance still is 1191 short of the 1914 maximum. While these figures appear discouraging on the surface, there is a feature that we must remember in this report. A large number of the schools in the Pastor-Supervisor's Parishes are not under the management of the Advisory Board. All these schools are in the area of the Autonomous Church, and are visited and inspected by the Pastor-Supervisors. The salaries of the Teachers are paid from pupils tuition fees and grants from the Parish Church Councils. Were we to include the number of pupils in these schools in the above statistics it is quite possible that the attendance in all schools would be equal to that of 1914. Unfortunately we have no figures for these schools controlled by the local Parishes.

In the Boarding Schools the maximum of 1914 has not yet been attained by a good margin. Then the number of Boys and Girls in the Boarding Establishments was 2179. Of this total 1510 were Boys and 669 Girls Altogether there were 815 more pupils in the Boarding School in 1914 than in 1921. Comparing the Statistics of 1920 with these of 1921 we note that at present there are only 37 more Boarders in the Schools than there were in 1920. The chief leakage in the school population of the Lutheran Schools is due to the fact that the Boarding Schools have not been maintained at the pace that they should have been maintained. Some steps should have been taken to get the station Boarding Establishments back to the 1914 basis. The Church and the schools need the intensive training that these Station Boarding Schools afford.

In the comparison of the number of teachers in 1914 and 1921 respectively the shrinkage does not appear so large. At present there are only 24 teachers less than there were in 1914. In comparing the years 1920 and 1921 respectively we notice that at the end of 1921 there were 29 teachers more than in the year 1920. There are now 157 trained teachers in the Lutheran Schools. Among them are 36 trained Women Teachers. As you observe, the number of trained teachers is not sufficient to have a trained teacher in every school, since there are at present 222 schools of all descriptions. The need for trained teachers is a most pressing one. We hope that we may, in the not distant future,have at least one trained teacher for each school. There is manifest need for the Establishment of a Training School for Lutheran Gurus. We hope the suspended project of establishing **A TRAINING SCHOOL** in 1923 can be carried out.

A number of the Gurus, who are now in training, are getting small allowances from Advisory Board funds. A number of these men are sustaining considerable loss by going to training. Recently a list of all Gurus whose Government Stipend is less than their salary used to be, has been secured, and as a consequence six are now getting small allowances in addition to their stipends. From a financial standpoint it pays to train as many teachers as possible. The larger the number of trained teachers the more liberal will be the grant in aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

In order to encourage the training of leaders for the Autonomous Lutheran Church and her schools, the Advisory Baord has very wisely obligated itself to pay scholarships to 16 young men, who are in various colleges in this and other Provinces. There are also two students in the Allahabad Agriculltural.

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School, who are receiving financial help from the Advisory Board. It is hoped that in due time all these men will return to the service of their people, and assist in building up the Autonomous Church and her Schools. All these men are under agreement to serve their own people, and they should they fail to do so they are under moral as well as legal obligation to refund the amount advanced to them.

ACCOUNTS.

It is not the Province of the Head Supervisor to go into any financial details, as the Secretary of the Advisory Board will deal with these matters. However, some facts are interesting, which probably would not stand out in such clear outline in a general report. From the carefully itemized account of the Secretary, Rev. I. Cannaday, we note the following financial statement for the Lower and Upper Primary Schools.

Government Grant-in-Aid for 1921 ...	...Rs.	28619- 6-0
In the above total the following deduction, as belonging strictly to 1920 grant, should be made	„	5532-12-0
Net Upper and Lower Primary school Grant for 1921.	„	23087-10-0
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Total Expenditures for the Upper and Lower Primary Schools, 1921.	„	25318- 7-0
Net Grant Receipts for 1921.	„	23087-10-0
Net Expense to Advisory Board	„	2231-13-6

The following is the Financial Statement for the M. E. Schools for 1921.

		Cr.	Dr.
Receipts from fees, etc.	Rs.	944- 6-3	
Total Annual Expense for all M. E. Schools	„		13519-15-9
Subsidy from Advisory Board	Rs.	12575- 9-6	
Grand Total	Rs.	13519-15-9	13519-15-9

There is no need for comment on these figures, except to state that we hope in the current year, at least some of the M. E. Schools, will begin to get Government Grant-in-Aid. The recent Inspection Reports from a few of these schools, encourages us in this hope. It is manifest that if all these schools or even some of them, received Grant-in-Aid, a large amount of money would be released for the U. P. Schools.

THE PASTOR-SUPERVISOR SCHEME.

It is hardly necessary to say much in this Report about the new scheme to supervise the Upper and Lower Primary Schools. On the whole scheme is working very successfully. Its success depends in a large measure on the efforts that the individual Pastor-Supervisors make. As is well known, the scheme went into effect from September 1st 1921. It supersedes the Government Supervisor Scheme. As indicated above, if the Supervisors take the scheme seriously, the present arrangment makes possible much more frequent inspections and observations of the Schools.

TOURING.

Touring was given the attention and time that were at the disposal of those in charge of the schools during the year 1921. Only during the rainy season was it impossible to tour the more distant and inaccessible stations. Even then all those stations located on the Provincial roads could be visited. The touring up to the time when the rains began was in charge of Rev. George A. Rupley and Mr. Nirmal Soy. A good deal of touring was done during the very hot season of last year. At this time, as was also the case during later tours of the year, the Schools visited were examined. Most of them were found in fairly good condition. The atten-

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dance was especially encouraging at that time. Before the rains started all the stations had been visited by either Rev. George Rupley, or Mr. Nirmal Soy. In most cases the stations had been visited by them jointly. After the rain had begun touring was more or less discontinued. Only accessible places were toured. Touring was again resumed with more frequency after the rains. It was not until October that visitation work was again begun It was during this time that Rev. George A. Rupley showed Rev. and Mrs Isaac Cannaday as many of the stations as he was able to visit before his departure on furlough. During the month of November touring was continued by Rev. and Mrs Isaae Cannaday with the assistance of Mr. Nirmal Soy.

It should be noted in this connection that the working of the Pastor-Supervisor Scheme was almost contemporaneous with the coming of Rev. and and Mrs. Isaac Cannaday. To them and their predecessors must be given the honour for introducing the scheme under which the U. P. and L. P. Schools are working.

Rev, and Mrs Isaac Cannaday continued their touring in the month of December. After the arrival of the present Head Supervisor in the month of December. (the 15th of Dec.) they continued their tours and showed him a good many of the stations. At the time Jharsuguda station was visited it was observed that the attendance had decreased in the Boarding School. This was due to the fact that pupils were not able to meet the fees asked. This is more or less of a backward and poor section of the field.

DIVISION OF LABOUR.

Since the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Cannaday in Ranchi there has been a division of responsibility in the management of the schools. All the Girl's school are now in charge of Mrs. Isaac Cannaday, who with assistance of Miss L. B. Shaw, has done much to improve the schools for Girls. There is no need to go into more detail here, as Mrs I. Cannaday will report about the work in the Girl's Schools. This division of labour ought to facilitate efficiency in both the Girl's and the Boy's Schools.

CONCLUSION.

The present Head Supervisor cannot close this Report without expressing his appreciation of the work done by his predecessors in making it easy for him to take a hold of the task. The consideration, courtesy and helpfulness have been most marked.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S WORK.

In the report of the Head Supervisor, the statistics for women's work have been included. Between March 16-18, Miss Dey, the Assistant Inspectress of Schools, together with the missionary lady-in-charge, visited Takarma, Koronjo and Kinkel, with a view to getting them recognized and to obtaining grants for them. Koronjo is a recognized school, but draws no grant. The other two are not yet recognized. Application is being made for the recognition of the Tokad school also, as a U. P. school. It now draws no grant at all, nor has it recognition.

Just a few words about the condition of these schools. All have been visited at least twice and some three times or more, since July 1921. One or two fundamental weaknesses run through them all, including the school in Ranchi. All are weak in Arithmetic and in applying reasoning power to any of the lessons.

The buildings in *Tokad* are very satisfactory. The *Chaibasa* school is small but sufficient perhaps for the number in attendance at present. At *Lohardaga* the girls have plenty of room ; also in *Kinkel*, because parts of the bungalows are used as class rooms. In *Takarma* a little more room is needed. The suggestion of the inspectress is to take the kitchen out of the line and use that for a class room. If another kitchen room could be set free, it would help the school very much. A little more white wash and a

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few more pictures would make the buildings look more cheerful. In *Koronjo* and *Ranchi* more space is needed *very badly*. In *Koronjo* a large airy room, that is now used as a store room, should be set free for class room purposes. *Ranchi* school building receives nothing but censure from all who visit it.

As fast as possible women teachers should replace the men in Girls' Schools. In January of this year several women were sent out to the district, but more are needed.

Attempts were made this year to send women to study nursing, or Compounding at Hazaribagh, but all attempts ended in failure. It is hoped that next year there may be applicants for such training, as the doctors at Hazaribagh are glad to have Lutheran girls and are generous in their terms.

Negotiations are being carried on with the S. P. G. Lace School in Ranchi, to train women for a short time and then allow them to work in their own homes. Negotiations are also being carried on with the Lutheran Lace school in the Rajahmundry mission to buy all the lace made by the Lutheran women here. If these arrangements are made, women will have a steady market for their lace, which will not depend upon the presence of a lady missionary in Ranchi. It is hoped that Mrs. Spangler will be able to look after this work while it is being started.

In January an eighth class was formed in the school at Ranchi and recognition as an M. E. school is being sought. If this becomes an M. E. school, the Educational Department will require a Headmistress, who has *passed I. A.* While looking and corresponding concerning a Lutheran woman, with these qualifications, the missionary in charge has had to become nominal principal and teach a few classes.

Because of the necessity of language study, there has been little time to supervise Bible women's work, but two Bible classes have been formed, one for the women teachers and Bible women, on Saturday morning, and one for any women, who desire to come, on Sunday at noon. Both classes are studying Acts and it is hoped that this study will enable us all to see more clearly our duty as witnesses of Christ to the world and our duty to our church life. These classes have been made possible by the assistance of Miss Shaw and Dharmania mistress, who are the leaders, and of other mistresses, who have been eager to invite their friends to come on Sunday.

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Chota Nagpur

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For the year 1920.

Census of the Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur ~~सन १९२१ के १लो जनवरी से~~

नम्बर	१ गाँव और टोला का नाम	२ कितने घर ?	३ कितने बपतिसमा पाये हुए ?	४ कितने पुराने धर्मखोजक ?	५ कितने नये धर्मखोजक १९२१ में हुए हैं ?	६ कितने दृढ़ापन पाये हुए ?	७ कितने उलट हुए ? खान पाये हुए ?	७ कितने उलट हुए ? धर्मखोजक ।	८ जात हिन्दू और बंगाली	८ जात मुसलमान	८ जात मुण्डा	८ जात उराँव	८ जात खन्ताल	८ जात खड़िया	९ कितने रोमी तरफ उलट हुए १९२१ में ?	१ कितने एसः पीः कीः तरफ उलट
	Chotanagpur.	13,923.	101,819.	4,688	1,366.	62,107.	"	"	2,427.	35.	52,817.	37,566.	287	7,665.	304	330.

विशेष कागजमें बराबर पौनेचारों का नाम लिखो।
अर्थात जो खृस्तान गोबिन्दपुर मंडलीसे बुड़जू मंडलीमें वा बुड़जू मंडलीसे गोबिन्दपुर मंडलीमें आये हैं इत्यादि वे १९वें घरमें हिसाब किये जावें॥

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	प्रश्न।	उत्तर।
१५	कितना नवा खाना दान दिया गया ?	
	„ सिरनी घड़ाका दान दिया ?	
	„ बर्व चन्दा दिया गया ?	
	„ जयपुर चन्दा दिया गया ?	
	„ बैदल सोसाइटी चन्दा दिया गया ?	
	„ स्कूलोंके लिये कितना फी जमा हुआ ?	
१६	कितने बड़े स्कूल ?	
	कः कितने सहायक ?	
	खः कितने बड़े स्कूल लड़के लड़कियां ?	
१७	कितने प्रार्थना समाज ?	
	कः मर्दोंका ?	
	खः औरतोंका ?	
	गः सभोंके लिये ?	

मालूम होवे कि इन प्रश्नोंका उत्तर उपरोक्त लिखे हुए अर्थात १९२५ सालके लिये दिया जावे।

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प्रश्न ।	उत्तर ।
पादरी बाबूओंको और इन प्रश्नोंका उत्तर देना चाहिये कि सन १९२१ ईस्वी में	
१ कितने खृस्तान ग्राहकोंने स्नान पाया ?	
२ कितने धर्म्मखोजकोंने स्नान पाया ?	
३ कितनोंने दृढ़ापन पाया ?	
४ कितने प्रभुभोज से अलग किये गये हैं ?	
५ कितने पूर्ण रीतिसे मण्डलीसे निकाले गये हैं ?	
६ कितने स्नान पाये हुए मर गये ?	
७ कितने प्रभुभोज से निकाले हुए फिर ग्रहण किये गये ?	
८ कितने मण्डलीसे पूर्ण रीतिसे निकाले हुए मण्डलीमें ग्रहण किये गये हैं ?	
९ कितने बेर प्रभुभोज बाँटा गया ?	
१० कितने खानेहारे थे ?	
११ कितने विवाह हुए ?	
उनमेंसे कितने मिश्रित विवाह थे ? कः रोमी मण्डलीसे	
खः एसः पी जीः से	
१२ मण्डली खजानेमें कितनी खिरनी, बाढ़ी फी, कटनी और धन्यवादका दान हुआ ? ...	
१३ प्रभुप्रीत पैसा कितना जमा हुआ ?	
१४ कितना मण्डली पैसा दिया गया ?	

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~~१९२२~~ 1921 में दाखिल करना चाहिये।

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~~लेकी सन १९२१ की ३१ दिसम्बर तक।~~

१०	११		१२	१३	१४	१५	१६		१७		१८			१९		२०	२१	२२	२३
	कितने देशान्तर हुए १९२१ में?						कितने जनोंका जेहेल हुआ १९२१ में?		हंड़िया दारु पीना		फिर आये १९२१ साल में?			कितने प्राणी हमारी मंडली को किसी दूसरी जगह से आये वा गये हैं?					
हुए १९२१ में?	सरकार की सेवा में?	अपनी जीविका के लिये?	कितने विवाहित जोड़े १९२१ में सम्पूर्णता से अलग हुए?	जमा कितने विवाहित लोग अलग रहते हैं	कितनोंने १९२१ साल में रखनी रखी है?	कितने जन बड़े छोटे, स्त्री पुरुष पढ़ सकते हैं?	खेत के कारण	लड़ाइयों के कारण	कितने दारू पीनेवाले हैं?	कितने मतवालपनकी विरुद्ध लड़नेवाले हैं?	अधर्म से	एस: पी: जी: से	रोमी से	गये हैं?	आये हैं?	कितने गिरजा घर?	कितने कब्रस्थान दिवाल से लकड़ी से वा मोरता इत्यादि से घेरे हुए हैं?	कितने लड़के स्कूल के लायक हैं?	कितनी लड़कियां स्कूल के लायक हैं?
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5. Juli 1922

Dr. Kanfola

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Hochgeehrter, lieber Dr. Kanfola!

Für Ihren freundlichen Brief auf Ihr Rundschreiben vom 1. Juli ds. Js., haben wir Ihnen noch gar nicht gedankt. Ja, es hingen schweren Monate seitdem über uns. Die furchtbare Inflation brachte uns Arbeit in Hülle und Fülle, aber trotz Geldgeschäfte sind wir die Ärmsten, und es mir Sorgen. Und doch bin ich noch selbst, denn das Papiergeld, mit dem wir zu. Ostern allerlei Ideen einfachste, die Klischees für unsere Zeitschrift bei, die wir von Ihnen Monaten mit 1. Papiermark bezahlen mussten. Aber das Zahl. ist unglaublich im Gewicht, denn ein Zeitschrift muss ja ausländig geschrieben haben. Müssen ich noch 11 Klischees ab. Hassen, die Mitarbeiter sind. Die erkennen ja das Zahl. schon Zeichen an, welchen Absender sie haben, aber den Postweg ist weiter, d. h. das Gewicht macht sich doch ein, denn der Schlüsselpreis wegen. Da gehört nun Zusammenschnüren d. Zeug ab. Da ich doch d. das Päckchen muss ja nicht zu verlieren

Geschäftsbericht beizufügen.
Inliegend bitte ich Sie Scheck zu geben. Ich kann
leider nie die Farbe nicht genau feststellen.
Aber ein Contrast habe ich: das Mikroskop befindet
sich seit der Kolonisierung übergeben worden. Ich kann
die Mission gehört Entschädigung fordert, wenn soll
die bezahlen? Wir haben die Autonomie der
Kolonie anerkannt, können ihr also nicht
das Ihr abverlangen. Mikroskop gibt worden nachgen
noch Entschädigung verlangen. Hier wenn
Privatpersonen der Mission wenig, können
wir doch gewiß verlangen die Entschädigung
Ihnen bezahlen. voll: bezahlt

Aber die neue veränderte Fassung der Ver-
ordnung schreibt, ist zu hoch erforderlich, aber
ich glaube wir können, daß ich nämlicher Rempf
der Mission bis wie Kosta. Sonntag, bin heute bis
Ihnen Adressen zu. Bestellen bestätigen kann
wenn es geht bestätigen u. warten wir es wenig weiß
Fest-Sachen an. Ihre Randnotiz finde ich sehr
gut wenn wünsche Ihnen. Es freut mich auch der
Schaden an unsere der Firstyon Ostentsch- da wir ihnen
inliegend senden.

Übrigen Sonntag habe ich an. bedeutet Ernst. ist stets
zu Freiberg -

Mit herzl. Grüßen wünsche ich an. Frau u. Marie wünsch
an Ihnen Direktor

Ihr treu ergebener
A. Nottrott.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, 4th July, 1922

Herr Missionsdirektor Kausch,
Gossnersch Missionsgesellschaft,
Handjerystrasse, 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

28. Juli 1922

Abschrift siehe Liste No 316

Dear Herr Missionsdirektor,

Enclosed please find a copy of the report of the special committee appointed to consider the question of the return of certain former Missionaries to Chota Nagpur. As the report is rather full and you are already familiar with the subject, I think that you will have no special difficulty in understanding it. However, I am directed by the Advisory Board, which has formally adopted this report and its recommendations, to write to you concerning certain phases of the whole question.

While the Board, in harmony with the most enlightened Christian opinion of the world to-day, takes its stand on the broad principles of Christian liberty and the right of all Christian peoples to engage in the work of world evangelization, and while it is satisfied that there exists a genuine desire for the return of some of the former German Missionaries to their work and that, here in Chota Nagpur, in some respects this would be an advantage to the young autonomous Church; yet, on the other hand, the Board feels that there are certain matters of doubt which ought to be cleared up, before any new and more definite step is taken. The Board wishes to approach you in a friendly, Christian manner and requests of you to give prayerful consideration to these matters.

In a word, the Board would like to have from you a full and authoritative expression of your views in general and a statement of your attitude, in particular, towards the two bodies most concerned. As directed by the Board, therefore, I am to inquire of you--

1. What is your attitude toward the Autonomous Church? I take it that you are already aware that the maintenance of the Gossner

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Lutheran Church as an autonomous body without any impairment is the first and foremost concern of the Advisory Board. The Lutheran Christians themselves solemnly chose autonomy and have consistently adhered to it, and still declare that autonomy is their goal in church organization. The National Missionary Council, the Bihar and Orissa Council and the Advisory Board, as constituted by those Councils and recognized by Government, have all formally and clearly approved of autonomy as the form of government for the Gossner Lutheran Church. The Guntur(Mission) Conference has pledged itself sacredly to respect the autonomy of the Church in all its dealings with it, and I think I hardly need remind you that it is the Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission of The United Lutheran Church in America that has, so far, furnished the Lutheran Missionaries to be in residence here and carry on the work of the Advisory Board, and that a large part of the financial support which comes from America(about Rs. 100,000 yearly) is contributed by the congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America, whose Missionaries from Guntur have been looking after this work.

2. What is your attitude towards the Advisory Board? Much that has been written above will also apply here. However, I need to call your especial attention to the fact that, just as autonomy is an accepted and fundamental part of the scheme here, so the Advisory Board is an accepted and necessary part of the scheme, at least for sometime to come. In Article 15 of the Constitution of the Gossner Lutheran Church(see copy enclosed) you will find this relationship set forth fully and clearly. In the discussions of the special committee, whose report is enclosed, this fact was brought out and emphasized--namely, that the Advisory Board is an essential part of the whole plan of an autonomous Lutheran Church. I may further call attention to the fact that practically all bodies concerned, both in India and America, are scrupulously respecting this arrangement and are directing all their correspondence--not directly to the autonomous Church--but through the Advisory Board to the Church, since the Board has been ordained and approved by Government as the medium of communication for the

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autonomous Church with all outside parties.

The above are the chief matters that the Advisory Board would like to have your frank opinion on. With the political side of the question we are not primarily concerned(that is the Govern - ment's concern); although that, too, is a matter which the Advisory Board can not ignore, since the Board is responsible to Govern- ment for the management which has been entrusted to it.

It only need be said in closing that there are, of course, various other matters of lesser importance involved in the great question of the return of some of the former Missionaries; but these, we believe, can be safely left for the future, until the the initial steps are taken and we know more clearly the mind of Government. The suggestion that a small deputation of former Missionaries first come out and make a careful survey of the whole situation, before any definite steps are taken, is from Mr. Oldham himself, but it was welcomed by the special committee and the Advisory Board as the best thing to do in the circumstances.

With kind Christian regards from all members of the Board, I remain, om behalf of the same,

Yours very sincerely,

V. Lamaday.

Secretary to the Advisory Board of the G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER BODIES TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE RETURN OF FORMER GERMAN MISSIONARIES TO CHOTA NAGPUR.

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1. Rev. J. Z. Hodge was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

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3. Rev. I. Cannaday was appointed to act as Secretary.

4. Both Dr. S. K. Datta and Prof. S. C. Mukerji, the regularly appointed representatives of the Advisory Board, having intimated their inability to attend the meeting because of unavoidable circumstances, the Secretary was instructed to put on record the deep regret of the meeting that these two representatives were absent.

5. The meeting having learned of the death on the previous day of the eldest daughter of Mr. P. Hurad, it was resolved to express to Mr. Hurad the deep sympathy of the members and visitors present with him and Mrs. Hurad in their great sorrow.

6. The Chairman, after some preliminary remarks, requested the Secretary to read the resolutions, letters and other documents setting forth the object of the meeting and the various matters involved in the same. The Secretary then read the following: Letter from Mr. Oldham to the Gossner Mission Board in Berlin; minutes and resolutions of the Annual General Conference of the Gossner Lutheran Church(see next item); Article 15 of the constitution of the Gossner Lutheran Church(setting forth the relation of the Church to the Advisory Board); and a letter from the Secretary of the Advisory Board to the Metropolitan, Calcutta. The Secretary also referred, briefly, to various other matters, such as the

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7. The resolution of the Annual General Conference of the Gossner E. L. Church is recorded in full for information, as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Conference, while expressing in its fullest measure the endeavours made by the Advisory Board, the Board of Trustees the B. & O. Missionary Council, the N. M. C., the Guntur A. E. L. Mission and the National Lutheran Council of America to conserve the work of the former German Mission in Chota Nagpur and Assam, feel that in order to effect the moral, spiritual and material development of the Church in the best way possible it is essential:

A. That definite endeavours be made by the Advisory Board through the proper channels to secure the return of the German Missionaries as soon as practicable.

B. That in gladly and thankfully accepting the terms of the Berlin Board the Conference recommends the names of the following and with a view to allow then to resume their work in Chota Nagpur and Assam request that the Government of India and His Majesty's Government be approached accordingly:

(1) The Rev. D. Dr. A. Nottrott, (2) The Rev. John Stosch, (3) The Rev. Chri. Schmidt, (4) The Rev. E. Wueste, (5) The Rev. A. John I, (6) The Rev. F. Graetsch, (7) The Rev. W. Diller. Also the following lady workers: Deaconess Miss M. Vorkoeper, (2) Miss T. Palm, and (3) Miss L. Hahn.

That the wishes and the sentiments of the Church be communicated to the Berlin Gossner Mission authorities by the Advisory Board and ask them to comply with the conditions prescribed in the Government's Memoranda by getting the application forms filled in for the missionaries named in B.

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9. Following the above there was a full and free discussion of the whole question in all its aspects, in which all present took part.

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Sd/- J. Z. Hodge,

Chairman.

J. Tarafdar

Secretary.

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Duplikat von No 302.

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Chairman.

Sd/- I. Cannaday
Secretary.

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Ranchi, Bihar, Indien, den 4. Juli 1922.

Herrn Missionsdirektor Kausch,
Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft,
Handjerystr. 19/20, Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Uebertragung 303
Lr Nrn 301 - 309

Lieber Herr Missionsdirektor,

Einliegend erhalten Sie eine Abschrift des Berichts des Sonder-Ausschusses, der eingesetzt worden ist, um die Frage der Rückkehr gewisser früherer Missionare nach Chota Nagpur zu erwägen. Da der Bericht ziemlich vollständig ist und Sie bereits mit dem Gegenstand vertraut sind, so denke ich, dass Sie keine besonderen Schwierigkeiten haben werden, ihn zu verstehen. Ich bin jedoch von dem Beirat, der diesen Bericht und seine Empfehlungen formell angenommen hat, beauftragt, Ihnen bezüglich einiger Seiten der ganzen Frage zu schreiben.

Während der Beirat, in Uebereinstimmung mit den erleuchtetsten chrislichen Anschauungen der heutigen Zeit, sich zu den umfassenden Grundsätzen christlicher Freiheit und des Rechts aller christlichen Völker, an dem Werk der Welt-Evangelisation teilzunehmen, bekennt, und während er überzeugt ist, dass ein natürliches Verlangen nach der Rückkehr einiger der früheren deutschen Missionare in ihre Arbeit besteht und dass dies hier in Chota Nagpur in manchen Beziehungen ein Vorteil für die junge selbständige Kirche wäre, so fühlt er doch andrerseits, dass gewisse Bedenken bestehen, die beseitigt werden sollten, ehe irgend welche neue und bestimmtere Schritte unternommen werden. Der Rat wünscht in freundlicher, christlicher Weise mit ihnen in Verbindung zu treten und bittet Sie, diese Angelegenheiten unter Gebet in Erwägung zu ziehen.

Kurz, der Beirat möchte von Ihnen eine umfassende und massgebende Darlegung Ihrer Anschauungen im allgemeinen und besonders Auskunft über Ihre Stellung zu den hauptsächlich in Betracht kommenden beiden Körperschaften haben. Ich habe mich deshalb im Auftrag des Rates bei Ihnen zu erkundigen:

1. Wie ist Ihre Stellung zu der selbständigen Kirche? Ich nehme an, Sie wissen bereits dass die Erhaltung der lutherischen Kirche als selbständige Körperschaft ohne jede Beeinträchtigung die erste und wichtigste Angelegenheit des Beirats ist. Die lutherischen Christen haben selber feierlich die Selbständigkeit erwählt und halten konsequent an ihr fest; auch erklären sie noch, dass Selbständigkeit ihr Ziel in der kirchlichen Organisation sei. Der Nationale Missionsrat, der Rat von Bihar u. Orissa und der ~~Beirat~~ von jenen Räten eingesetzte und von der Regierung anerkannte Beirat haben alle die Selbständigkeit als Regierungsform für die Gossnersche Luth. Kirche förmlich und klar anerkannt. Die Missionskonferenz von Guntur hat sich heilig verpflichtet, die Selbständigkeit der Kirche in allem ihrem Verkehr mit derselben zu respektieren und ich brauche Sie wohl kaum daran zu erinnern, dass es die Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission der Vereinigten Luth. Kirche in Amerika ist, welche bisher die lutherischen Missionare stellte, um hier zu wohnen und die Tätigkeit des Beirats fortzuführen, sowie dass ein grosser Teil der aus Amerika kommenden gelichen Unterstützung (etwa 100 000 Rupies jährlich) von den Gemeinden der Ver. Luth. Kirche in Amerika beigesteuert wird, deren Missionare von Guntur nach diesem Werk sehen.

2. Wie ist Ihre Stellung zum Beirat? Vieles, das oben erwähnt wurde, trifft auch hier zu. Ich muss jedoch Ihre besondere Aufmerksamkeit auf die Tatsache richten, dass gerade wie die Selbständigkeit ein anerkannter und grundlegender Teil des ~~Planes hier~~ hiesigen Systems ist, so auch der Beirat ein anerkannter und notwendiger Teil des ~~Planes~~ Systems, wenigstens für die

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nächste Zukunft, ist. In Artikel 15 der Verfassung der Gossnerschen Luth. Kirche (siehe einl. Exemplar) werden Sie diesen Zusammenhang voll und klar dargestelltfinden. In den Besprechungen des Sonder-Ausschusses, dessen Bericht beiliegt, wurde diese Tatsache herausgestellt und hervorgehoben, nämlich dass der Beirat ein wesentlicher Teil des ganzen Planes einer selbständigen luth. Kirche sei. Ich möchte ferner auf die Tatsache hinweisen, dass eigentlich alle in Betracht kommenden Körperschaften, sowohl in Indien als auch in Amerika, gewissenhaft diese Einrichtung respektieren und alle ihre Briefe nicht direkt an die selbständige Kirche, sondern durch den Beirat an die Kirche richten, da der Rat als Mittelglied der Verbindung mit allen Stellen ausserhalb für die selbständige Kirche eingesetzt und von der Regierung bestätigt worden ist.

Obiges sind die Hauptpunkte, bezüglich derer der Beirat Ihre offene Meinungsäusserung haben möchte. Mit der politischen Seite der Frage haben wir es nicht in erster Linie zu tun (das ist Sache der Regierung), obschon auch das eine Sache ist, die der Beirat nicht übersehen darf, da er der Regierung für die ihm anvertraute Leitung verantwortlich ist.

Zum Schluss braucht nur gesagt zu werden, dass die grosse Frage der Rückkehr einiger früherer Missionare natürlich noch verschiedene andere, weniger wichtige Dinge in sich schliesst; aber diese können, wie wir glauben, ruhig aufgeschoben werden, bis die einleitenden Schritte getan sind und wir die Absicht der Regierung klarer kennen. Der Wink, dass eine kleine Abordnung früherer Missionare erst hinauskomme und die ganze Lage sorgfältig in Augenschein nehme, ehe bestimmte Schritte unternommen werden, ist von Herrn Oldham selber, aber er wurde von dem Sonder-Ausschuss and von dem Beirat gebilligt, als das Beste, das ~~unternommen~~ in dem Falle zu tun wäre.

Mit freundlichen christlichen Grüssen von allen Mitgliedern des Beirats bin ich

in seinem Namen

Ihr sehr aufrichtiger

J. Cannaday

Sekretär des Beirats der G.E.L. Kirche, Ranchi.

Verhandlungsbericht des Sonderausschusses, der vom Beirat und andern Körperschaften eingesetzt wurde um die Frage der Rückkehr früherer deutscher Missionare nach Chota Nagpur zu erwägen.

Der Ausschuss trat im Büro des Sekretärs des Beirats in Ranchi am 20. Juni 1922 zusammen.

Anwesend waren: Missionar J.Z. Hodge und Pastor S.K. Tarafdar von dem Bihar u. Orissa Vertreterrat; die Herren P. Hurad und D.M. Panna, M.L.C. von dem Gossnerschen Kirchenrat, Missionar H.R. Spangler von der Guntur-Mission und Missionar J. Cannaday vom Beirat. Missionar Herbert Anderson, ein Mitglied des Treubänderrats und Missionar A.G. Atkins, Sekretär des Bihar u. Orissa Rates waren eingeladen als Gäste anwesend zu sein.

1. Missionar J.Z. Hodge wurde zum Vorsitzenden der Versammlung bestimmt.

2. Die Verhandlungen wurden mit Gebet von Missionar A.G. Atkins begonnen.

3. Missionar J. Cannaday wurde zum Schriftführer bestimmt.

4. Da die beiden ordnungsmässig bestimmten Vertreter des Beirats, Dr. S.K. Datta und Prof. S.C. Mukerji

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und Professor S.C.Mukerji, mitgeteilt hatten, es sei ihnen wegen unvermeidlicher Umstände nicht möglich, an der Versammlung teilzunehmen, wurde der Sekretär beauftragt, das tiefe Bedauern der Versammlung zu Protokoll zu nehmen, dass diese zwei Vertreter fehlten.

5. Da die Versammlung hörte, dass die älteste Tochter des Herrn P.Hurad am Tage vorher gestorben sei, wurde beschlossen, Herrn Hurad die tiefste Teilnahme der anwesenden Mitglieder und Gäste mit ihm und seiner Frau in ihrer grossen Trauer auszusprechen.

6. Nach einigen einleitenden Worten ersuchte der Vorsitzende den Schriftführer, die Beschlüsse, Briefe und anderen Schriftstücke vorzulesen, welche den Verhandlungsgegenstand und die verschiedenen Sachen, die er in sich schliesse, darlegen. Der Schriftführer verlas folgende: Brief von Herrn Oldham an die Missionsleitung in Berlin; Protokoll und Beschlüsse der jährlichen Generalkonferenz der Gossnerschen Luth.Kirche (siehe nächsten Punkt); Art.15der Verfassung der Gossnerschen Luth.Kirche(der die Beziehungen der Kirche zum Beirat darlegt); und einen Brief des Sekretärs des Beirats an den Metropolitan in Calcutta. Der Schriftführer berührte auch kurz verschiedene andere Sachen, wie den Besuch von Herrn Oldham in der Versammlung des Bihar u.Orissa Rates in Cuttak, die Beschlüsse des Internationalen Missionsrates in Lake Mohonk, Briefe vom Nationalen Luth.Rat in Amerika, einen Brief vom Sekretär des Nationalen Missionsrats in Calcutta u.a.m.

7. Die Beschlüsse der jährlichen Generalkonferenz der Gossnerschen E.L. Kirche werden zwecks Kenntnisnahme vollständig protokolliert, wie folgt:

Es wird beschlossen, dass diese Konferenz, indem sie im vollsten Masse für die Bemühungen des Beirats, des Treuhänderrats, des Bihar u.Orissa Missionsrats, des Nationalen Missionsrats, der Amerikanischen Luth.Mission in Guntur und des Nationalen Luth.Rates von Amerika, das Werk der früheren deutschen Mission in Chota Nagpur u.Assam zu erhalten, ihren Dank zum Ausdruck bringt, die Empfindung hat, ~~dass~~ es sei für die bestmögliche Förderung der Kirche in sittlicher, geistlicher und materieller Hinsicht wesentlich,

A. dass durch den Beirat bei den in Frage kommenden Stellen bestimmte Schritte unternommen werden, die Rückkehr der deutschen Missionare, sobald es angängig ist, zu erwirken;

B. dass unter freudiger und dankbarer Annahme der Bedingungen des Kuratoriums in Berlin die Konferenz die Namen folgender Personen empfiehlt und im Hinblick darauf, dass ihnen erlaubt werde ihre Arbeit in Chota Nagpur und Assam wieder aufzunehmen, bittet, dass die Indische Regierung und die Regierung Seiner Majestät darum angegangen werden: 1) Missionar D.Dr.Nottrott 2) Missionar Joh.Stosch, 3)Missionar CHR.Schmidt, 4)Missionar E.Wüste, 5)Missionar A.John, 6)Missionar F.Grätsch, 7)Missionar W.Diller. Auch die folgenden ~~Missionsarbeiterinnen~~ Missions-Arbeiterinnen: Schwester M.Vorköper, 2)Frl.I.Palm und 3) Frl.L.Hahn;

C. dass die Wünsche und Gefühle der Kirche durch den Beirat der Leitung der Gossnerschen Mission in Berlin mitgeteilt werden mit der Bitte, die in den Regierungsmemoranden verordneten Bedingungen zu erfüllen, indem sie die Bewerbungsformulare für die unter B genannten Missionare ausfüllen lasse.

8. Auf die Bitte des Vorsitzenden machte dann Herr P.Hurad verschiedene Angaben, die die Anschauungen der Kirche darlegten; auch Herr D.M.Panna trug seine Meinung über die Frage vor.

9. Im Anschluss an das Obige fand eine ausführliche, freimütige Besprechung der Frage in allen ihren Beziehungen statt, an der sich alle Anwesenden beteiligten.

10. Die Versammlung fasste dann einmütig folgenden Beschluss:

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Nach einer ausgiebigen Besprechung der verwirrenden Fragen, welche die Bitte des Luth. Kirchenrats um Rücksendung gewisser namhaft gemachter deutscher Missionare nach Chota Nagpur in sich schliesst, beschliesst dieser Ausschuss,

dass er, indem er das Gewicht der Gründe anerkennt, dass die Rückkehr der erwähnten Missionare eine grosse geistliche Hilfe für die Kirche bedeuten würde, ~~anerkennt~~, die Empfindung hat, die Zeit sei noch nicht vorhanden, mit dieser Bitte die Regierung von Bihar u. Orissa zu belästigen. Er empfiehlt dem Beirat, die Erörterungen über diesen Gegenstand fortzusetzen:

1) indem er auf brieflichem Wege mit der Berliner Gesellschaft in Verbindung tritt;

2) indem er sich mit Dr. Larsen, dem Vorsitzenden des Nationalen Luth. Rates von Amerika in Verbindung setzt, der demnächst Berlin besuchen wird;

3) indem er, die Billigung der Regierung vorausgesetzt, Vorkehrungen trifft, dass eine Abordnung von zwei älteren deutschen Missionaren Chota Nagpur besuche, die Lage im Lichte der veränderten Verhältnisse studiere und mit den andern in Betracht kommenden Körperschaften die in Frage kommenden verwaltungstechnischen und finanziellen Verwicklungen erörtere, ehe eine endgiltige Entscheidung betreffs der Rückkehr deutscher Missionare getroffen werde.

11. Die Versammlung wurde dann mit einem von Pastor S. K. Tarafdar gesprochenen Gebet geschlossen.

Gez. J. Z. Hodge, Vorsitzender.
J. Cannaday, Schriftführer.

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Professor D. Paul
Missionsdirektor
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3. Aug. 1922

Leipzig, den 2. Aug. 22.

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Herrn Missionsdirektor D. Kansch

Gossnersche Mission

Berlin - Friedenau.

Verehrter Herr Bruder.

Dr. Larsen wird in den ersten Tagen der nächsten Woche hier in Leipzig sein. Er schrieb mir von New York aus, dass er auch mit der Gossnerschen Mission verhandeln wolle. Könnte Sie am Dienstag der Mitwirkung der nächsten Mission in Berlin oder einem anderen Vertreter Ihres Kuratoriums?

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Gestern war Missionar Bexell (Schweden) auf Besuch bei uns.
Er machte
Er brachte den Gedanken, daß ein gebildeter Inder als Vertreter
der selbständigen Inderkirche zu der in Nagpur 1923 geplanten
Luther. Weltkonvent noch Einmal eingeladen werden soll, sehr beifällig
auf. Dann muß aber auch die Luther. Kolonialkirche eingeladen werden.
Wie stellen Sie sich zu diesem Gedanken und welche Persönlichkeit
kommt etwa in Frage? Erbitte Ihre Antwort.
Wir besprachen auch mit Bexell über das Wiederkommen Leipziger
Missionare. Wie ich höre, hat die Gossnersche Mission über ihren event.
Wiedereintritt ber. einzelne Missionare noch Indien geschrieben. Könnten
Sie mir den Wortlaut dieses Schreibens zur Kenntnisnahme
geben?

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen

Ihr ergebener

C. Paul.

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Dir der
Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

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Mr. J. H. Oldham M. A.
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Dear Mr. Oldham,

I am glad to learn from the Record* that you have returned to England safely.

May I ask you, if you have got my letter dated 22. May 22. in answer to yours of 3 Pol of January? To me it was convenient reply. Therefore I am anxious about the fate of my letter named above.

In our common Lord

Yours truly

H. Kausch.

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6 July 1922.

The Revd. H.Kausch,D.Theol.
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My dear doctor,

With deepest regret I am to announce the premature death of my oldest daughter PRITIWANTI RATNMANJARI MARIA ~~FE~~ FLORA on the 19th. of June last at 7.a.m.She died of blood-infection. She had a small pimple on her forehead which she had scratched and this caused blood-poisoning. On the 17th. morning we travelled on motor car with my two other sons, who accompanied me to Ranchi where I had to go for the Joint-meeting . From Ranchi I had to take her to Bankipur(Patna) where she was reading in the Govt. High School.It seems that in the car the poison developed more rapidly and when we had covered about 10 miles she got fever and on reaching Ranchi she was quite restless.She expired on the 19th at 7. a.m. We could not detect the real complaint till it was too late. She was born 14 Jany 1906 and lived with us for 16 years 5 months and 5 days. She was the brightest jewel in our home and more godly than any of my children. After her expiry Mr. Cannaday lent his car to fetch my wife and smaller children to Ranchi,where we laid the daughter's remains in her last resting place till the day of resurrection,in the hope of a glorious eternal life. Our loss is her gain,though it has been a great blow to us. We can only say-" Thy will be done ", Amen.

Next day the 20th.,I had to attend the Joint-meeting. My mind was very much disturbed and my memory was gone and I thought it was not possible for me to do much in the meeting. However,most of my colleagues endevoured to give me courage and strength in the Word of God. They alluded to St. Paul's arguments on Resurrection and pointed out his counsel to the Corinthians-" Be ye steadfast,unmovable,always abounding in the work of the Lord,for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".So I attended the meeting and I am sending you 2 copies of the Proceedings of our Joint Committee as recorded by Mr. Cannaday its Secretary.

I am now touching on some of the points which are apparently not mentioned in the Proceedings.:-

1. Mr. Cannaday read out article 15 from the Constitution and pointed out that the Ad. Board was an organisation which was to exist till the church was able to take over the whole responsibility of the whole work. To this I replied that the Board's creation was due to lack of experience of the present Council in handling ~~the~~ so great a work of so large a society. Moreover the Board was not a permanent body as the church but one that was meant to advise and help.The Church was only a permanent factor.As to the acceptance of the good office of the Board,I said that there was provision that the Constitution can be amended but the Decision of the Church on which it~~s~~ declared its autonomy was one that did not contemplate any vital change in it. I also pointed out that the functions as defined in the Constitution (and forced upon the Church by the B.& O. Mis. Council) were in direct conflict with the main terms of the Church's Decision.I had already pointed out and had protested against this action of the B.&O. Council,before the Constitution was brought into being.

The idea,I learn,and,as I foresaw and of which I wrote to you is that the Board wish that the returning missionaries should work under it. I have already given my opinion on this to you. Now it is for you to consider what line of action we should take. Mr. Hodge said that the Ad. Board as at present constituted was recognised by the Govt as a guarantee for the administration of Govt. grants in the schools and also for the property,though vested in the Board of Trustees,and,he doubted whether Govt. would allow this body to dissolve before the general restriction of 5 years was over.

2. FINANCE.-I enquired whether the Board was prepared to meet all the expenses of the church in cluding the maintenance of properties (as large deficits on Trustees accounts were met by the Board) in case the National Lutheran Council of America withdraw its help. The N.L.C. has been a temporary body to give relief to the War-stricken Lutheran societies and would cease to exist at any moment.The Advisory Board,I pointed out had had not been able to raise any money anywhere within the British Empire as was promised by them in the beginning.To this I got no reply.

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3. There has now arisen a question as to which should be the beneficiary of the property. The Govt. official members of the Trustee Board hold that it is the G.E.L. mission while its missionary members maintain that the Church can enjoy and inherit the property. The matter is being referred to Govt. for a clearrer statement of policy on this subject. Truly speaking the property really belongs to the G.E.L.Mission. The Church, I think, is autonomous so far as congregational matters are concerned but with regard to property the ownership of the mission is indisputable until and unless ~~the~~ the mission hand it over to the Church by a legally executed document. I doubt very much whether the Br. Govt. is empowered to transfer a confiscated property of a foreign religious body to another society and whether international law would allow it. Has the treaty of Versailles dealt with this subject in clearer terms ?

4. In my speech I cited instances in which I pointed out that there was clear evidence of decline of spiritual life in the church and said that character, godliness, charity and love are matters of far greater importance than notions of leadership or service or even Autonomy. Without these virtues, I said, the autonomy would be a utter failure. This was one of the strongest grounds, I said, on which the return of the few missionaries was most desirable . The members accepted my argument, specially Mr. A.G.Atkins sided with me. The reply I got to this was that they doubted whether Govt. would admit this as sufficient ground to open question of the return now when the Board was there to guarantee the affairs of the Church.

I am glad to learn that Dr. L. Larsen, President of the N.L.C. in America is about to visit Berlin this month and is strongly in favour of the return. I am sorry to say that in the Joint-meeting Mr. Cannaday said words which ~~xxxx~~ made some reflections on Dr. Larsen. Mr. Cannaday said that the doctor was bent upon bringing back the Germans to India and was moving heaven and earth to do so and for that he was going to Berlin at his own expense and that at his own initiative. He also said that Dr. Larsen did not know the situation in India . The catchword in America was Lutheran and not **AUTONOMY** and money could be collected because people were Lutheran. I do not know how far Mr. Cannaday's statements regarding Dr. Larsen are true or correct but I am afraid he has thereby betrayed the confidence of a fellow-believer. I think he tries to show himself loyal to the British, which I wish too, but we must be loyal to our own faith as well. I am writing to you this confidentially but wish that you tell this to the Doctor, who will please keep this in mind and not touch it till the return problem is solved, if he wish to touch it at all. I shall be glad to know his mind on this very perplexing question.

In the Proceedings 10.(3), we have agreed to invite the deputation of 2 senior German missionaries to visit C.N.Pur. You will remember that it is in accordance with the proposal which I made at Cuttack last December. Thsi time I have mentioned your name and that of Mr. Stosch though they do not appear in the Minutes. I hope, if all goes well, you will kindly see your way to come out to India on your great mission.

May I also suggest that it would be really a very fine thing ~~xx~~ if Dr. Larsen would also try to be deputed by the N.L.C. to represent that body in the meetings in which you will be required to discuss the problems out here in India. I am sure if we all try he can come to India. The N.L.C. has, at the present moment, great right to be given a fair hearing in the issues involved and it can very well express its views through its ~~xxxxx~~d accredited representative. Will you please suggest this to Dr. Larsen on my behalf ?

Please give my kindest regards to the learned Doctor when you meet him. We are not strangers. I have known him and have his reply to my note after our 75 th. Jubilee celebrations.

Many thanks for the list of missionaries and the photo.

In closing I beg to tender my hearty Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch, to self, to my old master Revd. Roterberg and Revds. Stosch and Mehl and to all who know me in the missionhaus.

With kindest regards,

I reamian,

Dear Doctor,

Yours ever in the Lord's service,

Pdurad

P.S.

I enclose a copy of photo of my daughter before being placed in the coffin which please accept.

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Herrn D. theol. H. Kausch, Hochwürden

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Mein lieber Herr Doktor! Mit tiefstem Bedauern muss ich den zu frühen Tod meiner ältesten Tochter PRITIWANTI RATNAMANJARI MARIA FLORA am 19. Juni 7 Uhr früh bekanntgeben. Sie starb an Blutvergiftung. Sie hatte ein kleines Bläschen auf der Stirne, welches sie gekratzt hatte; und das verursachte Blutvergiftung. Am 17. früh reisten wir im Auto nach Ranchi, wohin ich wegen der Ausschusssitzung musste, mit meinen beiden Söhnen, die mich begleiteten. Von Ranchi wollte ich sie nach Bankipur (Patna) bringen, wo sie die Höhere Regierungsschule besuchte. Es scheint dass in dem Auto das Gift sich schneller ausbreitete; als wir etwa 10 Meilen gemacht hatten, bekam sie Fieber und bei der Ankunft in Ranchi war sie ganz unruhig. Sie starb am 19. früh 7 Uhr. Wir konnten nicht entdecken, was ihr eigentlich fehlte, bis es zu spät war. Sie war am 14. Jan. 1906 geboren und war 16 Jahre 5 Monate und 5 Tage bei uns. Sie war der leuchtendste Edelstein in unsrem Heim und frömmer als irgend eines meiner Kinder. Nach ihrem Tod lieh Herr Cannaday seine Auto um meine Frau und kleineren Kinder nach Ranchi zu Holen, wo wir die Überreste unserer Tochter zur letzten Ruhe bestatteten, bis zum Tage der Auferstehung, in der Hoffnung eines herrlichen ewigen Lebens. Unser Verlust ist ihr Gewinn, obschon es ein schwerer Schlag für uns war. Wir können nur sagen: „Dein Wille geschehe!" Amen.

Am folgenden Tage, dem 20., musste ich der Ausschusssitzung anwohnen. Mein Gemüt war sehr aufgeregt und mein Gedächtnis war weg, so dass ich dachte, ich würde in der Sitzung nicht viel tun können. Jedoch die meisten meiner Kollegen bemühten sich, mich durch Gottes Wort zu ermutigen und zu stärken. Sie erwähnten Pauli Auferstehungsbeweise und wiesen auf seinen Rat an die Korinther hin: „Seid fest, unbeweglich und nehmet immer zu in dem Werke des Herrn, sintemal ihr wisset, dass eure Arbeit nicht vergeblich ist in dem Herrn." So nahm ich an der Sitzung teil und sende Ihnen 2 Exemplare des Protokolls unseres Ausschusses, wie es Herr Cannaday niederschrieb.

Ich berühre nun einige Punkte, die im Protokoll offenbar nicht erwähnt sind:

1. Herr Cannaday las Artikel 15 der Verfassung vor und wies darauf hin, dass der Beirat ein Organ sei, das bestehen sollte, bis die Kirche die ganze Verantwortung für das ganze Werk übernehmen könnte. Darauf erwiderte ich, die Schaffung des Beirats sei erfolgt, weil der gegenwärtige Kirchenrat der Erfahrung ermangelte, das so grosse Werk einer so grossen Gesellschaft zu betreiben. Ueberdies sei der Beirat keine dauernde Körperschaft wie die Kirche, sondern eine mit der Aufgabe zu raten und zu helfen. Nur die Kirche sei ein Faktor von Dauer. Bezüglich der Annahme der Dienste des Beirats, sagte ich, sei es vorgesehen, dass die Verfassung geändert werden könne, aber der Entschluss der Kirche, auf Grund dessen sie ihre Selbständigkeit erklärte, sei einer, der keine wesentliche Aenderung an derselben in Betracht ziehe. Ich wies auch darauf hin, dass die Funktionen des Beirats, wie in der Verfassung beschrieben (und der Kirche durch den Bihar & Orissa Missionsrat aufgezwungen), in direktem Widerspruch zu den Hauptpunkten der Entscheidung der Kirche stehen. Ich hatte bereits darauf hingewiesen und gegen dieses Vorgehen des Bihar & Orissa Rates protestiert, ehe die Verfassung eingeführt wurde.

Der Gedanke, (besteht) wie ich höre und voraussah und Ihnen davon schrieb, dass der Beirat wünscht, die zurückkehrenden Missionare sollen unter ihm arbeiten. Ich habe Ihnen bereits meine Ansicht darüber mitgeteilt. Nun steht es bei Ihnen, zu erwägen, wie wir vor-

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gehen sollen. Herr Hodge sagte, der Beirat in seiner gegenwärtigen Zusammensetzung sei von der Regierung anerkannt als Bürge für die Verwaltung der Regierungs-Schulbeihilfen und auch für das Eigentum, obgleich es sich in den Händen des Treuhänderrats befinde; er zweifle dass die Regierung die Auflösung dieser Körperschaft zugeben werde, ehe die allgemeine Beschränkung von 5 Jahren vorbei sei.

2. Finanzen.-Ich fragte, ob der Beirat bereit sei, für alle Ausgaben der Kirche, einschliesslich der Unterhaltung des Eigentums (da der Beirat grosse Defizits des Treuhänderrats gedeckt hatte) aufzukommen, falls der Nat.Luth.Rat von Amerika seine Hilfe zurückziehe. Der N.L.R. sei eine zeitweilige Körperschaft um den durch den Krieg betroffenen Gesellschaften beizustehen, dessen Dasein jeden Augenblich enden könnte. Der Beirat, so bemerkte ich, sei nicht imstande gewesen, irgendwo im britischen Reich irgendwelche Mittel zu beschaffen, wie anfangs von ihm versprochen worden war. Darauf erhielt ich keine Antwort.

3. Die Frage ist nun aufgetaucht, wer der Nutzniesser des Eigentums sein sollte. Die Treuhänderratsmitglieder, die Regierungsbeamte sind, sind der Meinung, es sei die G.E.L. Mission, während die missionarischen Mitglieder behaupten, die Kirche könne das Eigentum geniessen und erben. Die Sache wird der Regierung vorgelegt werden, damit sie ihre Absicht in dieser Sache klarer zum Ausdruck bringe. Eigentlich gehört das Eigentum in der Tat der G.E.L.Mission. Die Kirche ist selbständig, denke ich, soweit es Gemeindeangelegenheiten betrifft, aber bezüglich des Eigentums kann das Besitzrecht der Mission nicht bestritten werden, solange nicht die Mission es der Kirche durch eine rechtmässig ausgestellte Urkunde übergibt. Ich bezweifle sehr, ob die Britische Regierung das Recht hat beschlagnahmtes Eigentum einer ausländischen religiösen Körperschaft einer andern Gesellschaft zu übertragen und ob das internationale Recht solches zuliesse. Hat der Vertrag von Versailles sich über diesen Gegenstand klarer ausgesprochen?

4. In meiner Rede führte ich Beispiele an, durch die ich nachwies, dass klare Beweise des Niedergangs geistlichen Lebens in der Kirche vorhanden seien und sagte, dass Charakter, Frömmigkeit, Wohltätigkeit und Liebe viel wichtigere Dinge seien als Begriffe von Führerschaft, Dienst und selbst Autonomie. Ohne diese Tugenden, sagte ich, würde die Selbständigkeit ein gänzlicher Misserfolg sein. Dies sei einer der stärksten Gründe, sagte ich, wegen dessen die Rückkehr der wenigen Missionare so wünschenswert sei. Die Mitglieder liessen diesen Beweis gelten, besonders Herr Atkins nahm meine Partei. Die Antwort, die ich darauf erhielt, war, dass bezweifelt werde, die Regierung würde dies als genügenden Grund ansehen, die Frage der Rückkehr anzuschneiden, jetzt da der Beirat dasei um für die Angelegenheiten der Kirche Gewähr zu leisten.

Es freut mich zu hören, dass Dr.L.Larsen, der Vorsitzende des N.L.R. in Amerika nächstens Berlin besuchen wird und sehr für die Rückkehr ist. Leider muss ich sagen, dass in der Ausschussitzung Herr Cannaday Worte äusserte, die ein Tadel für Dr.Larsen waren. Herr Cannaday sagte, der Doktor sei entschlossen, die Deutschen nach Indien zurückzubringen und bewege Himmel und Erde, das zu tun; deshalb gehe er auf seine eigene Kosten und aus eigenem Antrieb nach Berlin. Er sagte auch, dass Dr.Larsen die Lage in Indien nicht kenne. Das Losungswort in Amerika sei „Lutherisch" und nicht „Autonomie" und Geld könne gesammelt werden, weil die Leute Lutheraner seien. Ich weiss nicht, wie weit die Aussagen Herrn Cannadays über Dr.Larsen der Wahrheit entsprechen oder richtig sind, aber ich

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fürchte, er hat damit das Vertrauen eines Glaubensgenossen missbraucht. Ich denke er will sich den Briten gegenüber loyal zeigen, was ich auch wünsche, aber wir müssen gegen unsern Glauben ebenso loyal sein. Ich schreibe N Ihnen das vertraulich, wünsche aber, dass Sie es dem Doktor (Larsen) mitteilen, der es (gefälligst) in seinem Gedächtnis bewahren und nicht daran rühren möge, bis die Rückkehr-Frage gelöst ist, wenn er überhaupt daran rühren will. Ich werde mich freuen, seine Stellung zu dieser sehr verwirrenden Frage kennen zu lernen.

In den Verhandlungen kamen wir überein, eine Abordnung von zwei älteren deutschen Missionaren einzuladen, Chota Nagpur zu besuchen. Sie werden sich erinnern, dass das dem Vorschlag gemäss ist, den ich vorigen Dezember in Cuttak machte. Dieses Mal habe ich Ihren und Herrn Stoschs Namen genannt, obgleich sie im Protokoll nicht erscheinen. Ich hoffe, wenn alles gut geht, werden Sie es gütigst möglich machen, in ihrem wichtigen Mission nach Indien herauszukommen.

Darf ich vielleicht darauf aufmerksam machen, dass es wirklich eine sehr feine Sache wäre, wenn auch Dr. Larsen versuchen würde, von dem N.L.R. abgeordnet zu werden, um diese Körperschaft in den Versammlungen zu vertreten, in denen Sie die schwebenden Fragen hier drauusen in Indien zu erörtern haben werden. Ich bin sicher, wenn wir alle uns bemühen, kann er nach Indien kommen. Der N.L.R. hat gegenwärtig ein grosses Recht, zu den in Betracht kommenden Fragepunkten ausgiebig gehört zu werden und kann seine Ansichten wohl durch seinen beglaubigten Vertreter zum Ausdruck bringen. Wollen Sie das, bitte, in meinem Namen Dr. Larsen anheimgeben?

Bitte übermitteln Sie dem gelehrten Doktor meine freundlichsten Grösse, wenn Sie ihn treffen. Wir sind uns nicht unbekannt. Ich kenne ihn und besitze seine Antwort auf mein Schreiben nach unsrer Feier des 75 jährigen Jubiläums.

Vielen Dank für die Liste der Missionare und das Bild.

Zum Schluss erlaube ich mir, Frau Kausch, Ihnen selbst, meinem alten Lehrer Pastor Roterberg, den Missionaren Stosch u. Mehl und allen, die mich im Missionshaus kennen, meine herzlichen Yisusahay zu senden.

Mit den freundlichsten Grüssen verbleibe ich, lieber Herr Doktor,

Stets der Ihre im Dienste des Herrn

P. Hurad.

P.S. Ich lege eine Photographie meiner Tochter bei, ehe sie in den Sarg gelegt wurde; bitte nehmen Sie dieselbe an.

P.H.

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Antwort auf Karte vom 6.7.22 No 307

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My dear brother Pastor Steward!

At first let me assure you and your family how much we have been grieved by the departure of your beloved daughter Pritwenti. But we know: He hath done all things well" — and your heart knows it too. When father Luther had lost his little daughter Magdalen, 12 years aged, he said: „I have sent a living angel to Heaven", so firmly he was convicted of the resurrection and the future life.

Secondly I am sending two votes, from Dr. Nottrott and Rev. Mehl about the matter of the new Marriage Act.

Finally I thank you for your remarks to

P The picture you have sent kindly was a very touching one. We remember the history:

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F may He give us His Holy Ghost – that of all, and all in all, and all other things shall be added unto us

the resolutions of the Advisory Board & meeting, dated 20th of June cr., and there resolutions themselves, which we got short time ago by Rev. Cannaday too.

Our Committee will consider all questions carefully and prayerfully in due time, perhaps already in its next meeting.

The public matters in Germany are very difficult because of the miserable condition of Valuta. But we trust in the Lord of the Lords. He is above the whole world, and He has esteemed Mammon and Money for nothing in matters of His Kingdom and its progress. F

Dr. Larsa was obliged to postpone his meeting with us for a month. Now he has to do in Russia in the famine relief work. But we hope to see him in September.

Our Lord's rich blessings to you, your dear Wife and children and our beloved brethren and sisters all, especially to the Rev. Hanukkah other members of the Church Council by us all in the mission house, especially my colleagues and my wife. Yours ever in the Lord H. Klaupk

Remarks of D.Dr.A.Nottrott about the „Amendment of the Christian Marriage Act".

I am glad that the long-desired revision of the Marriage Act is taking place now, as it is only just, that the Indian Christian Churches should, like the non-christian Indian communities, be permitted to regulate marriage matters according to national custom and not be required to submit to English law.

In some respects our christians are stricter than required by the amendment, as they generally don't marry within the same gotr, also if no blood-relationship can be prowed. But they should protest against the prohibition that a man may not marry his deceased wife's sister; see Leviticus 20,11-21 and 18,18(beside the other in her life time) and also the resp.passage in„Koman Mat Khandan".

The age of the persons to be married was settled by the General Conference and need not be changed, as according to page7 B any Christian body will be at liberty to regulate and solemnize the marriages of its ~~xxx~~ members according to its own rules. But the Church should know what they want and get sanctioned it by Government.

Marriages between christians and non-christians in our Mission never occurred nor would have been permitted.

With polygamists becoming christians, we always insisted upon all wifes but one being dismissed. The man had the choice. But such cases were very rare.

The Churchcouncil should discuss these matters thoroughly which they want to claim in deviation from the Act and I hope they will keep firmly to our Lutheran practice, followed hithertoo.

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25th August 1922

Herrn Missionsdirektor D.theol H. Kausch,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
GERMANY.

28. Aug. 1922

Dear Sir,

Your post-card has come during Mr Oldham's absence on holiday.

The letter about which you enquire, dated 27th March 1922, reached this office in April and was forwarded to Mr Oldham in China, a copy being kept here for safety. Mr Oldham believed that an acknowledgment of the letter had been sent to you and he, therefore, delayed writing you a full answer until he had something definite to say to you. The question of the Gossner Mission is one of the first on the list of subjects to be taken up on his return at the beginning of September and he will communicate with you as soon as any fresh light appears.

Yours truly,

D. D. Gibson

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D. Dr. A. Nottrott
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Hochgeehrter lieber Herr Kanoldt!

Ich hatte schon angefangen, direkt an P. Hurad meine Bemerkungen zu dem Report on the Amendment of the Christian Marriage Act" niederzuschreiben, allein ich denke, es ist doch besser, die Sache geht mir ein Anzeige v. Einzelfälle an unsere dortige Gemeinde, v. deshalb schreibe ich Ihnen zu event. Benützung in Ruhe nieder.

Es freut mich sehr, daß man endlich an eine Revision des Acts herangetreten ist, die wir schon lange wünschten, besonders weil das end-gelassen war, was klar zum Ausdruck der Regierung gegenstanden war, daß "In many respects English law is not suitable to Indian conditions." Die Hindus v. Mohammedaner läßt man ja ihren eigenen Familienbräuchen, ebenso die primitiven Aborigines, aber die Christen müssen ihre Stellung an das Gesetz halten. Freilich dürfen wir trotzdem, indem wir die Alten der Hilfsmissionen eigentlich d. ins General-Conferenz beschlüsse erhöhten - war es recht gesetzwidrig war - und die Ehen mit der verbotenen Frau Schwester aufgegeben. Hinsichtlich waren die Anfragen der englischen Behörden gestellt. Einzelne unserer Kols fielen unter das Gesetz, andere nicht, v. unser ihnen der höchste Richter in Ranchi, der "Judge" meinte, das bestünde nur "English subjects" würden sie zu die Kols nicht zu rechnen. Jedenfalls sind wir nun deshalb angegriffen worden. Freilich war auf den Marriage-Certificates, die man der Regierung einreichen mußten, nicht zu sehen, ob eine solche "Schwägerin-Ehe stattgefunden hatte.

Im allgemeinen sind zu die Kols bezüglich der Blutsverwandtschaften noch viel strenger, als der Marriage Act. Die gestatten keine

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Ehe innerhalb der Familienkreis mag so weit entfernt liegen, wie möglich. Bei Tupi oder Lacka darf nun oder einen und der Tisch sitzen, selbst wenn ein blutsverwandtschaft gar nicht vorhanden wären kann.

Jedenfalls sollten unsere Uebersetzer ganz entschieden sagen, daß in Note 2 (pag 6) die Worte: "a man may not marry his wifes sister" übergangen würden, mit Hinweis auf Leviticus 20, 11-21, wo das nicht verboten, und auf Levit: cus 18, 18, wo es sogar gestattet ist bey der Lebzeit "beside the other in her life time". Die Missionen Römers die sich auf im "Roman Catholic" darüber äußern.

Was die Worte des Religionsunterrichts betrifft, so wurden die Missionäre selbst, das bei uns durch Beschluß der Gen. Conference festgesetzte beizubehalten, da auf pag 7 B es wiederholt garantirt ist, daß "any christian body ... will be at liberty to regulate and solemnize the marriages of its members according to its own rules."

Die müssen sich nun sorgen Alle wurden, was sie beanspruchen und das neue Government petitionieren lassen.

Verbesserungen zu einigen Stellen v. Gerdau – die pag. 3, No. 5 u. 6 sind bei uns nun vorgekommen u. würden uns nicht erlaubt worden sein.

Die im Schreiben geäußerten Ideen – soweit sie unorganisch – sind von uns unterstützt worden, wie der uns pag. 4, No. 9 vorschreibt.

Pag. 4. "Note by the draftsmen" betrifft die uns mit der Frage, ob Pfingsten gefeiert werden sollten oder dürften. Der Akt macht eine Einmischung in unsere Sache ab v. übersieht die Selbstständigkeit der betreffenden Church. Die Jesuiten feiern in einzelnen Fällen den Mann mit 1-2 Frauen u. Kindern getauft u. sie uns mit einander weiter leben lassen. Wir haben Akt drauf gedrungen, daß die eine Frau

entlassen wurde. Der Mann konnte weggehen. In allen Fällen, die sich ergeben wenn die erste Frau Kinderlos ist, drängt der Mann selbst, sich noch eine zu nehmen, um Nachkommenschaft zu erzielen. Wenn nun Kinder von der 2ten Frau, der "ratchni", kommen, bekommt sie dann ein Jahr einzigen Schmuck und fand die andere mit ihrer Land und Vieh ab. Und das ist bis in unseren Kolonien auch so eingebürgert. Uebrigens waren beide Fälle sehr selten.

Wirklich rechtlich begründet war aber, oder ist noch, unsere obige Frage nicht. Die Kols sind Monogamisten – die 2 1/2 Frau wird von ihnen nur "ratchni" – Hälfteria genannt. Wenn man sich die Freiheit genommen, so konnte man mit der ersten, rechtmäßigen, Frau gemeint sein, gültig sein, die Hälfte, damit bei ihrem Manne bleiben und nicht der Not gehorchen müssen – aber die Kinder wegen müsste die 2te, als Mutter eben bleiben.

Was die Taufe von der Mann oder von der Frau anbelangt, so habe ich nur in einem Falle den Mann getauft, weil die Frau durchaus nicht Christin werden wollte, aber beide wollten sich nun trennen. Der war der Mann von Ratbari, den ich mit all seinen Kindern taufte, aber die Frau blieb heidnisch.

Ich hatte an ihnen Gedanken, aber der Mann bewegte mich, seine Frau wurde schon noch ganz von selbst kommen – sie habe nun einen Widerwillen gegen, dass sie nicht zu ihm kommen lasse. Da kam mir die Idee mit dem Manne selbst um den Taufunterricht, wurde getauft und eine liebe neue Christin.

Als ich Mann, der Manki, von den englischen Beamten gezwungen, ein Brief und weiss an die S.P.G. abstand – blieb sie weiter standhaft bei und ist die englischen Gottesdienste nun besucht. Das schöne Verhältnis aber blieb ungestört.

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Ich weiss wohl alles, was sich zu dem Act bemerken könnte. Unsere Church council haben muss die Punkte ausgesucht haben, die für, abweichend vom Act, für sie ein Anspruch erheben sollte, die wunden Punkte in unserer bisherigen kath. Praxis betreffen.

Anliegend sende das Protokoll Barodays ein Indien zurück. Was unsere Stellung zu dem "selbständigen kath. Kolonialbischof" betrifft, so kann ich mich nur freuen, dass ein solcher entstanden ist u. damit ein vorläufiges Ziel unserer langen Arbeit erreicht worden ist. Was ihre Verfassung - das amerikanische Schema entbehrt, so bedeutet sie mit der Zeit eine gründliche Reaktion.

Was die Stellung zu dem Vicariat betrifft, so ist u. soll dasselbe nur ein provisorischer Notbehelf einmal für die Madras-Mission sein. Die verschiedenen Missionen sind -

davon, dass die etwa weiter zugelassenen Missionen, sich unter das Vicariat oder gar unter die jetzt in Ch. Nagpur arbeitenden Gemeinden stellen könnten, kann nicht die Rede sein. Der Wunsch, dass unsere Missionen in die Stellung der Gemeinschaften u. Diözesen in ihren eigenen Missionen gerückt werden, dagegen könnten wir mit dem Vicariat vorläufig weiter arbeiten, bis uns es als ganz überflüssig sich in Nichts zerfallen auflösen würde.

Die Zeiten werden sich bald ändern, so dass wir völlig freie Hand bekommen werden. Wenn die Gemeinschaften in Ch. Nagpur nicht bleiben wollen, würde ich nicht für Aufnahme unserer Leute sein. Die Trennung von 2 Leuten zum Fortsetzung des Verlages hat u. Anlass mag keinen Zweck.

Mit herzl. Gruss
Ihr
ergebenst

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, 15th August, '22.

Dr. H. O. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse, 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

8. Sep. 1922

Dear Dr. Kausch,

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With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

I. Cannaday

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Verehrter, teurer Herr Kollege !

Zuvor möchte ich Ihnen bei dieser Gelegenheit, wenn auch mit der Bitte um Nachsicht wegen der Verspätung, herzlich zu Ihrer neuen Würde gratulieren.

Auf der Londoner Besprechung bitten wir folgende Forderungen und Wünsche unserer Mission mit Nachdruck vertreten zu wollen, die eigentlich Mr. Oldham nach den mit ihm gepflogenen Schreiben schon längst bekannt sein müssten, die wir aber im Schosse unseres Kuratoriums erst jüngst wieder, und zwar auf Grund ausdrücklicher Anfragen des sogenannten Advisory Board, dem unsere Mission drüben unterstellt ist, fixiert haben.

1) Wir halten mit aller Kraft an unseren indischen Missionsfeldern fest.

2) Unsere Kols-Kirche hat im März ds. Js. einstimmig beschlossen, die Rückkehr einer Anzahl unserer Missionare und Missionsschwestern zu fordern.

3) Demgemäss würden wir, vorausgesetzt, dass die britische Regierung die Erlaubnis dazu gibt, zunächst die Rückkehr von 2 oder 3 Missionaren in unsere Kols-Mission erbitten.

4) Diese Missionare würden bereit sein, sich in die durch die Autonomie und Verfassung der Gossnerschen Evangel.luther. Kols-Kirche gegebenen Verhältnisse einzufügen, wobei als selbstverständlich gilt, einmal, dass sie als ehrenhafte Männer seitens der betreffenden Instanzen und Behörden, und nicht als Feinde angesehen und behandelt würden, sodann aber auch, dass ihnen missionarische Arbeitsmöglichkeiten eröffnet werden, auf die sie nach den jahrzehntelangen und grossen Verdiensten unserer Mission um Land und Leute einen berechtigten Anspruch haben.

5) Die Stellung in besonderen leitenden Posten oder Aemtern würden unsere Missionare an sich nicht zur Bedingung machen, vielmehr wollen sie nur väterlich und brüderlich beraten, dienen, im Sinne der Förderung und Auferbauung der Kols-Kirche, geistlich und geistig die Kirche und die Gemeinden zu beeinflussen suchen. Würden ihnen gewisse Aemter angetragen werden, so wäre das eine andere Sache, über die

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über die dann gütlich verhandelt werden müsste.

6) Es wird in Aussicht genommen, dass die hinausreisenden Brüder, wenn sich alles so schicken sollte, gleich dort bleiben könnten. Dagegen würden wir es für überflüssig halten, zunächst nur eine Untersuchungskommission hinauszuschicken, die dann womöglich unverrichtetersache abziehen müsste. Schon die grossen Reisekosten würden es nicht angezeigt erscheinen lassen. Das gilt umsomehr, als wir über die gegenwärtig auf unserem Missionsfelde bestehenden tatsächlichen Verhältnisse und eingetretenen Neuerungen vollgenügend unterrichtet zu sein glauben.

7) Was schon oft von uns nachdrücklich erklärt wurde, wiederholen wir auch hier, dass wir die erlangte „Autonomie" der Kols-Kirche nicht aufzuheben trachten, vielmehr dahin wirken möchten, dieselbe zu einer wirklichen Selbständigkeit nach aussen und innen zu erheben. Die jetzt bestehende „Verfassung" halten wir für verbesserungsbedürftig und -fähig.

8) Mit den amerikanischen Brüdern, die bis jetzt die Leitung und Versorgung der Kols-Kirche vertretungsweise übernommen haben, müssten im Geiste der Dankbarkeit und Brüderlichkeit freundschaftliche Auseinandersetzungen und Vereinbarungen getroffen werden. Jeder Uebergang müsste selbstverständlich mit Sanftmut geschehen.

9) Da das amerikanische Luth. Council von vornherein in unsere Arbeit eingetreten ist mit der feierlich erklärten Absicht nur zu helfen, und keineswegs unser Missionsfeld uns dauernd zu nehmen, vielmehr dahin ~~sei~~ wirken zu wollen, dass wir in unsere alten Rechte wieder eingesetzt werden, so nehmen wir an, dass wenn unsere Missionare drüben wieder arbeiten können, sich die amerikanischen Missionare nach geschehener friedlicher Lösung wieder auf ihre früheren Felder zurückziehen.

10) Wir hegen zur Hochherzigkeit der amerikanischen Brüder das feste Vertrauen, dass sie die Kols-Kirche wenigstens für eine gewisse nötige Zeit noch, auch dann pekuniär in der bisherigen Weise unterstützen würden, auch wenn die amerikanischen ~~Brüder~~ Missionare nicht mehr unter den Kols arbeiten würden. Ja weiter, wir trauen es auch der Bruderliebe der amerikanischen Lutheraner zu, dass sie mit Kraft auch zu den Reisekosten und zum Unterhalt der wenigen, in Aussicht genommenen deutschen Missionare beisteuern würden, zumal im Hinblick auf die furchtbare Valutanotlage, in der sich, wie alle deutschen Missionen, ja ganz besonders auch die unsrige befindet.

Hiermit glaube ich das Wesentlichste gesagt zu haben, was ich nach Ihrer eben erhaltenen freundlichen Karte in Kürze zusammenstellen konnte.

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Gott erfülle Ihrer aller Herzen mit Weisheit, Geistesstärke, Friede und Freudigkeit. Meine besonderen Grüsse wie Ihnen selbst, so auch Herrn Bruder Schlunk und Mr. Oldham!

Treu ergeben

Ihr

D. J. Kanig

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Antwort auf
No. 301 & 302

To
The Rev. J. Cammaday
Secretary to the Advisory Board
of the G.E.L. Mission, Ranchi

Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystr. 19-20
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September 17th, 1922

Rev Mr. Cammaday,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated Ranchi the 4th of July. I handed it over to the Curatorium of Gossner's Mission who discussed it at their meeting on the 7th of September. The Committee direct me to express their sincere thanks for the friendliness which prompted it. I have the honour to present in reply not my personal views only but those of the Committee.

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1. Your first question is: What is now attitude towards the Autonomous Church?
The Autonomous Church was the goal at which all the endeavours of German Mission work aimed. You may know that just a few months previous to the beginning of the war in our annual Conference the problem was discussed what steps had to be taken then towards Autonomy of the Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur. Our resolutions were made known to our Native Christians. The spirit in which we received in 1919 the news of our Chota Nagpur Christians choosing Autonomy was that of great joy and thankfulness. From these facts you will see that we are not to do anything subversive of Church Autonomy. By this we should undo our own work.

Autonomy in the deeper sense of the word, however, is in our opinion still the goal at which we have to aim. In order to secure that full Autonomy for the Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur we believe it the best way, if some of those former Missionaries could come out to India.

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They would be best able to help the Autonomous Church to proceed on the lines on which it went towards Autonomy for more than 70 years. We do not think you find it unjust or unfriendly to say that full Autonomy is not yet attained. The very fact, that in Government's opinion as well as in the opinion of our Native Congregations and other Protestant Missions the Autonomous Church still needs an Advisory Board proves it.

Those few Missionaries coming out should be members of the Autonomous Church; they should be given suitable work according to their ability. They should not be members of the Church Council or the Advisory board on account of their being German Missionaries, but should be eligible for both.

2. What is your attitude towards the Advisory Board? We are of opinion that the Advisory Board for some time to come is a most useful part of the whole plan as a link between the Autonomous Church and Government as well as between the Autonomous Church and other Missions and the Christian public. Article 15 of the Con-

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stitution is very well worded in all its bearings. We can subscribe to it.

It is one of the concerns of the Advisory Board to maintain the (Mission) Church economically. This is a responsibility the Home Board would be entirely unable to undertake in the near future owing to the decreased value of German money.

3. As to the proposal that two Missionaries should come to Chota Nagpur to make a careful survey of the whole situation we suggest that in the beginning only two or at most three German Missionaries can be sent. They should go with a view to remain in the Mission-field in case they find conditions such as to enable them to do their work.

To the first pioneers of German Mission work after the war there will be set a hard task requiring a good deal more self-denial and preparedness for suffering than formerly. I instance only the fact that Germans in India will have to breathe in an atmosphere systematically filled by the Press with hatred and contempt against all that comes from Germany. We know that we are unwelcome

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to at least a considerable part of the English officials and English residents of India.
In a word, the whole question of German missionaries returning to India if viewed from the standpoint of the personal well being of German Missionaries would be answered in the negative. When the matter is presented ~~the~~ to the Indian public and the Native Church it would be good to make it clear from the very beginning that those German Missionaries do not come because they expect to be better off in India than at home. On the contrary they know they are taking the way of considerable hardship. It would be far more convenient to them to let matters go as they are and to decline responsibility as the English Government and English Missions have undertaken it. If they are prepared to take up work again in Chota Nagpur they are led by what they learned from the Good Shepherd.

German Missionaries coming out do not care to be a merely ornamental piece of the Autonomous Church. They come for the strengthening of spiritual life chiefly in the leaders of the Congregations. The education of the next generation of Pastors should be entrusted to them viz. one of them should be in charge of the Theological Seminary.

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It is clear that German Missionaries cannot undertake work in India if regarded as 'enemy Missionaries' as they were in 1915. We hope that public opinion on this point has already changed or will change and are certain that there will be Christian friends influencial enough to fight the spirit of National hatred and Calumny.

With Kind regards to all members of the Board

Yours sincerely

D. Gossner

Director of the Home Board
of Gossner's Mission. Berlin

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Uebersetzung.

Berlin-Friedenau, den 17. September 1922.
Handjerystr. 19/20.

An

Herrn Missionar J. Cannaday, Sekretär des Beirats der G.E.L. Mission, Ranchi.

Geehrter Herr Cannaday!

Mit Dank bescheinige ich den Empfang Ihres Briefes, datiert Ranchi den 4. Juli. Ich übergab ihn dem Kuratorium der Gossnerschen Mission, das ihn in seiner Sitzung am 7. September besprach. Das Komitee beauftragt mich seinen aufrichtigen Dank zum Ausdruck zu bringen für die Freundlichkeit die ihn veranlasste. Ich beehre mich in Erwiderung darauf nicht meine Ansichten allein, sondern die des Komitees zu überreichen.

1) Ihre erste Frage ist: Wie stellen Sie sich zu der autonomen Kirche? Die autonome Kirche war das Ziel, auf welches alle Bemühungen der deutschen Missionsarbeit hinstrebten. Es mag Ihnen bekannt sein, dass nur einige Monate vor Kriegsausbruch das Problem in unsrer jährlichen Konferenz behandelt wurde, welche Schritte zur Verselbständigung der luth. Kirche in Chota Nagpur zu unternehmen seien. Unsre Entschliessungen wurden den eingebornen Christen bekannt gegeben. Der Geist, in dem wir 1919 die Nachricht aufnahmen, dass die Christen in Chota Nagpur für Autonomie sich entschieden haben, war der Geist grosser Freude und Dankbarkeit. Aus diesen Tatsachen werden Sie ersehen, dass wir nichts tun werden, das die kirchliche Selbständigkeit untergräbt. Wir würden sonst unsre eigene Arbeit zunichte machen.

Selbständigkeit im tieferen Sinne des Wortes ist jedoch unsres Erachtens immer noch das Ziel, nach dem wir zu streben haben. Um diese völlige Selbständigkeit für die lutherische Kirche in Chota Nagpur zu ermöglichen, halten wir es für das Beste, wenn einige jener früheren Missionare wieder nach Indien hinauskommen könnten. Sie könnten der selbständigen Kirche am besten helfen, auf der Bahn fortzuschreiten, auf der sie mehr als 70 Jahre der Selbständigkeit zuschritt. Wir glauben nicht, dass Sie es ungerecht oder unfreundlich finden werden, wenn wir sagen, dass die volle Selbständigkeit noch nicht erreicht ist. Die Tatsache an sich, dass nach Ansicht der Regierung sowohl als auch nach der Meinung unsrer eingebornen Gemeinden und anderer protestantischen Missionen die „autonome Kirche" noch eines Beirats bedarf, beweist es.

Die paar Missionare, welche hinauskommen, sollten Glieder der selbständigen Kirche sein; sie sollten, entsprechend ihren Fähigkeiten, geeignete Arbeit erhalten. Sie sollten nicht Mitglieder des Kirchenrats oder Beirats sein, weil sie deutsche Missionare sind, sollten aber in beide wählbar sein.

2) Wie stellen Sie sich zum Beirat? Wir sind der Meinung, dass der Beirat noch für einige Zeit ein sehr nützlicher Teil des ganzen Systems ist als Verbindungsglied zwischen der selbständigen Kirche und der Regierung sowohl als auch zwischen der selbständigen Kirche und andern Missionen sowie dem christlichen Publicum. Der Artikel 15 der Verfassung ist in allen seinen Beziehungen sehr gut formuliert; wir können ihn unterschreiben.

Es ist eine der Angelegenheiten des Beirats, die (Mission) Kirche wirtschaftlich

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zu unterhalten. Das ist eine Verantwortung, welche zu übernehmen die heimatliche Leitung wegen des geringen Wertes der deutschen Währung in der nächsten Zeit ganz ausserstande wäre.

3) Bezüglich des Vorschlags, zwei Missionare sollten nach Chota Nagpur kommen und die ganze Lage erst sorgfältig erkunden sollen, bemerken wir, dass für den Anfang nur zwei oder höchstens drei deutsche Missionare gesandt werden können. Sie sollten mit der Absicht hinausgehen auf dem Missionsfeld zu bleiben, falls sie Verhältnisse finden, die es ihnen möglich machen, ihre Arbeit zu tun.

Die ersten Pioniere deutscher Missionsarbeit nach dem Kriege werden eine schwere Aufgabe haben, die ein gut Teil mehr Selbstverleugnung und Leidensbereitschaft erfordert, als es früher der Fall war. Ich führe nur die Tatsache an, dass Deutsche in Indien in einer Athmosphäre zu atmen haben werden, die durch die Presse systematisch mit Hass und Verachtung gegen alles, das aus Deutschland kommt, erfüllt ist. Wir wissen dass wir mindestens einem beträchtlichen Teil der englischen Beamten und in Indien wohnenden Engländer unwillkommen sind.

Kurz, die ganze Frage der Rückkehr deutscher Missionare nach Indien, wenn man sie vom Standpunkt des Wohlergehens der deutschen Missionare aus betrachtet, wäre verneinend zu beantworten. Wenn die Sache vor die indische Oeffentlichkeit und vor die eingeborne Kirche gebracht wird, so wäre es gut, wenn von vorneherein klar gemacht würde, dass jene Missionare nicht kommen, weil sie erwarten, in Indien werde es ihnen besser gehen als zu Hause. Im Gegenteil, sie wissen, dass sie den Weg beträchlicher Mühsal einschlagen. Es würde ihnen viel bequemer sein, die Sachen gehen zu lassen, wie es der Fall ist und eine Verantwortung abzulehnen, da sie ja die englische Regierung und englische Missionen übernommen haben. Wenn sie bereit sind, in Chota Nagpur wieder die Tätigkeit aufzunehmen, so lassen sie sich leiten von dem, was sie von dem Guten Hirten gelernt haben.

Deutsche Missionare die wieder hinauskommen, haben keine Lust, nur ein Zierrat der selbständigen Kirche zu sein. Sie kommen um das geistliche Leben, besonders in den Führern der Gemeinden zu stärken. Die Erziehung der nächsten Generation von Pastoren sollte ihnen anvertraut werden, d.h. einer von ihnen sollte die Aufsicht über das theologische Seminar haben.

Es ist klar, dass deutsche Missionare keine Arbeit anfangen können, wenn sie als "feindliche Missionare" angesehen werden, wie es 1915 war. Wir hoffen, dass die öffentliche Meinung in diesem Punkt sich geändert hat oder ändern wird und sind gewiss, dass christliche Freunde Einfluss genug besitzen werden, den Geist nationaler Gehässigkeit und Verleumdung zu bekämpfen.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen an alle Mitglieder des Beirats

Ihr aufrichtiger

D. H. Rauch

Direktor der heimatlichen Leitung der Gossn. Mission.

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G. u. G. B. F. 22. Sep. 1922

J. Vol. 112.

My dear Brother Pastor Konrad!

Hereby I am sending for your information a copy of our answer to the letter of Rev. J. Cannaday and the resolutions of the Advisory Board in its meeting 20. June 1922.

May our gracious Lord help us from step to step.

Our thoughts, feelings and prayers are incessantly with you, the other leading brethren and the whole congregation.

Please, give all beloved souls our very hearty Jesuslove.

Yours very truly

H. Kanish.

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Besprechung

mit Herrn Dr. Larsen, Kausch,
Rotenberg, Storch
am 25/9 22.

Berlin. Hôtel Fürstenhof

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2) Dr. L. [illegible]
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Lucien et Eric vont
chez Rose et Jo
Ils sont très contents
de leur journée.

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26.Sept.1922.

The Rev.Lauritz Larsen,D.D.,L.L.D.
President of the National Lutheran Council
American Relief Administration
Pirna,Alexanderstr.57.

Dear Doctor,

In our conference yesterday afternoon in the Fürstenhof,Berlin you uttered the wish to have a report about our Lutheran Ganges-Mission. After comparing our various news we have got from India it may be stated that the Gangesmission has been dismembered and the Missionstations have been distributed among different Missionary Societyes in the following way:

Ghazipur	English Wesleyan Missionary Society
Debri and	
Darbhanga	American Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society
Buxar	
Chapra	Regions Beyond Missionary Union
Muzaffarpur	Anglican Church (Chaplain of Muzaffarpur)

After all it is certain that none of our Missionstations there is at present in Lutheran hands. And that seems to be against § 438 of the treaty of Versailles.

We are thankful to you and all our American brethren for every help you so so generously spent for our Missionwork in East India. God bless your ways and endeavours for the benefit of the Lutheran Christianity.

With brotherly regards

Yours in the Lord

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Ryl No. 323.

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Herrn Pastor D.H. Kausch,

Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft,

Handjerystr. 19/20

BERLIN-FRIEDENAU

Tyskland.

Herr Missionar Licentiat J. Sandegren, Vice Präsident der Ev. Luth. Tamulenkirche, ist gerade aus Indien zurückgekehrt. Er hat eine gute Kenntniss der Missionsarbeit daselbst und ist "Convener" des "All India Lutheran Committee", d.h. Leiter der Bestrebungen, die verschiedenen lutherischen Missionen sich gegenseitig näher zu führen. Er besucht nun einige Missionsgesellschaften in Deutschland, um über die jetzige Lage in Indien Bericht zu erstatten und wünscht auch wenn möglich mit Ihnen und anderen Mitgliedern Ihrer Missionsbehörde zusammen zu treffen.

Uber Zeit seines Besuches wird er selber mit Ihnen korrespondieren.

Upsala den 16. Sept. 1922.

Nathan Söderblom

+/ Die Erledigung fand am 8/10 22
mit Ryl No. 323.
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G. Brandell

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Govindpur.
P.O. Jariagarh.
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar.
4 June 1922.

The Revd. Pastor R.Ziech.
Marcellino, Ramos.
Rio Grande do Sul.
B R A Z I L.

My dear honoured Sir,

Please accept my most hearty thanks for your great and generous gifts, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to God. Mr. Cannaday, the Secretary to the Trustees is just now in South-India on holidays. He is expected back soon. On his return to Ranchi, I believe, he will let me know of your gift. I shall do as you desire. I am very happy to learn that you intend extending your helping hands to us by raising money in Brazil. May God help you in your benevolent efforts. It would really relieve me of my many anxieties.

May God our Hope nad Strength bring the day soon when we shall all meet in Chota Nagpur and work in his vineyard together. The Home-Board wish me to get myself prepared for the Holy Ministry. I have just started studying Theology and have procured some books from U.S. Wish to have some more books soon.

With kindest regards ℔ and hearty Yishusahays to Mrs. Ziech and self from me and my wife,

I remain,
Yours ever in the Lord's service,

Jorg P. Hurad

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Aus einer Besprechung zwischen dem schwedischen Zentral=missionar P. Lic. J. Sandegren am 8. Okt. 1922 mit Dir. Kausch.

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Sehr geehrtes Fraulein!

Auf Anregung von Frl. Götze teilen wir Ihnen hiedurch durch mit, dass die deutsche Regierung nie eine Mission sionsanstalt auf britischem Gebiet unterhalten oder auch nur unterstützt hat. Ebenso ist es durchaus unwahr, dass irgendwo eine deutsche Missionsstation ein Walfenplatz war oder ein Waffendepot hatte. Die Verbreiter solcher Lügen, die sich die Mühe nicht nehmen mögen, die Wahrheit zu erforschen oder es gar böswilligütun, fallen unter das Wort Offenbarung 22 Vers 15.

Freundlich grüssend

D. Kunz

Missionsdirektor.

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Messingwerk bei Eberswalde den 27. Sept. 1915

Sehr geehrter Herr Director.

Verzeihen Sie, wenn ich Ihre kostbare Zeit heute für einige Augenblicke in Anspruch nehme, würden Sie so freundlich sein und mir mitteilen, ob die deutschen Missionen in den englischen Kolonieen vor dem Kriege von unserer Regierung mit Geld unterstützt wurden, und ob Sie auch nur einen Fall wissen, wo eine deutsche Missionsstation ein Waffenplatz gewesen? Es handelt sich nemlich darum, diese, von einer englischen Dame, ---einem Mitgliede des C.m.S Committees---gemachte Beschuldigung zu widerlegen.. Ich würde Ihnen dankbar sein, wenn sie die Auskunft darüber möglichst umgehend, an die einliegende Adresse senden würden.

Mit freundlichem Gruss auch an Ihre Frau Gemahlin bin ich

Ihre

ergebene

Gertrud Goetze

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
10th October, 1922.

Rev. D. H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

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Dear Dr. Kausch,

Enclosed please find a draft on Germany for Mks 327,240, which is the equivalent of Rs. 681/13/0. In order to save expense and time I have had this draft made out in your favour and shall hereafter send all large amounts for former Missionaries in this way. Of the above amount Rs. 681/5 is the sale proceeds of the goods of Rev. A. Koeppen, Chakradharpore and 8 annas only for Rev. P. Wueste. A much larger amount for Mr. Wueste will be sent shortly. In getting these drafts from Bombay there is much delay but we feel that that is the best way in which to get the money to Germany. I shall thank you if you will distribute the money there and have the parties send receipts to me. If I can lay my hands on the list of articles sold I shall enclose a copy for Mr. Koeppen in this, if not I shall send it later. (Enclosed).

Enclosed please find copy of a letter received recently from the Local Government. The Advisory Board instructed me to send you a copy.

With kind regards, I remain,

† No. 326

Yours sincerely,
J. Samuadar
Secretary to the two Boards.

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Government of Bihar and Orissa

Political Department

Special Section

From

G. Rainy, Esquire, C. S. I., C. I. E., I. C. S.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

To

The Secretary to the Advisory Board

of the Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and

Assam,

Ranchi, the 11th. September 1922.

Sir,

I am directed to reply to your letter of the 29th. June 1922, with which was enclosed a copy of the proceedings and resolutions of a special committee appointed to consider the question of the possible return of a ~~few~~ selected few of the former German missionaries to Chota Nagpur.

2. I am to say that, as the committee rightly surmised, it would be no use approaching Government on the subject at present. I am to add that the Local Government would also feel bound to oppose the discussion of the question in the shape suggested in clause (3) of the 10th. item in the proceedings, i.e. the deputation of two senior German missionaries to visit Chota Nagpur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ G. Rainy.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy forwarded for information to Dr. Kausch, President of the Berlin Mission.

D. T.

J. Lawrence

Secretary to the Adv. Board.

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LONDON, S.W.1.

27th October, 1922.

Dr. Theof. H. Kausch,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Handkrystrabe 19/20,
Germany.

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My dear Dr. Kausch,

I have now discussed thoroughly the situation of the autonomous Gossner Church of India with Mr. Oldham, who leaves for India within a few days.

I am sure that he appreciates the situation of your Society and its genuine interest in furthering the cause of the autonomous church. It will be his purpose to get in as close touch as possible with Mr. Cannady and other representatives of the church upon his arrival in India.

I regret to say, however, that Mr. Oldham was in possession of a communication from the Government of Bihar and Orissa to the effect that it could not at present, under any circumstances, entertain the suggestion made in paragraph 9,(3) of the proceedings of the Special Committee which met at Rauchi on the 20th June, that is, the suggestion that two Senior German missionaries be permitted to visit Chota Nagpur to study the present situation in the church.

Mr. Oldham feels that a mistake was made at least in the manner in which this subject was taken up. It is his purpose to get in personal touch with the Government upon his arrival in India. Until that time there is nothing further that can be done. Perhaps Mr. Oldham may be able to find a solution or open a way through his personal influence with the Government.

With very best wishes and assuring you of my continued and abiding interest in this important cause,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Lauritz Larsen

LAURITZ LARSEN
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

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27th October, 1922.

The Rev. H. Roterberg,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Handkrystrabe 19/20,
Germany.

Re R. Oldham 3-1/11/22

My dear Pastor Roterberg,

In reply to your letter of the 26th of September, I beg leave to say that I yesterday discussed the situation of the Ganges Mission with Mr. Oldham.

Mr. Oldham is well aware of the situation and the distribution of the various stations of the Ganges Mission. Technically, it is true that this is contrary to paragraph 438 of the Versailles Treaty. In reality, however, there was nothing else to do than to distribute these various stations, unless it would have been to leave the entire Mission and all its work to chance or complete dissolution. The fact of the matter is, that there was no harmonious organization and no Lutheran Society that was able to take over these few small and scattered stations. If a Lutheran Society can be found that is able and willing to take over the work, something which I do not believe can be done, I am sure that Mr. Oldham would use his influence to have the various societies that are now occupying the different stations, turn them over to one Lutheran organization.

I regret to say that I have come to the same conclusion as our conference of January 14th, 1922, concerning which resolution I have previously informed you, that there is at present nothing that we can do except await further recommendations from the Advisory Board of the Gossner Church.

With very best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Lauritz Larsen

Lauritz Larsen
President, National Lutheran Council.

LL/ED.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, 18th October, 1922.

Rev. D. H. Kausch,
Director of the Home Board,
Gossner's Mission,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

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Dear Dr. Kausch,

I must acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of your letter of the 20th September, 1922, No. D 110. I note all you have to say concerning the matter of the possible return of some of the former Missionaries to Chota Nagpur and shall present your letter to the next meeting of the Advisory Board on December 5th. I have already sent you a copy of the Chief Secretary's letter(Bihar and Orissa)concerning this matter. Government's reply, as you see, is rather unfavourable; but of course the Secretary of State for India in London will probably have the last word to say about it.

Let me say unofficially that I am much pleased with your letter--its kindly Christian spirit and the attitude which you take towards the Autonomous Church, Advisory Board, etc. I think you overestimate the "hostile atmosphere which former German Missionaries will have to breathe in India." I do not deny that such an atmosphere exists--in some circles at least; but I think that Missionaries will be largely free from such an atmosphere. Of course there may be exceptions as there always are to every rule. Regarding the hardships of returned Missionaries and the motives with which they will come, I agree that what you say will doubtless prove true. I call attention to the fact that the Advisory Board has endorsed the statement of the special committee that, for the spiritual strengthening of the autonomous Church, the former Missionaries will be very helpful. Well, this is all unofficial and my own private views.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. Hamaday

Secretary to the Advisory Board.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
8th December, 1922.

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Rev. D. H. Kausch, D. D.,
19/20 Handjerystrasse,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

Your letter of the 1st November--many thanks!

A duplicate of the draft for Mk. 123,652 was sent to you in the next mail. The money in rupees amounted to Rs. 380/7/6, and should be divided as follows:

Rev. C. E. Wueste,	Rs.	164-7-6
Rev. P. Wueste,		135-5-0
Rev. A. Naumann,		80-11-0
	TotalRs.	380-7-6

I note all you have to say about transmitting money to Germany. I am doing the best I can. I have no easy job. I took the advice of a Missionary in Bombay who is skilled in this matter. I have just learned from him that Dr. Waters made the mistake of getting the drafts in Marks instead of pounds. The Missionary through whom I first dealt it was away on leave. I am truly sorry for the loss that has occured. Hereafter I shall try to send drafts only in pounds.

Please forward the enclosed letter and oblige.

The Advisory Board has just met. I read to them your letter of the 20th September, 1922--No. D 110. The Board endorsed the reply which I had already sent in an unofficial capacity, but did not think another reply was now necessary. We expect Mr. Oldham here in Ranchi(at the meeting of the National Missionary Council here)January 3-16, 1923, and expect to have several interviews with him concerning the matter of the return of some of the former Missionaries. Dr. Larsen's letter, written after his interview with you in Berlin, was also read; as well as the letter which he wrote to me after seeing Mr. Oldham in London. In his letter was enclosed a copy of his letter to you and to Mr. Roeer-berg. The Advisory Board was pleased to get all these view-points. Of course it was especially pleased at your attitude towards the autonomy of the Chota Nagpur Lutheran Church and towards the Advisory Board it-self.

To go back to the matter of goods and drafts. I may say that I shall be sending another draft before long, I hope. I am sorry that one or two former Missionaries, it would appear, after requesting me to sell their goods, wrote to the Government officials here to do the same. Now I am being put to trouble and embarrassment. I refer to the Reverends Koeppen and Wueste of Chakradharpur and Chaibassa. What am I to say to the Custodian who wants to know why I have sold their goods, when they themselves requested me to do so?

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. Lamadaj

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.

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Head-quarters :—Ranchi.

23. Nov. 1922

Secretary :—
P. Hurad.

No.

GOVINDPUR,
P. O. JARIAGARH,
Dist. Ranchi.

Dated The 28th October *19*22.

D. Theol. H. Kausch.
Missions-Director
Gossner Mission House
BERLIN-Friedenau

D. 1/23

My dear Doctor,

Your letter of condolence of the 27th August on our sad bereavement received. Your kind words were soothing to our troubled hearts. Thanks for your most sincere sympathies. Your kind favour of the 22nd. Sept. with enclosure, a reply (copy) to the Advisory Board through the Rev. I. Cannaday also received for which thanks.

I have gone through the Curatorium's letter very carefully and I am glad to note that it has been worded wisely. I am at one with you in almost all your views expressed therein.

My only regret has been that while acknowledging the force of argument that there are signs of decline of spiritual life in the Church, the Provincial Council and the National Missionary Council of India have not been able to see their way to reopen the question of the return of the German Missionaries in the near future. The time limit of 5 years prescribed by the Government has enabled the National prejudice of the British Missionaries to gain time.

Mr. Oldham is again coming out to India and is expected to visit Ranchi early in December next. Personally I think that if I am asked to have an interview and consulted on the question of the return of the missionaries I should decline such requests. I dont think any useful purpose can be served by such discussions unless Mr. Oldham comes with new proposals after having understood the mind of the Government and the missionary councils.

Art. 15 of our constitution. Board has made much of it and think that it stands on the way to the return of the German Missionaries to Chota Nagpur. I do not take it into that light, as the church has not stipulated that only British or American missionaries should be the members of the Board.

The Church has expressed its wishes in the clearest terms possible as worded in the resolutions of the last conference and if the missionary councils go against the wishes of the Church they go against their own principles that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the churches and the missions. In my own thinking they seem to lose our confidence.

Man can not help us. They are but instruments of God. He knows how and when to help us. He will open the door in the right time. Glory be to His Holy name!

With best regards and hearty Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch to self and to all in the mission house,

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

B Hurad

Gossner Mission

Hr. Pastor Kunad, Secretary
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1. Jan. 1923.

My first liner of correspondence in this New Year I address to you, my beloved Brother, to your family, to our Church Council and all our brethren and sisters in the Lord. He who is The Way and The Truth and The Life, may give us all treasures that are enclosed in these three great heavenly goods for body, soul and spirit.

Your letter of the 28th of Oct. came so late into my hands that I could not give you any advice. But this does not matter. With my whole heart I trust that the Holy Ghost will be the best counsellor of yourself and the other leading men of our community. Till now I am in good health. But the times for the children of God are heavy. But the Father has not forsaken us. Further we are waiting on Him. What may be the result of Mr.

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Oldham's visit?

Yours ever in Christ
our Saviour

H. O. Kaufft

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Am Schafberg

D. 22. 13. Febr. 23.

My dear Brother Peters!

Please take my heartiest thanks for your kind congratulation for the New Year 1923 after our beloved Lords birth. You are quite right. He alone is our Helpe. And that is the meaning also of our Christian greeting: Gods Salvus! The needs of our fatherland are great indeed and, you know it I think according to the newspapers greater than before. But how the faithful servant, St. Paul the Apostle, was suffered in a similar way, and much more than we? And did our Lord Himself not live in an „occupied land", occupied by the Romans? Therefore we must be comforted! For a long time we did not hear any news of our mission fields. Dr. Lewis Larsen has died suddenly in America. He was a friend of our work in Chota Nagpur. Please, write us as soon and as much, as you can.

Yours very truly ffr Kaufft.

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G. N. G. B. Fr. 18. Febr. 1923.

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To The Geneal Conference
of the Gossners Ev. Luthe. Church
Ranchi.

Dear Brethren in Christ!

We suppose that your annual General Conference will be held this year too. But we have not heard which proceedings will be issued this time. Therefore we regret to be not able to give you any distinct ~~directions~~ suggestions about the matters under consideration. But we are confident, that all your debates will be in the spirit of peace, thankfulness, duty and obedience to the Word of the living God.

Under there circumstances we are sending you our sincerest Yi'on rehutijs or absent in body, but present in spirit, and - to speak with the apostle: This also we wish, even your perfection. 2 Cor. 13,9.

We all feel how heavy the times are now, how manifold the temptations. But all is a trial for our faith. May the Lord give you that your faith (might) be tried with fire and be found (much more precious than of gold) unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Him who is our only real hope and to whom all power is given.

Never your old missionaries and ourselves can forget you and our old blessed work. We long for the hour of unhindered communication, but we are waiting with patience, for the time of God. He knows best to educate and govern us to our heavenly purpose.

With our sincerest regards for the beloved

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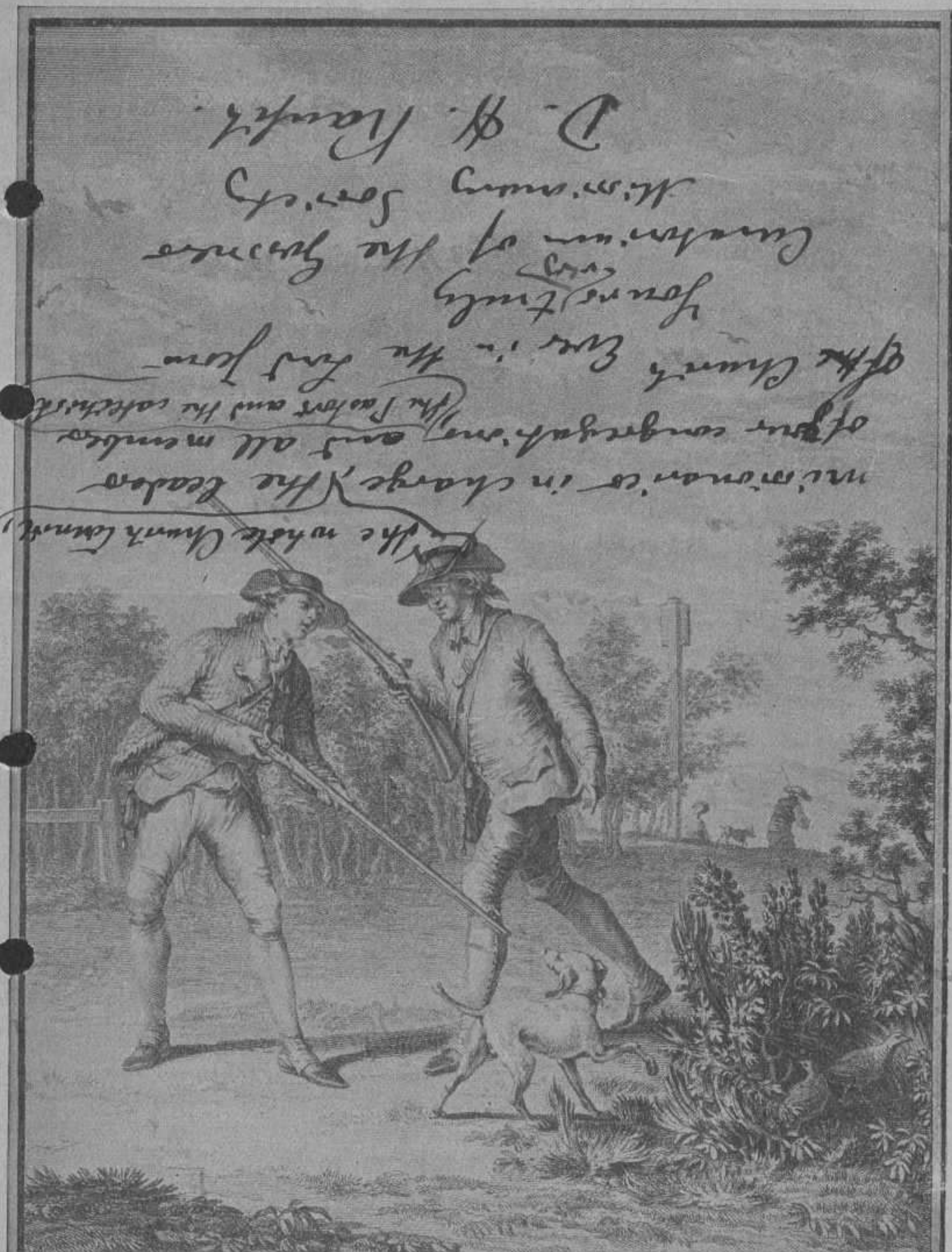

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Secretary :—
P. Hurad.

No.

GOVINDPUR,
P. O. JARIAGARH,
Dist. Ranchi.

*Dated...*2nd....February1923.

The Rev. H.O. Kausch, D.D.
Director, Gossner-Mission.
BERLIN-Friedenau.

28. Feb. 1923

My dear Doctor,

The first lines of ~~your~~ correspondence from your noble pen conveyed to me in a Post Card ~~in~~ the beginning of the New Year reached me duly. I beg to tender my heart-felt thanks for your consoling and heart-lifting message. The Lord ~~who~~ is indeed the Way, the Truth and the Life--I trust in Him and He has in His infinite mercy sustained me in all my troubles and trials with which I was beset in the latter half of the old year.

Mr. Oldham came to Ranchi on the 2nd of January and stayed till the 16th. He conferred with some members of our Council and some members of the local congregation on the 4th. I was surprised that my presence was carefully avoided and I was not informed of the meeting by Mr. Cannaday though he was the person to arrange it. In any case, I am informed from good sources that nothing was said that would go against the RETURN QUESTION. Mr. Oldham, I hear, pointed out that the Local Government's opinion was also to be respected, which insisted that the question should not be reopened till the time-limit period expired.

The National Missionary Council of India also met this year, from the 10-16 of January in Ranchi. There was no lively discussion on the RETURN.

There is much trouble now in Jaspur Feudatory State owing to misrule of the Rajah and the heir. The Christians and particularly our own men are subjected to all sorts of hardships and some have been tortured to death. All our workers of the State are therefore now posted in the parishes on the border of the State. There is now great need of Relief Work which is being undertaken. Please pray for us and all our brethren of Jaspur now in distress.

The General Conference meets this year just after the Easter i.e. 6-12 of April next.

I with my wife and children ~~are~~ am doing well and they all join me in sending you and Mrs. Kausch our hearty Greetings and Yishusahays.

Please give our Yishusahays to Mr. Mehl, Loterberg and others in the Mission House who know me.

Yours ever in the Lord's cause,

P Hurad

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Rev. J. Cammaday
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cammaday,

With thanks we acknowledge the receipt of your letter Febr. 6, 1923, with enclosures, and of the draft for

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equivalent of Rs. 785/2.

The amounts of this sum have been distributed among the parties named in your letter (excepted Rev. Kasten — Gumla, now in Polonia, who has not given answer till now, where to send his money).

In the name of all these missionaries we thank you very much for your troubles and for your kindness in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Kuratorium
der
Goßnerschen Missionsgesellschaft.

D. G. Rauch

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My dear brother in the Lord!

I am sending you my best blessings for easter and pentecost. We long for good news from Chota Nagpur, but we have not heard anything about a progress in the matter of the return of some of our old missionaries. I am sure, you can sympathise with our most deeply afflicted heart, because you have a mission- heart too. Our powder is our prayer. God give wisdom and all spiritual goods to you and your fellow labourers especially your dear wife. Yours very truly

H. Klamt

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN

CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1922.

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THE ADVISORY BOARD.

PROF. S. C. MUKERJI.
REV. S. H. CASHMORE.
REV. I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

MEETING HELD IN RANCHI ON SEPTEMBER 19—21, 1922.

Those present were : The Rev. A. G. Atkins, Prof. S. C. Mukerji, the Rev. T. H. Cashmore, and the Rev. I. Cannaday, *Secretary.* The visitors present were : Prof. S. K. Roy, of the High School, Mr. Yuel Lakra, official visitor from the Church Council, the Rev. H. R. Spangler, Head Supervisor of Lutheran Schools and the Rev. Herbert Anderson, of Calcutta.

1. The Rev. A. G. Atkins was elected Chairman.
2. THE MEETING was begun with prayer by Prof. Roy.
3. THE MINUTES of the last meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read.
4. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the months of April—August, 1922, was presented and accepted (see page 13).
5. AD INTERIM ACTIONS. The following resolutions of the Board, passed by circular vote since the last meeting, were ordered to be recorded :—

(1) That the report of the special committee on the question of the return of former Missionaries be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to carry out recommendations (1) and (2) by correspondence with the parties named therein and to forward the resolutions to Mr. Oldham, in order that he may take action on recommendation (3). It was further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent for information to the Local Government, the National Missionary Council, the Bihar and Orissa Council, the Gossner Lutheran Church Council, the Guntur-Rajamundry Mission and the Chairman of the German Missions Committee of the National Missionary Council.

(2) That in accordance with the action of the Church Council the Advisory Board co-opt the Rev. T. H. Cashmore as the Anglican member of the Board in the place of the Rev. E. H. Whitley, resigned.

(3) That, in accordance with the action of the Church Council requesting that its representatives on the Advisory Board be chosen in rotation, the Board accept this principle of election and request the Council to choose two representatives in the place of Messrs. N. Soy and J. Topono who have resigned their places.

(4) That, with reference to the letter from the S. P. G. Mission and the resolution of the Church Council regarding the Kinkel situation, we request the B. & O. Council's Executive to appoint a committee of three, made up of one representative each from the Lutheran Church, the S. P. G. Mission and the B. & O. Council, nominated by the three bodies concerned, with power to investigate and settle the matter.

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(5) That, in accordance with the action of the Advisory Board at its last meeting (see Item 4, (c), page 2) and in view of the urgency of the matter due to the non payment of the Grain Compensation Allowance since December, 1921, monthly increments be given from April 1, 1922, as follows :—

(a)	Primary Schools—85	Teachers	amounting to Rs.	120.
(b)	M. E. Schools—11	"	" "	25.
(c)	Girls, Schools — 4	"	" "	5.
			Total Rs.	150 monthly.

(6) That Mrs. Cannaday be authorized to offer the position of Head Mistress of the Girls' School, Ranchi, to Miss Kushum Sokey, a trained Lutheran lady, upon the completion of her two years' I A. course in Katni, and that for the time being the present arrangement stand.

(7) That the sum of Rs. 130 monthly, as requested by the Church Council and allocated by them to four boys' Boarding Hostels, be sanctioned from June 1st, 1922.

(8) That, with reference to the request of the Church Council, the Advisory Board agree to pay the travelling expenses of all Pastors who attend the annual Monsoon Meeting in Ranchi in September.

(9) That the allocation by the Church Council of the sum of Rs. 375 monthly, as already sanctioned by the Board, to 10 former scholarship holders and 7 new candidates, all reading in various institutions of higher education, be approved, with effect from June 1, 1922.

(10) That D. M. Panna, Esquire, B. A., M. L. C., be appointed the Lutheran representative of the Advisory Board on the Special Committee to investigate the Kinkel trouble.

6. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP. The following items were reported and acted on:—

(1) The Rev. T. H. Cashmore having been duly elected to succeed the Rev. E. H. Whitley was welcomed to membership on the Board.

(2) Dr. S. K. Datta feeling that he could not now give the time to the work of the Board which was ordinarily demanded of a member offered his resignation. The resignation was accepted with regret.

(3) The Rev. A. G. Atkins, intimating that his residence and work are shortly to be transferred from this Province to the Central Provinces, offered his resignation and the same was accepted with regret.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

(1) That the Board put on record its deep appreciation of the services of Dr. Datta and Mr. Atkins who have done so much to establish and strengthen the great work committed to its charge, the former from the inception of the Board and the latter as the successor of Mr. Hodge. The Board is truly

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grateful for the splendid work these two gentlemen have done, each in his own way, for the cause of the kingdom here in Chota Nagpur.

(2) That we nominate D. M. Panna, Esquire, B. A., M. L. C., and Rev. J. Z. Hodge as the respective successors of the members who have resigned and instruct the Secretary to report these nominations to the Lutheran Church Council for its approval and to the B. & O. Missionary Council for its confirmation.

7. MINUTES OF INFORMAL MEETING. The following actions of an incomplete meeting of the Board held in Ranchi on June 21-23 which could not be carried into effect because of the lack of a quorum in the meeting, were approved and the Secretary was instructed to incorporate them in the minutes:—

(1) *High School Matters:*—

(a) Prof. Roy, Principal, read and explained the report and recommendations of the Managing Committee, called for by action of the Advisory Board at its last meeting, dealing with the matter of religious teaching in the High School.

It was resolved to accept the report and recommendations with thanks to the Committee and to transmit the report to the Church Council, with the assurance that there is no intention on the part of the High School authorities to change the policy of the School with regard to religious teaching and, further, with the assurance to the Council that the Board stands ready to bear the expenses of sending any Pastor who may be selected for special training in teaching methods.

(b) That the remaining items in the Council's minutes concerning the High School be referred to the Prinicipal of the School for direct reply to the Church Council.

(2) *Report of Head Supervisor of Schools:*—

(a) Mr. Spangler read a report of his work during the interval since the last meeting of the Board. The report was accepted with thanks and sanction was accorded to the official acts of the Head Supervisor. In connection with one item in the report it was voted to urge the Church Council to take whatever steps are necessary to secure a larger and more regular attendance in the primary schools.

(b) *Provident Fund for M. E. Teachers.* As instructed at the last meeting the Head Supervisor laid before the Board a scheme for inaugurating a provident fund among the teachers of the Middle English Schools. It was voted to accept the scheme, as outlined, and instruct the Secretary in preparing the preliminary budget for 1923 to include in the same the sum of Rs 600, which is the probable amount the Board will need to contribute as its share of the scheme during that year, with a view to its going into effect from January 1st, 1923.

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(c) *Guru Training School.* A plan for opening a guru training school in Govindpur from January, 1923, was presented and discussed. Being convinced of the necessity of such a school under its own management, the Board resolved that, since the necessary amount has been included in the 1922 budget, the Head Supervisor be instructed to proceed with the plans for opening the school as proposed and to secure whatever Government aid it proves possible to obtain.

(d) *Request for Increments.* Petitions from Messrs. Maity and Biswas, Head Masters of Middle English Schools, for increments were presented. It was voted to inform the petitioners that no increments could be granted them at this time, inasmuch as their present salaries were made larger than is required by the rule on the ground of extra expense; but that possibly the Board would be favourable to giving them increments later on, provided they would enter into a written agreement to serve for a given number of years, not to exceed five.

(e) *Petition from Rev. M. Hurad.* A petition was read from Rev. M. Hurad, Chaibassa, protesting against certain deductions which had been made in his monthly salary bills. After hearing a statement of the whole matter by the head Supervisor, it was resolved to instruct him to incorporate among the rules governing Pastor-Supervisors and schools a regulations to the effect that all tuition fees shall be regularly deducted from monthly salary pay bills and that no unsanctioned amount shall be included in these bills.

(3) *Minutes of the Annual General Conference*:— The following items from the minutes of the General Conference, held in Ranchi, March 27-30, 1922, were acted upon:—

(a) *Poor Fund.* The Board wishes to assure the Conference of its sympathy for the poor and helpless among the Lutheran Christians, but requests the Church Council, as a necessary preliminary to further action, to present to the Board for its consideration a more definite and workable scheme of poor relief. It is to be understood that this action does not commit the Board to the support of any kind of a scheme for relief of the poor.

(b) *Batta and T. A. of Delegates.* On consideration of the great necessity then existing, the Board resolved to pay the Council the sum required for the batta of the delegates, namely, Rs. 824/2/3, but desires to inform the Council that it cannot promise any definite help for this meeting in the future until the Council submits some plan for reducing the expenses of the Annual Conference.

(c) *Votes of Thanks.* The Board accepts with gratitude the vote of thanks extended to it by the Annual Conference and instructs its Secretary to convey the other votes of thanks to the bodies concerned.

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(4) *Minutes of the Church Council* :—
Action was taken as follows on items from the minutes of the Church Council's meeting of April 1st and 2nd, 1922 :—

(a) *Repairs.* That the request of the Council concerning the Ranchi Church organ and bell and the Ranchi cemetery, as well as the request concerning Jala and Jorhat Stations, be referred to the Trustees with the endorsement of the Board.

(b) *Kanke.* The Secretary was instructed to enter into correspondence with the proper governmental authority with a view to securing a suitable grant in aid of the regular services which are being maintained at Kanke by the Lutherans.

(c) *School at Singhani.* The Board resolved to instruct the Head Supervisor to investigate the request of the Council for a school at Singhani and to take steps towards the establishment of the school, if, in his judgement, it is found necessary and feasible.

(d) *Jala Pastor.* This request was referred back to the Church Council with the request that, first of all, the Council make an appeal to the Lutheran people themselves for the necessary support of the Pastor needed in this Station. The Board wishes to emphasize the principle already enunciated that it can not make any grants for the direct support of the Pastors.

(e) That the matter of the iron safe in the S. P. G. bungalow at Murhu be referred to the Trustees.

(5) *Letter from National Lutheran Council.* Read letter from the Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, dated at New York, the 23rd May, 1922, in which sanction was given to the Advisory Board to allocate Rs. 1500/- from the 1921 credit balance for the purpose of building the first block of a new Girls' School building in Ranchi, as planned. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Council for this generous gift.

(6) *Report on Karak Trouble.* Report of the Committee filed for future action. It is noted that the allegations were found to be untrue and therefore no action by the Board is necessary. A vote of thanks was given to the Committee.

8. High School Matters.

(1) Prof. Roy stated that, in view of vacancies on the Managing Committee of the School, it would be well for the Advisory Board to nominate one of its members for membership on the Committee. He suggested the name of Mr. Cannaday. The Board accepted the suggestion and nominated him as a member of the Committee.

(2) The Principal again laid before the Board his agricultural scheme which has received the approval of the Board of Trustees. After discussion it was voted to commit the whole matter to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Atkins, Cashmore, Cannaday and Roy, with power to deal with the same as they think best.

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9. Report of Head Supervisor of Schools. Mr. Spangler read an interesting and informing report of his work during the months of June, July and August and made a number of recommendations which were accepted as below. The report was received with thanks to Mr. Spangler.

(1) That the Head Supervisor, in consultation with his Assistants, be allowed to appoint a matriculate in the M. E. School, Govindpur, in case of necessity, after the opening of the Guru Training School.

(2) That the requests of Messrs M. Maity and K. K. Biswas for increment be not granted at the present time.

(3) That the matter of furnishing transportation to Messrs M. Maity and K. K. Biswas be left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Advisory Board and the Head Supervisor.

(4) That the requests of Messrs M. Maity and K. K. Biswas for loans be granted, and that the amount for each be Rs. 140/-, which shall be fully refunded to the Advisory Board by the end of 1923.

(5) That the Head Supervisor, in consultation with his Assistants, be authorized to appoint three Uriya teachers in our schools in the Gangpur State, provided their salaries can be secured from State funds.

(6) That the three teachers in the Burju Ilaka, appointed by the Pastor-Supervisors to teach in Advisory Board Schools, whose salaries were met from tuition fees, be accepted as regular Advisory Board teachers.

(7) That the request of the Pastor from Jorhat, Assam, to appoint two extra teachers in the school there be deferred until the status of the school has been determined.

(8) That the Head Supervisor, in consultation with his Assistants, be empowered to grant teachers their increments without further sanction from the Advisory Board, whenever such increments fall due according to the salary scale adopted.

(9) That the following new rules governing the Pastor-Supervisors be put in force :—

(a) All expenditures and receipts of all schools, whether the latter are in cash or in kind, shall be shown in the monthly bill forms, and whatever amount is not expended for repairs and equipment of the schools shall be deducted from the total amount of the teachers' monthly salaries.

(b) That the following words be added to rule 8 governing Pastor Supervisors :— "and should be reported immediately in order that all such changes in staff may be intimated to the District Inspectors of Schools."

(c) Whenever any teacher employed in the schools of the Advisory Board intends to leave his post, he shall give a month's previous intimation of his intention. Likewise, whenever the Advisory Board wishes to dispense with the services of any teacher, the latter shall receive a month's previous notice, or in lieu thereof a month's salary, except

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in case where the teacher has been dismissed for immoral conduct.

(10) That the Advisory Board hereafter not allow tuition fees, or any of its funds in the Chaibassa U. P. School, to be used for paying servants that are in the employ of the local Church Council. Further, that no extra allowance, in addition to the stipulated salaries, be allowed to any teacher in this Station.

(11) That the Head Supervisor, in consultation with his Assistants, be permitted to discontinue the support of inefficient schools, and in their stead select strong and promising schools which are now under the control of the Church Council, and in some cases amalgamate two or more weak schools, provided the Council agrees to such transfers.

10. GIRLS' SCHOOLS AND WOMEN'S WORK. Mrs. Cannaday made a report of her work and proposed the following resolutions which were accepted :

(1) *Miss Sokey.* That Miss Kushum Sokey be granted a scholarship of Rs. 15/- per month, on the same conditions that the young men now receive them, in order that she may finish her I. A. course in the next two years at Katni and then become Head Mistress of the Lutheran M. E. Girls' School, Ranchi.

(2) *Rules.* That the tentative rules for the management of Girls' Schools be sanctioned.

(3) *Changes in Management.* That Mrs. Cannaday be allowed to make changes in the management of the Girls' Boarding Schools after consultation with the Head Supervisor.

(4) *Increments.* That Mrs. Cannaday be allowed to give increments according to scale in the several schools from January 1, 1923, with the approval of the Head Supervisor, and provided the funds allow.

(5) *Men Teachers.* That necessary changes among the men teachers of the various staffs of the Girls' Schools be made in consultation with the Head Supervisor.

(6) *Bible Women.* That the monthly salaries of the Ranchi Bible women be increased from Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 from Sept. 1, 1922.

(7) *Govindpur Bungalow.* That, in case changes are made in Govindpur, which will set free the bungalow and out-houses near the Girls' School, the Advisory Board request the Board of Trustees to allow the Girls' School to have the use of said bungalow and out-houses.

(8) *Visit to Katni.* That Mrs. Cannaday be given permission to visit Katni and Bilaspur with a view to making arrangements for sending our girls there for training if the need arises, the expenses of the trip to be charged to the N. L. C. with the consent of the latter.

(9) *Chaibassa Bungalow.* That, whereas the building at Chaibassa is altogether too small for the present Girls' School and expansion is impossible, the Advisory Board request the Trustees to allow the bungalow near the school to be used for the school and not be rented to outsiders.

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(10) *Kanke Ayahs.* That the Church Council be asked to help support a scheme whereby the unmarried ayahs of the S. P. G. Mission and the Lutheran Church, employed in the Ranchi Mental Hospital, may be looked after by a matron or matrons.

11. MATTERS FOR THE TRUSTEES. Action was taken as follows on matters pertaining to the Trustees :

(1) *Leper Asylum.* That the question of closing the Lohardaga Leper Asylum from January, 1923, and transfering it to Purulia as proposed by the Mission to Lepers, be referred to the Church Council for its opinion and that the question of disposing of the buildings be referred to the Trustees, and that no definite action be taken until the facts in the case are ascertained. The Church Council is to be informed that should it be found necessary to make this transfer every effort will be made to safeguard Lutheran interests.

(2) *Purulia Cemetery.* That, in view of the uncertain ownership of the Purulia Cemetery, the matter of its use again be referred to the Church Council and the Trustees.

(3) *Trustees' Letter.* That, with reference to the Trustees' letter to the Board dated the 10th March, 1922, concerning the proposal of Government that certain limitations be put on the powers of the Trustees to dispose of property, by obtaining the previous consent of the Board, it was voted to recommend to the Trustees that Government's proposal, as modified later, be accepted without any reference to the "specified list of properties" mentioned in the letter.

(4) *Bandgaon Dispensary.* The Trustees having referred the question of the purchase of this Dispensary from the S. P. G. Mission to the Board, it was decided, after discussion, to recommend to the Trustees the purchase of the same.

(5) *Ranchi Cemetery.* The Board recommends to the Trustees that, in accordance with the request of the Church Council, application be made for the extension of this Cemetery.

(6) Protest of the Council concerning the disposal of property by the Trustees. It was voted to forward this protest to the Trustees with the endorsement of the Board.

(7) *High School Repairs.* The matter was referred to the Trustees.

(8) *Small Bungalow in Purulia.* Voted to recommend to the Trustees that this bungalow be rented or leased in accordance with the terms proposed, and recommended by Mr. Miller.

12. MATTERS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL. Action on matters from recent meetings of the Council was taken as follows:

(1) *Scholarships.*

(a) That two additional scholarships of Rs. 15 and 25, as recommended by the Council, be granted.

(b) That the request. of Messrs. Boaz Purti and Theo. Tiga for increased allowances be not granted and that they be considered hereafter as holding their scholarships under the Council; and, further, that the Secretary be instructed to continue negotiations with them concerning

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their taking up work in the Gossner Church.

(c) That the Church Council be requested to carry out the recommendation of the Board that the Principal of the High School be consulted before selecting candidates for scholarships (See minutes of Board meeting of July 16, 1921, page 6, item 21 (d)).

N. B. The following is the list of scholarship holders as recomended by the Council and approved by the Board.

1.	Bixal Mundu	Rs.	25.	11.	Dular Sirka	Rs.	25.
2.	Samuel Hemrom	„	25.	12.	Chonhas Lakra	„	25.
3.	Jakaria Purti	„	15.	13.	Prabhudan Bara	„	25.
4.	Heran Henrenz	„	25.	14.	Paulus Kandulna	„	25.
5.	Theodore Surin	„	25.	15.	Theophil Tiga	„	25.
6.	Suleman Purti	„	25.	16.	Boas Purti	„	25.
7.	Julius Tiga	„	10.	17.	Bimal Tirkey	„	10.
8.	Jaimasih Tiga	„	20.	18.	Salan Topono	„	15.
9.	Theodore Lakra	„	15	20.	Nimans Ekka	„	15.
10.	Nabin Horo	„	15.	20.	*Obed Minz.	„	25.
					Total	Rs.	415.

* This is a plucked student and his scholarship shall not be considered a precedent for such cases.

(2) *Transfer of Pastor Rufus from the Seminary.* It was voted to request the Council to reconsider its action.

(3) *Petition of Pastor Hanukh.* With reference to this petition for a reduction of school fees and several other petitions of a similar nature, it was decided to empower the Head Supervisor of Schools and the Secretary to deal with all such petitions as far as possible.

(4) *Offices for the Council.* Voted to recommend this proposal to the Trustees.

(5) *New S. P. G. Mission Stations.* The Board felt that the report of the Council concerning the intentions of the S. P. G. Mission was not based on ascertained facts and that therefore no action could be taken on it. The Board would caution the Council to exercise the greatest care in dealing with matters of this kind. After discussion it was decided that the whole matter of relationships with the S. P. G. Mission should be postponed for consideration till the next meeting of the Board.

(6) *Sarnatoli Pastor.* The Board felt that it would not be wise for it to take any part in the disciplining of this Pastor. It recommends to the Council that all such matters be dealt with by the Council alone.

(7) *Use of Hindi.* The Board regrets that it cannot accede to the full request of the Council in this matter. It was resolved to ask the Council to continue to send to the Board all its actions in an authoritative translation and to instruct the Secretary to have all the actions of the Board translated into Hindi before being printed for distribution among the Pastors and others in the Church.

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(8) *Fees of William Lakra and Committees of Investigation.* The Board considered the requests of the Council; but, feeling that it had acted entirely in good faith and in the interests of the Church, decided to take no further action in the matter.

(9) *Vote of thanks to Mr. Whitley.* The Secretary was instructed to convey this to Mr. Whitley.

(10) *The use of the term "Kol."* The Board requests the Council to deal direct with the Manager of the Girls' School, Ranchi, in this matter.

(11) *Jaspur Troubles.* A report was made concerning this matter which the Council had referred to the Board. It was decided that the Secretary and Head Supervisor had already done all that could be done for the present.

(12) *Council's Visitors to the Board Meetings.* Noted with pleasure that Rev. N. Tiru and Mr. Yuel Lakra, B. A., have been appointed by Council to attend the sittings of the Board as official visitors.

(13) *Mennonite Mission.* The Secretary was instructed to forward the action of the Council to the Secretary of the B. & O. Council of Missions.

(14) *Report of 75th Anniversary. etc.* The Board requests the Council to furnish it with an estimate of the cost of having this report and the book of sermons published.

13. READING OF LETTERS. The Secretary read or referred to correspondence as follows:

(1) *Letter from the Rev. J. H. Maclean* .Chairman of the German Missions Committee of the National Missionary Council, intimating that the policy of the Board in respect of former Missionaries was being followed in South India.

(2) *Letter from Mr. Oldham* acknowledging receipt of the report of the Special Committee's meeting held in Ranchi on June 20th last and intimating that a conference with German Mission Board representatives would take place in London in September. Mr. Oldham states that he intends to visit India again this year.

(3) *Letter from Rev. W. Paton* expressing the hope that he and Mr. Oldham could visit Ranchi in December of this year.

(4) *Letter from the Bishop of Chota Nagpur* requesting that the matter of the election of the Anglican member of the Board be brought up at the next meeting of the B. &. O. Council.

(5) *Letter from Mr. Gupta concerning an honorarium.* This matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Cashmore, Cannaday and Roy for settlement.

(6) *Letter from the Chief Secretary* to the Bihar and Orissa Government concerning the possible return of former German Missionaries. The Secretary was instructed to forward for information copies of the letter to all parties concerned.

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14. GOVINDPUR TROUBLE. The Secretary made a statement concerning the trouble which has arisen in Govindpur Station between the Head Master of the Boys' School and the Ilaka Chairman. Investigations have been made by the Head Supervisor of Schools and by a committee from the Church Council. It was decided that, inasmuch as the Head Master is to be transferred to another Station at the end of this year and the Ilaka Chairman is not under the control of the Board, no action by this Board is now feasible or necessary.

15. BUDGET FOR 1923. The tentative budget for next year was read and explained at length. It totals Rs. 94200. A copy has already been forwarded, on request, to the National Lutheran Council. The Board endorsed the tentative budget and recommends it to the favourable consideration of the National Lutheran Council.

16. SEMINARY MATTERS. The following items were approved :—

(1) That the travelling expenses of Tara Prasan Khalkho to Guntur and return be paid on Advisory Board account, in order that he may read in the Guntur Theological Seminary, a free scholarship having been given him there.

(2) That the monthly allowance of Rs. 5/- to each of the two Pastors teaching in the Seminary be made retrospective from August 1, 1921.

(3) That the petition of Mr. Y. Lakra for an increment in salary be referred to Messrs. Roy and Cannaday with power to act.

(4) That the petition of the married students for increased stipends be disallowed.

(5) That, on request of the Seminary Faculty, the Board suggest to the Church Council the unwisdom of transferring Pastor Rufus at this time.

(6) That, on request of the Faculty, the Advisory Board authorize the Secretary to purchase a second-hand harmonium for teaching music in the Seminary.

(7) That inquiries be made of the Principal of the High School concerning the monthly grant to the School of Rs. 60/- for extra staff to teach Seminary students.

(8) That as regards repairs, sports, etc., the Faculty be requested to deal with these matters as seems best.

17. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following items were sanctioned :—

(1) That as a special case a scholarship of Rs. 25/- monthly be given directly by the Board to Mr. Benjamin Minj to enable him to finish his course in the Serampore Theological College and that it be recorded that this action shall not be taken as a precedent.

(2) That on condition that timber becomes available from the Mission forest and the cost is not excessive, the Secretary be authorized to have the roof of Doctor Horo's house repaired.

(3) That the Secretary be instructed to deal with the Ranchi Mandli Panch concerning the salary of the Derakhana chaukidar.

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(4) That the Secretary be instructed to prepare the annual report of the Advisory Board and present the same to the next meeting of the B. &. O. Council.

18. NEXT MEETING. It was voted to hold the next meeting of the Board in Ranchi on Tuesday, December 5th.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Cannaday.

(Sd.) A. G. ATKINS,
Chairman.

(Sd.) I. CANNADAY,
Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD ACCOUNTS.
APRIL—AUGUST. 1922.

		Credit	*Debit*
	Opening Balance ...	17488- 0-0	
1.	College Scholarships ...	...	2070- 0-0
2.	High School :—		
	(a) Principal's Salary ...	...	1325- 0-0
	(b) Teaching Grant ...	...	1770- 0.0
	(c) Furniture „ ...	...	300- 0-0
	(d) Hostel „ ...	...	125- 0-0
3.	Middle English Schools	892-11-6	6281- 8-3
4.	Primary Schools (Boys)	7157- 0-0	12664- 5-6
5.	Boys' Hostels ...	...	390- 0-0
6.	Theological Seminary	12- 0-0	2772- 9-0
7.	Catechists' Grant ...	...	4500 0-0
8.	Girls' Schools & Bi. Women	1180- 1-0	4700-13-0
9.	Medical Work	349-12-6	2367-14-0
10.	Miscellaneous & Unforeseen	...	322- 8-6
11.	Co-operative Society	...	320- 0-0
		27079- 9-0	39909-10-0
	N. L. C. Grant to Trustees		4081- 4-8
	N. L- C. Receipts	38000- 0-0	
		65079- 9-0	43990-15-5
	Credit Balance		21088- 9-7
		65079- 9-0	65079- 9-0

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OF THE

ADVISORY BOARD

OF THE

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN

CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM

MEETING OF DECEMBER 5-7, 1922.

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THE ADVISORY DOARD.

PROF. S. C. MUKERJI.
REV. T. H. CASHMORE.
REV. J. Z. HODGE.
D. M. PANNA, ESQ.
REV. I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

MEETNNG OF THE ADVISORY BOARD IN RANCHI ON DECEMBER 5—7, 1922.

Those present were : The Rev. J. Z. Hodge, the Rev. T. H. Cashmore, D. M. Panna, Esqr., B. A., M. L. C., and Rev. I. Cannaday, *Secretary.* Regrets for absence were sent by Prof. Mukerji. Visitors present were : Mr. J. Lakra, B. A., and the Rev. N. Tiru, from the Church Council ; Prof. S. K. Roy, Principal of the High School, and the Rev. H. R. Spangler, Head Supervisor of Schools.

1. The Rev. J. Z. Hodge was elected Chairman.

2. THE MEETING was opened with prayer by the Rev. T. H. Cashmore.

3. THE MINUTES of the last meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

4. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS. The Secretary reported that the co-option of Messrs. Hodge and Panna to membership in the places of Dr. Datta and the Rev. A. G. Atkins, resigned, had been confirmed by the B. & O. Missionary Council's Executive and that these two gentlemen had accepted their appointments.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The statement of the Board's receipts and expenditures for the months of September-November was presented and accepted (See page 10). It was pointed out that there would be a large credit balance at the end of this year.

RESOLUTION, That, in grateful appreciation of the generosity of the National Lutheran Council in furnishing funds for the work of the Board, we request the Council to grant us permission to allocate the savings of the 1922 budget for various special needs during 1923.

6. MATTERS WITH THE CHURCH COUNCIL. Various matters from the minutes of the Church Council and elsewhere were acted on as follows :—

(1) *Jashpur Troubles.* The Secretary made a report concerning the disturbances among the Lutheran Christians in Jashpur State and stated that he had been to Raipur to see the Political Agent. The Agent being on tour the Secretary interviewed his Superintendent who gave an account of the recent troubles in the State, pointing out the difficulties in the way of interference by the Agent, and advising that a personal interview be had with the Dewan of the State. The interview will be arranged as soon as possible.

(2) *Scholarships.* Attention was directed to various matters. It was decided to grant the request of Mr. Theo. Tiga, now reading in the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, and lend him Rs. 125, to be repaid as soon as possible after he enters the service of the Board or Church.

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(3) *Printing Church Council Minutes.* The request of the Council was granted and the Secretary was instructed to pay for the printing of 500 copies of the Council's minutes beginning with September, 1922, and continuing through 1923.

(4) *Increments of Seminary Pastors.* The Board considered the request of the Council that the pay of the two Pastors teaching in the Seminary be made Rs. 40 each month, and decided that it would be best to stick to the principle hitherto announced, namely, that the salary of the Seminary Pastors should be equal to the average actual salary of all other Pastors. The Council is requested to furnish the information required in order to carry out this principle. This action may be retrospective, if the Council so recommends.

(5) *Bamra Preaching License.* Reported that the Political Agent of the Bamra State had finally refused to grant a preaching license to the Rev. N. Tirkey, but that he had stated that there would be no objection to this Pastor's working among the Lutheran Christians there.

(6) *Letter from Secretary of the S. P. G. Mission.* A letter was read intimating that some Lutheran Christians had applied for admission to the S. P. G. Mission, but had been refused. Letter referred to the Council.

(7) *Letter from Mr. Whitley.* Referred to the Council.

(8) *Kanke Allowance.* Reported that the request for a grant in aid of Lutheran services at the Kanke Asylum had been considered by the management there, but final action had not yet been taken.

9) *Asansol work.* Reported that the Rev. Mr. Archibald, of the American Methodist Mission, Asansol, had visited Ranchi upon request and had had a conference with several Church Council members concerning the Lutherans' request to be allowed to prosecute active work there. It was reported that a satisfactory agreement had been reached.

(10) *Petition from Gumla.* Referred to the Council.

(11) *Hostel Grant.* The Secretary was instructed to advance Rs. 2000/- to the Church Council for the purchase of rice for 1923.

(12) *Letter from Rev. John Horo, Assam.* A signed statement from the Agent of the Trustees and Mr. N. Soy, disagreeing with the assertion of the Assam Pastor, was presented. The matter was referred to the Council.

(13) *Rules for Control of Church Lands.* Resolved to request the Council to furnish the Advisory Board with a copy of these rules.

(14) Food arrangements for High School students. Referred direct to the Principal of the School.

(15) *Work in Singhani Station.* Request of the Council was duly considered. The Head Supervisor was instructed to make further investigations and report to the next meeting the probable cost of granting the Council's requests.

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(16) *Memorandum for Management of Property.* The Board sympathetically considered the suggested further amendments to the proposed agreement and recommended them to the Trustees.

(17) *Kinkel M. E. School.* The Board regrets that no action can be taken on this matter, as the Head Supervisor has not yet been furnished with the petition mentioned. The matter will be dealt with sympathetically whenever the petition is received.

7. JHARSUGUDA SCHOOL. The request of the Lutheran Section of the National Missionary Society that the School in Jharsuguda be handed over to them along with the congregational work which has already been made over by the Church Council was again considered; likewise the request of the Society that the Board recommend to the Trustees a modification of the terms of the proposed lease. It was resolved to make over the School to the Society from the beginning of 1923 and also to recommend to the Trustees that the terms of the lease be modified as requested by the Society. In this connection it was also decided that the Board put on record its high appreciation of the successful work of Rev. Luther Jojowar in the Jharsuguda field, as reported by the Head Supervisor of Schools and others.

8. HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS. Prof. Roy presented in person several matters. Action was taken as follows:—

(1) That the travelling expenses of the Principal to Patna and return be paid by the Board, to enable the Principal to lay before the Educational Department the special needs of the School.

(2) That, with reference to Religious Teaching in the School and the action of the Church Council in the matter, the Board hereby affirms the right of the Church Council to frame the syllabus of religious teaching in all the schools of the Church, including the High School and the appointment of a Pastor-teacher to the High School, who shall be expected to conform to the regular time tables. It is understood that the matter of religious teaching for all non-Lutheran boys, as well as the matter of time tables, the allotment of work to teachers from the staff, etc, is to remain in the hands of the Principal.

(3) The special committee appointed to examine into the proposed agricultural scheme for the School was granted further time to report.

(4) The Secretary was instructed to advance Rs. 100/- for immediate repairs and to request the sanction of the National Lutheran Council of a further and much heavier expenditure for substantial repairs which the trustees are unable to have executed.

9. REPORT OF HEAD SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS. The Supervisor made his usual report which was received with thanks. The report shows progress along several lines. The following recommendations were acted on:—

(1) That the bill of Rs. 47/12 on annual Examination Account, submitted by Prof. S K Roy to the Head Supervisor, be paid out of Advisory Board funds. It is understood, however, that the Board cannot promise hereafter to assist in financing

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the Annual Examination and suggests that the Annual Examination Board make such alterations, if necessary, that the scheme may be self-supporting.

(2) Concerning the two petitions from Mr. Raphael Kerketta and Mr. Ignatius Lakra, respectively, requesting that they be granted loans, the Board decided—

(a) That the former be allowed a loan of Rs. 140/-, amounting to two months of his salary, and that the loan be liquidated in full by the end of 1923.

(b) That the latter be granted a loan of Rs. 54/-, being equivalent to two months' salary, and that the same be liquidated in full by the end of 1923.

(3) That, since Mr. K. K. Biswas has complied with the request of the Board that he give some undertaking to the effect that he would serve for a number of years, his salary be increased Rs. 10/- within the three-year period, beginning January, 1923, and ending December, 1926, from Rs. 70/- to Rs. 80/- per month. Other matters among his requests laid before the Board are left to the descretion of the Secretary and the Head Supervisor.

(4) That Mr. M. R. Kazi be offered the position of Head Master in the M. E. School, Koronjo, on an initial salary of Rs. 70/- per month to be increased to Rs. 80/- per month within the three-year period, beginning January, 1923, and ending December, 1926; provided he is willing to give an undertaking to the effect that he will stay in the service of the Board for the above period of time.

(5) That the Board request the Church Council to assume control of the L. P. Boy's Hostel, Ranchi, in the same manner as all other Boy's hostels are managed, and that proper arrangements for the management of the Hostel be made as soon as possible.

(6) That the two Pandits, who have been engaged as teachers in the proposed Guru Training School, Govindpur, be each given an initial salary of Rs. 27/- per month from January, 1923.

(7) That the purchase of a type-writer for the purpose of the Assistant Supervisor's office be left to the discretion of the Secretary.

(8) That the request of the Head Supervisor to issue an Annual Report of all the Schools be sanctioned, and that the Report be incorporated into a larger Report of the Advisory Board to be issued as soon as possible in 1923.

10. Report of Mrs. Cannaday. Mrs. Cannaday reported as follows :—

(1) That all the girls' schools are now drawing grants and therefore there is a good balance at the end of the year, so that dual desks have been ordered for all the schools and a new latrine is being built for the M. E. School in Ranchi.

(2) That Miss Kushum Sokey and her father have agreed that she shall become Head Mistress of the M E. School in Ranchi in July, 1924, after she has passed her I. A. examination.

(3) That Mrs. Spangler has started crochet work among a few women to be done in their homes, and has taken charge of the children's organigation known as the "Light Brigade".

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(4) That there are four Bible study classes for women in Ranchi, and two patrols of Girl Guides have been enrolled in the M. E. School.

(5) That in view of a recent letter from Miss Whitaker stating that after 1923 it may not be possible to reserve places for Lutheran girls in the S. P. G. Training School, Ranchi, it was resolved—

(a) That a committee consisting of Mrs. Cannaday, Mr. Spangler and Mr. Khess, be appointed and authorized to go into the matter of teacher training for the Lutheran girls after 1923, and bring forward proposals at the next meeting.

(b) That for 1923 one or two girls who cannot get places in Ranchi be sent to Bilaspur and that all expenses above Rs. 4/- per month be met from funds for women's work.

11. MATTERS WITH THE TRUSTEES. The following items were acted on :—

(1) *Agreement with the Trustees.* After discussion and a statement concerning the unsatisfactory condition of the Trustees' finances had been made, it was resolved that, subject to the approval of the National Lutheran Council, whose financial support is necessary, the Board expresses its willingness to enter into an agreement with the Trustees whereby the Board would make itself responsible for the upkeep and repairs of all property which it is now using for school, medical and other purposes. The Secretary was instructed to draft an agreement and circulate the same to the members of the Board.

(2) *Trustees' Minutes.* A vote of thanks was recorded to the Trustees for supplying the Board with a copy of their proceedings, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Church Council that it may have the use of the Board's copy of the Trustees' minutes at any time.

(3) *Rev. Daud Kujur and Savings Bank Account.* It was resolved to request the Trustees not to consent to the operating of this account without the approval of the Church Council.

(4) *Request of the Agent concerning his work.* Voted to refer this request to the Trustees.

(5) *Horse for Pastor John.* The Rev. J. Topono, Assistant Supervisor of Schools, had requested that he be allowed to continue to have the use of the Mission horse which was given to him for his work. This request was recommended to the Trustees for favourable consideration.

(6) *Ganges Mission Properties.* The Secretary made a report of his recent visit to the five Stations of the former Ganges Mission In view of the financial condition of the Trust, it was decided to recommend to the Trustees that, in case any property anywhere must be disposed of, preference should be given to that property which is least required for the work of the Boards and Church Council.

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12. MEDICAL MATTERS. The following items were acted on :—

(1) *Lohardaga Leper Asylum.* The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Anderson, the London Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, and told of his interview with Mr. Oldrieve on the subject of the Asylums at Lohardaga and Purulia. After discussion of the whole matter in all its bearings it was resolved to instruct the Secretary to convey to Mr. Anderson a copy of the Board's action of September, 1922, on this subject and to emphasize the need of some guarantee that, if the Lohardaga Leper Asylum be closed, full liberty will be given to all Lutheran Christian inmates in the Purulia Asylum to maintain their own separate Church connections and to have the regular ministrations of their own clergy. Further, it was resolved to record the Board's hearty appreciation of the new policy inaugurated at Purulia by the Rev. E. B. Sharpe, the Superintendent of the Leper Asylum, and to express the hope that this policy will continue to prevail, and to recommend to the Church Council that it urge the Lutheran Pastor at Purulia to co-operate with Mr. Sharpe in this policy.

(2) *Repair of Dr. Horo's House.* The Secretary was instructed to have repairs and alterations executed on this house at an expense not to exceed Rs. 500/-.

13. SEMINARY MATTERS. The following items were acted on :—

(1) That the Secretary be instructed to have all necessary repairs executed.

(2) That a sum not to exceed Rs. 150/- be authorized for purchasing new books for the library.

(3) That the proposal to abolish the Preparatory Class, after 1923, be endorsed in the belief that this will strengthen the Seminary and tend to raise the standard of the regular Seminary Class.

(4) Reported that the Secretary, as instructed at the last meeting, after consultations with the Principal of the High School and Mr. J. Lakra, had fixed the latter's salary to be paid out of Seminary funds, at Rs. 40/- per month from October 1st.

(5) Reported that, as instructed at the last meeting, the Secretary had re allocated the charge of Rs. 60/- per month for extra teachers in the High School for members of the Preparatory Class by placing Rs. 30/- only against the Seminary and adding Rs. 30/- to the teaching grant paid to the High School.

14. COMITY WITH THE S. P. G. MISSION. Reported that, owing to the illness of Dr. Kennedy, the S. P. G. representative on the special committee, no full meeting of the committee had yet been held. It is hoped that a full and final meeting will be held shortly.

15. CORRESPONDENCE. The Secretary read letters as follows :—

(1) From Dr. D. H. Kausch, Director of the Home Board, Gossner's Mission, Berlin, dated 20th September, acknowledging

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receipt of the resolutions of the special meeting held in Ranchi in June last and intimating that the Gossner's Mission had declared itself in favour of the autonomy of the Chota Nagpur Lutheran Church, as well as in favour of the continuance of the Advisory Board. The ad-interim reply of the Secretary was endorsed.

(2) Letter from Dr. Larsen after his visit to Berlin and London.

(3) Letter from Dr. Datta.

16. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

(1) The Secretary was instructed to have the constitution of the Advisory Board published hereafter along with the minutes of its meetings.

(2) The Secretary was instructed to make payments from the beginning of 1923, on the basis of the 1922 budget, until definite word is heard concerning the 1923 budget.

(4) Letter from the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Chota Nagpur Division, requesting the Board to approach some philanthropic gentleman in America for a loan of Rs. 18,000 for five years, in order that the interest of the same may be used by the Central Bank, Govindpur, in the payment of the salary of the manager. It was resolved that it was not opportune now to make such a request in America, but that the Board assure the Assistant Registrar that it stands ready to assist in paying the salary of the manager of the Bank.

(5) That the Secretary and Head Supervisor be instructed to prepare the materials for a report of the work of the Advisory Board since its inception to the end of 1922.

17. NEXT MEETING. Resolved to hold the next meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 7th of March, 1923.

The meeting then adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Rev. H. R. Spangler.

(Sd.) J. Z. HODGE, *Chairman.*
(Sd.) I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD
SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER, 1922.

		Credit	*Debit*
	Opening Balance ...	21088- 9-7	
1.	College Scholarships ...		1745- 0-0
2.	High School :—		
	(a) Principal's Salary ...	...	825- 0-0
	(b) Teaching Grant ...	...	1092- 0-0
	(c) Hostel „ ...	...	75- 0-0
3.	Middle English Schools ...	797- 6-6	3539- 6-0
4.	Primary Schools (Boys) ...	4744- 4-0	7548- 4-9
5.	Boys' Hostels ...		390- 0-0
6.	Theological Seminary ...	...	1521- 9-6
7.	Catechists' Grant	...	2700- 0-0
8.	Girls' Schools & Bi. Women	613- 1-0	2128- 3-3
9.	Medical Work ...	466- 7-9	934-12-9
10.	Miscellaneous & Unforeseen	...	1774- 1-6
11.	Co-operative Society ...	...	160- 0-0
		27709-12-10	24433- 5-9
	N. L. C. Receipts	22800- 0- 0	
		50509-12-10	24433- 5-9
	Credit Balance		26076- 7-1
		50509-12-10	50509-12-10

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DISBURSEMENT OF THE CATECHIST GRANT FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER 1922.

	Ilaka	No. of Catechists.	Monthly allowance. Rs. AS. P.	Paid in eight months. Rs. AS. P.
1.	Ranchi	40	125 0 0	1000 0 0
2.	Lohardaga	25	50 0 0	400 0 0
3.	Gumla	16	42 0 0	336 0 0
4.	Kondra	21	55 0 0	440 0 0
5.	Chainpur	20	60 0 0	480 0 0
6.	Kinkel	43	130 0 0	1040 0 0
7.	Khutitoley	21	40 0 0	320 0 0
8.	Koronjo	26	.....	.....
9.	Jharsuguda	13	.....	.....
10.	Rajgangpur	28	83 0 0	664 0 0
11.	Jarakudar	17	45 0 0	360 0 0
12.	Karimati	27	75 0 0	600 0 0
13.	Chaibassa	4	20 0 0	160 0 0
14.	Purulia	6	20 0 0	160 0 0
15.	Burju, Tamar & Tokad	38	65 0 0	520 0 0
16.	Govindpur	26	76 0 0	608 0 0
17.	Takarma	27	.....	.....
18.	Singhani	3	14 0 0	112 0 0
	Total ...	401	900 0 0	7200 0 0

DISBURSEMENT OF THE BOARDING HOSTEL GRANT. FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER 1922.

	Ilaka	Monthly allowance. Rs. AS. P.	Paid in five months. Rs. AS. P.
1.	Jharsuguda	60 0 0	300 0 0
2.	Chainpur	30 0 0	150 0 0
3.	Gumla	25 0 0	125 0 0
4.	Chaibassa	15 0 0	75 0 0
	Total ...	130 0 0	650 0 0

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

(Adopted by the Bihar and Orissa Representative Council of Missions at its fifth meeting at Hazaribagh, October 21, 22, 1919. See Resolution IV, (3)—(7) (c), pages 17—19 of the BULLETIN for April, 1920), and ratified by the National Missionary Council at its meeting in Lahore, 13—18 November, 1919).

1. "That, having regard to the dangers incidental to the early life of the autonomous Church, arising mainly from the lack of trained and experienced leadership, we record our emphatic opinion that an Advisory Board of five members, as recommended by the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to co-operate with the Commission of Inquiry of the N. M. C., is necessary.

2. "That the Board should include one Lutheran and one Anglican member.

3. "That three members of the Board should be or become resident in Chota Nagpur.

4. "That, while recognizing the undesirability of defining its sphere too rigidly, we are of opinion that the Board should exercise the following functions :—

"(a) To be an Administrative Body in matters Educational, responsible to Government for the maintenance of an adequate Supervising Staff.

"(b) To be a Board of Reference to the Board of Trustees in all matters relating to the disposal of the property as scheduled in the Trust Deed.

"(c) To be a medium of communication (i) with the Christian public and Missionary Councils in all appeals for financial help, and (ii) be-

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tween the autonomous Church and other Missions or Churches in all matters affecting their mutual relations.

"(d) To be a Committee of Counsel in all congregational matters, acting in conjunction with the Central Committee [now the Church Council] of the Lutheran Church."

5. "That vacancies occuring in the Advisory Board should be filled up by co-option in consultation with the Lutheran Central Committee, (now the Church Council) subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the B. & O. Council, * and in the event of a Mission agent being nominated for co-option the authorities of the body concerned shall be consulted before the name is sent up for approval to the Executive Committee of the Council."

* This last clause was added by way of amendment at the meeting of the Council in Ranchi on October 10—13, 1922.

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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.

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Head-quarters :—Ranchi.

Secretary :—
P. Hurad.

No.

GOVINDPUR,
P. O. JARIAGARH,
Dist. Ranchi.

Dated 7th. March 1923.

Dr. H. O. Kausch, D.Theol.
Director-Gossner Mission.
BERLIN-Friedenau.

My dear Doctor,

Very glad to receive your kind P. Card of the 13 February last for which please accept my most humble thanks. I believe, you have also by this time got my last letter in which I have intimated the date of our next Annual General Conference, which comes off 6-11 April, 1923. I hope the Curatorium will very kindly send us their pastoral exhortations as usual. We certainly need such exhortations for our spiritual guidance and reformation from the parent society, and as for myself I can say, I feel naturally to having such epistles from the Fathers and brethren in Christ Jesus.

I have just a few weeks ago heard from our brethren in South-India that formal invitations has reached them from the Bishop of Saxony to send their representation in the World Lutheran Conference to be held at Eisenach this year. I was hoping that our church would also have the privilege of sending representatives to that august Conference, but so far we have not been favored with any formal invitation. If it comes and God so wishes I may possibly have the chance of going there, and if it really happens I shall be looking forward for the day in which I shall be able to see the Land of Reformation and the well-wishers of our mission in that and other countries.

I am really very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Lauritz Larsen, In him we have lost a great friend, a great support and most sincerely devoted servant of the Lord.

There has been great trouble in the Feudatory State of Jashpur owing to the misbehaviour of the heir-apparent, who is given to drinking as well. There has been general unrest all over the State and the non-Christians and Christians were both subjected to ill-treatment but the latter were the special victims of the persecution. Only a few days ago, when I was at Patna, Mr. Cannaday and others had an interview with the Political Agent and it is hoped that matters will be straightened up before long. At present our workers and some of the adherents are living on the frontier, the church-workers being employed on the bordering parishes. Relief work has also been started amongst the distressed and the homeless. Please pray for the suffering brethren.

Mr. Oldham's visit. I have already touched little on the subject in my last letter. This time I had not much personal talk with Mr. Oldham. I find that my presence was carefully avoided by Mr. Cannaday. But from Mr. J. Lakra who is now a convert to my views on the question of Return said that there was nothing unfavourable. Mr. Oldham said he would let us know the date on which the time-limit of the return of the Germans expired. I believe, he will send us this information on his return to London.

Property. The Govt. has now declared that the Church is the beneficiary of the property of the Mission. The Trustees have no special funds or source of income with which to maintain the whole property, so they are now making over the whole property to the Advisory Board. The Board also is making over certain properties to the Church on certain conditions. A draft copy of the Agreement as approved by the both parties I am sending to you for your kind perusal and information. I dont think, the mission's right to the property, I mean the ownership right, is in any way endangered thereby.

Recently there has been some trouble about the Leper asylum at Purulia and Lohardugga. The asylum at Lohardugga is about to be shifted to Purulia on economic grounds. We have insisted on Lutheran ministration, failing which we have said we could not consent to the new arrangement proposed. There has been great trouble about the cemetery at Purulia created by the C.M.S. people

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who have started work there and have won over a few of our people. They have been trying to prove that the whole cemetery belongs to the Govt., but as the Lutherans were the first to be in the field, the cemetery naturally came into their possession. Some correspondences between Rev. Uffmann and the Dy. Commissioner of Purulia have been found, but they are not complete and the matter has assumed a very complicated form. May I inquire if there are any papers and old correspondence in the Berlin office, which can help us to assert our right and win the case. I shall be very grateful if you can be in a position to express your personal opinion on the subject. Our older missionaries, I believe, can give us their views, for our Council's private information, if such informations can not be considered to be dealt with publicly.

I have received a letter from Rev. Mr. Karsten, who is now at Paramaribo, in Dutch-Guiana. He writes there are people from Chota Nagpur too, and has asked me to send him some books in Hindi. I am glad to know of it, and I hope to send him some of the books he has asked me for.

You will be glad to know that our work is self-expanding and in the last few years our peoples have gone over to Calcutta and other places in large numbers and the question of shepherding them has been one of great concern with us. With our small number of pastors, we have not been able to cope with this work. I am seriously thinking of what we can do for the Lutheran Community in Calcutta, as there is such great danger of their being misled by the other denominations.

We are also negotiating with the Bengal Representative Council for opening new work at Asansol, which is now a growing-in-importance town and is becoming an industrial centre like Kalimatti (Jamshedpur) in Singbhum. The number of Lutherans there is not less than 300, and is far more above the number of other denominations and the Methodist Episcopalians who have their work already there. We look to HIM for guidance and support, which we belive will be given to us abanduntly.

In closing may I again beg you to help me financially through friends in other lands. I may tell you that last year I was getting an honorarium from the National Missionary Society of India for an oversight of their work in Jharsuguda. It has been stopped now from this year. I am now only getting an allowance of Rs 45/- as Secretary and you can easily know that when I am devoting my whole time in this work and am not doing any cultivation, this allowance is inadequate to meet the needs of a family of 6 or 7 and the educational expenditure of the grown up children. I think you will not mind my appealing to your generosity and I do it being constrained by circumstances to do so. Kindly excuse me for troubling you on a matter like this.

I am doing well with my wife and children (two of my sons are now in Allahabad) and they all join me in sending you our heartiest Yishusahays. Kindly give my and my wife's and childrens's Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch, Rev. and Mrs. Koterberg, Rev. Mehl and friends in the Mission house there and greatly oblige.

Yours ever,
in the Lord's service,

Elfurcd

Please make corrections as there may be some mistakes in typing which I just finish. 4/4 23 4.1.9a - 4/5 23

PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF PROPERTY BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL :- Whereas the Government of Bihar and Orissa, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Government of India, has formally declared that the Lutheran Christians in Chota Nagpur are the beneficiaries of the Trust (see B. & O. Government's letter No. 2932-C / 402/22 dated at Ranchi the 13th September, 1922).

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RESOLVED. That the Church Council of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam be allowed the use of all the properties, (that is to say, fields, gardens, wells, forests, churches, chapels, cemeteries, lines for church workers, etc) in Chota Nagpur and Assam of the former G. E. L. Mission as set forth in the following schedule and on the terms and condition hereunder named.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES.

(1) All living quarters except the following:-
   (a) Those in the Ranchi Compound.
   (b) Those which are needed for the housing of school staffs.
   (c) The house in which Missionaries or other paying a monthly rental in excess of Rs. 10/- lived between 1910 and 1913 in the following Stations:-
   BURJU, CHAIBASSA, CHAINPUR, CHAKRADHARPUR, GOVINDPUR, GUMLA, JALA, JHARSUGUDA, KARIMATTI, KHUTITOLI, KINKEL, KORONJO, LOHARDAGA, PURULIA, RAJGANGPUR, RANCHI, SINGHANI, TZKARMA, TAMAR? TOKAD.

(2) All churches and chapels.

(3) All school houses outside of ordinary school hours, except those house and hostels used for girls' schools and the Gossner High School.

(4) All tanks, lac and other trees and lands except the compound of each bungalow which is rented or is used by the Advisory Board and all gardens except those which the Council and the Advisory Board jointly may assign for the use of girls' schools and those which are immediately connected with rented bungalows which the tenants undertake to cultivate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE.

1. The titile to all properties of the former G. E. L. Mission shall remain as to present vested in the Trust.
2. The Trustees or their Agents shall have access to all property used by the Council at any customary hours, for the purpose of seeing that proper care is being taken of the same and that it is being rightly used.

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3. The Council shall render an account of income received from the property, with vouchers signed by the various treasurers, to the Trustees on July Ist of each year, together with a certificate from the officers of the Council that these accounts are complete and corrent.

Alternatives to Section 4.

(a) The Council shall render to the Trustees on July Ist of each year a certified account of income received from the property.

(b) The Council shall pay an annuel rental of Rs. 10/- to the Trustees for the use of all the properties entrusted herein to the former.

4. The Council shall pay all rents to superior land lords on, and shall manage and collect the proceeds from, all tanks and lac and other trees and from all lands, except the compound of each bungalow which is rented or is used by the Advisory Board and all gardens except those which the Council and the Advisory Board jointly may assign for the use of girls' schools and those which are immediately connected with rented bungalows which the tenants undertake to cultivate.

5. The Trustees shall continue to pay all taxes and land rents on the Station compounds of Chaibassa, Chakradharpur, Jharsuguda, Lohardaga, Purulia and Ranchi.

6. The Council shall have the right to use all dead and useless trees on the lands entrusted to it, but permission must be first obtained from the Secretary to the Trustees before any living tree, whether a fruit tree or not, can be cut down.

7. The Council shall manage, keep in repair and collect the rents from all living quarters except those mentioned in Section (1) (a), (b) (c) under Schedule of Properties above.

8. The Council shall manage and keep in repair all churches and chapels which are located outside the above twenty-one Stations, except the following:-

9. The Council shall have the use, free of expense, of all churches, chapels and and of the Dera Khana in the Ranchi Compound and of all school houses outside of ordinary school hours, except those houses and hostels used for girls' schools and the

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Gossner High School.

10. The Council may apply, in case of necessity, to the Trustees for the use, free of expense, of any bungalow or a part of any bungalow, whether rented or not.

11. The Council shall instruct and empower every Pastor in its charge, for the purpose of facilitating all matters connected with the property to correspond directly with the Agent or the Secretary of the Trustees on all matters connected with the payment of rents, etc., and on all legal matters, and, in case of any serious dispute with a superior landlord or sub-tenant, to submit immediately reports of the same both to the Council and the Agent or Secretary of the Trustees. It is understood that the Pastors and other agents of the Church are to be amenable to the Council in all matters connected with the cultivation and management of fields.

12. The Council shall be responsible to the Trustees for any loss which may occur in default of the payment of rents to the superior landlords, and shall instruct its Pastors to remit, without delay, to the Secretary or Agent of the Trustees, all amounts realized on ~~mur~~-mortgages (jarpeshgi) as shown in detail in the Government Schedule of Mission Property and to keep the Agent or Secretary of the Trustees informed of the termination of all such mortgages.

13. As in the past, so in the future, all fields, houses, etc., shall be given to the Council only for the use of Pastors, Catechists and others while they are serving Lutheran congregations and in no sense shall such fields, houses, etc., be considered their private property. Moreover, all such property shall be relinquished by the Pastors and others upon transfer, regignation or dismissal from work.

14. The Council shall see that all receipts for land rents taxes, etc., paid in accordance with Section 4 above, are made in the name of the Board of Trustees, and that all receipts are open to an annual inspection by the Agent or Secretary of the Trustees.

15. The Council shall be responsible, through its local Pastors, for the supervision of the various chaukidars in the employ of the Trustees in all Stations except Ranchi.

16. The decision of the Trustees shall be binding in all matters of dispute, but the Council shall have the right to represent its side

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of any dispute to the Trustees through the Advisory Board of the G. E. L. Church.

17. This Agreement shall be become effective when it is formally accept ed by the Council.

18. Either one of the two parties shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, on one month's notice in the case of buildings and at the end of a harvest in case of lands.

D: Dr. A. Nottrott
Steinhagen i/Westf.

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Ehrwürden, liebes Br. Kanzel!

Kurzes Schriftstück sei mit bestem Dank zurück.

Leider kann ich mich gar nicht mit Ihrer und der Mitarbeiter der Peculia-Freundschaft einverstanden erklären: der alte, schmerzliche Gegensatz wird, ob gewollt ich die ganze letzte Hilfe trüben muß, jeden falls. Ihr Künstel schmalt mir vor, als schon damals mit Gott drüben im Abseits lag. Da letzteres nicht wollte, daß auf demselben unser Natives berührt werden sollten, gab es der Mission ein ungeheures Stück Land z. Kirche wurde - auf Mission Boden - zum Gotteshaus umgewandelt. Damit falle also unsere Mission der Evangelisation fort. Aber, wie gesagt, nun Künstel schmalt mir die Tasse vor z. beiderseitigen Könnte ich Abrigens nicht.

Schreiben verbunden die C. Nr. 5. die Mitbenützung, welche unseren Leute dem Christentag hinzu verordnen.

Ich bin und bleibe so freundlich gesinnte C. Nr. 5- und sehr traurig und gegenüber steht, daß wir so leid, alle ist ihre edele, christl. Absicht. Opferung, die sie zur Zeit die "Freunde" zeigte? Sollte sie jetzt nicht denen einmal werden? Vielleicht würde der ganz gut sein, wenn

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es vom Curatorium nicht gestattet.
Wenn Hurads Wunsch erfüllt u. wir zu der diesjährigen Conferenz eingeladen werden könnten, so wäre das sehr schön, aber die Posten würden doch zu hoch sein - wenn Pfennige das jetzt erschwingen!
Was es über die gesetzl. Versorgung der maßgebenden (auf Arbeit) stehenden Gemeinde glaube schreibt, ist richtig. Es muß etwas für die getan werden. Ich glaube in der letzten Zeit meinen Verkehr schon, die Entstehung einer dera, eines Standesgenossen, in der Klasse der Besseren, den ein Patriot oder Candidat vorstehen sollte, der die ankommenden Christen empfangen u. betreuen könnte, daß sie nicht in falsche Hände gerieten, u. die dann gleich einen Kirch- Mittagstisch hätten; es würden uns damals schon manche von Lagstaten v. Bekehrten auf ihr Heimweg begleitet werden. Als Hauptsache Singen Ausdauer muß betont werden. Als Hauptsache Singen kann man halten, sieht es alle paar Monate den Methodisten Gottesdienst, freilich zum ja. Aerger der Baptisten
Was die Abwendung der Mißstände, Gleichgültigkeit und Abneigung u. die Unterstützung für Hebung anbetrifft, so fehlt es die Lagstaten gegen recht gemacht wichtig u. schön, mit Hand, Herz Geschenke für und darin.
Hurads persönlich zu helfen wird sehr schwer sein, denn man würden uns viele andere mit gleichen Leiden kennen.
Lieb und gelte mich in aus Ihr viel Geduld u. Barmherzigkeit u. Besonders an Frau Jennie viel, daß sie gar nicht müde kann. M. Brust nimmt auf rapide ab u. ist bin jeden Tag auf Pflege gefaßt, da mir sie genommen. -
Herzlich Gott befohlen Ihr treu ergebener Nothroth.

D. theol. H. Kausch
Berlin-Friedenau
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May dear Brother Pakus Kumar!

Our common Lord Jesus Christ for ever!

Take my best thanks for your letter dated 7th. March. According to St. John I can say: „I have no greate joy than to hear that my children walk in truth (3 John, v. 4).

About the World Lutheran Conference to be held at Eisenach we have not heard anything of certainty. If you should get an invitation there our Curatorium thinks your presence, under the present dangerous circumstances, in Chota Nagpur to be absolutely necessary. On the other side we should be very glad to see again here yourself or an other representative of our Church. But, besides the expenses of the journey, we mean, that especially the leading men are obliged to stand on sentry on their important place and not let alone the young church for a longer time. May the Lord govern your and the other brethren's resolutions.

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We hope that our Christians in Jaspur are now in safety and without persecution. God grant it!

From Mr. Oldham we have not heard anything. More and more we learn not to entrust ourselves and our work to men, but to Almighty and living God.

Dr. Kothott and Rev. J. Strolk have read the „Proposed Resolutions concerning the use of Property by the Church" too and have nothing to remark against them.

About the cemetery at Pumbra Dr. Kothott has written, that he cannot clearly remember the standing and the history of the affairs. But we will inquire further.

With joyful interest we peruse in the Spirit the self-expanding of our mission work in Calcutta, Arrah and other places.

I hope that some friends in America will support you. I must acknowledge that you and your family wants help. May the elders of our congregation acknowledge your weighty and faithful services too, according to 1 Tim. V, 17.

Missionary Rottsby has been elected as Pastor at Berlin-Schaneberg and therefore has left our missionhouse. But he remains a member of our Curatorium.

Please greet your wife, your children and all dear brethren & sisters in the Lord, especially from my wife, Rev. Mehl and last not least from myself, your own person naturally included.

The Holy Ghost with us all!

Yours very truly

D. H. Kanoth.

The papers enclosed for your spiritual edification, perhaps for other's too. Dr. Buttinger a very learned man (†1911) was a dear friend of mine.

„The great conflict of the ages."

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,

16/5/23

Rev. Dr. H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau.
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

Many thanks for your letters of the 27th and 31st of March and for the post card of greeting enclosed in one letter. I note that you received the draft for pounds 53, etc., and have distributed the amounts as requested. I note also that you have received and distributed the printed circular letters which I sent in your care. Please accept my thanks for this trouble.

Concerning boxes sent to Hamburg. I shall be glad to lay this matter before Messrs. Cox' Shipping Agency, Calcutta, who are the forwarding Agents; but I must depend on them to carry out your request which I think is reasonable. You see all I can do is to hand over the boxes to Cox' and after that they must look after everything.

N. M. Council Report.+ This has not yet appeared in print, but I shall request the Secretary to send you a copy direct. I am sure he will be pleased to do so. +26/6 23

In your post card you refer to the matter of the return of former Missionaries to Chota Nagpur. As you know this is entirely in the hands of Mr. Oldham, London, to take the initiative. I am sure he is doing what he can to bring it to pass, but I have not heard from him for a long time. I enclose a clipping# from the Calcutta Statesman, dated April 19th, about the former Malabar Missionaries. This is the only thing I have seen in print on this subject for a long time. #

I must now ask your particular help in a certain matter. We are reliably informed here that, before the Missionaries were removed from Gumla Station, they had secured trees and timber at a place several miles distant, with a view to building a large church at Gumla. For some reason, through error or oversight, this property was not listed, by the Government officers, in the Schedule of Property by which the Trustees are bound in their administration of the property. We are now informed by the same party referred to above that those timbers are being used privately. Can you give me any light on this subject? I hope you can so that we can keep the timbers from being used privately if they really belonged to the Mission. I shall thank you for your help.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

O. Lamadae

In der Schadenanmeldung ist von einem Wald oder gekauftem Bauholz nichts erwähnt. Br. Schnoor, der zuletzt in Gumla war, muss da Auskunft geben können.

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P. Hurad.

No.

GOVINDPUR,
P. O. JARIAGARH,
Dist. Ranchi.

Dated... 13th. June .....*19*.23.

D. Theol. H. Kausch.
Gossner Missionhaus.
B e r l i n.

12-7-23 Rec'd

My dear Doctor,

Your letters whenever reach me are a source of joy and new-strength to me. Your last letter of 21st., of May to hand, for which please accept my humble and sincere thanks.

Our President received from Leipzig an invitation to the Lutheran World Convention, from Prof. D. Paul, Director of the Leipzig Mission, apparently a member of the Preparatory Committee to that gathering. I wonder when you say that you have not heard anything of certainty, being so nearer to the place! The Council has elected me to represent our Church in the forthcoming Convention. If nothing goes wrong, I hope to be in the Land of the Reformation. I note you consider my absence from Chota Nagpur for a longer time not very safe. I should submit that the young church is not so much in danger now and our leading men have now learnt from experience how to be on the guard. Mr. Cannaday with whom I talked has been in sympathy respecting the Church's desire to have a share in the deliberations of that august body. An effort is being made to secure necessary funds towards undertaking this journey overseas. The matter will be up in the Board this month and if no difficulty stands on the way I might have the privilege of going. It would really be a matter of joy to me to meet at least some of our old missionaries , including your honoured-self and other friends of the work.

You all will, I hope, be glad and thankful to God that the situation in Jashpur has now much improved. Things have altered a great deal. The Rajah has been deposed and the heir-apparent, who was the root and cause of all the trouble, has been forbidden to enter the State--at least for some years to come. We are now negotiating with the Political Agent to reopen and re-establish our old relationship with the State and the people there.

I simply wonder that Mr. Oldham has been silent. Yes. So-"Only trust Him, Only trust Him, Only trust Him now ! He will save us, He will save us, He will save us now ! "

I am glad to pen that in our last meeting of the Council, last week, after much debate, I succeeded in having my honorarium increased. Now it will be Rs 60 per month. God provides. I trust on Him.

I am glad to learn that my old friend and master Rev. Roterberg has been elected to the pastorship of the Scheeneberg church. I must congratulate him as well as the Mission where he laboured so hard and for so many years. Let he feed the Lord's flock in a rich pasture by the side of the stream of living water.

Thanks for your interest in the Purulia cemetery affairs. The case is still pending. Let us pray for a right and impartial judgement. God grant it.

My wife was dangerously ill just after the Conference. I had to hurry back home from Ranchi. At one time we had given up all hopes of her. She was abed for about a month. But God has sustained us. She is now improving steadily and seems to be out of danger.

Thanks very much for Dr. Bullinger's booklet. I hope it will make a profitable reading to me.

President Hanukh too after the Conference was seriously ill. He too has recovered and has rejoined his duties. Thanks God, he has been spared.

Dr. Paul, in the closing lines of his letter wrote-" In case you do not prefer to settle the details of your stay in Germany through the Home Committee of the Gossner Mission in Berlin, I shall be glad to give you my advice". Surely now there is no time for consultation, so we leave out this matter. If we meet we shall settle all details, if any there be.

P. T. O.

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In closing my dear wife and children beg to tender their most humble and sincere Yishusahays to Mrs. Kaush and to self and to which I beg to add mine too. Please greet Rev. Mehl and others who know me in the Mission house there from me, and greatly oblge.

I remain,

With kindest regards,

Yours in the Master's cause,

P. Hurad

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MINUTES

OF THE

ADVISORY BOARD

OF THE

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN

CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM

MEETING OF JUNE 27-29, 1923.

Additional copies may be had from the Secretary, Ranchi. Any persons interested will receive the Minutes regularly, if they ask that their names be placed on the mailing list.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

[Adopted by the Bihar and Orissa Representative Council of Missions at its fifth meeting at Hazaribagh, October 21, 22, 1919. (See Resolution IV, (3)—(7) (c), pages 17—19 of the BULLETIN for April, 1920), and ratified by the National Missionary Council at its meeting in Lahore, 13—18 November, 1919].

1. "That, having regard to the dangers incidental to the early life of the autonomous Church, arising mainly from the lack of trained and experienced leadership, we record our emphatic opinion that an Advisory Board of five members, as recommended by the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to co-operate with the Commission of Inquiry of the N. M. C., is necessary.
2. "That the Board should include one Lutheran and one Anglican member.
3. "That three members of the Board should be or become resident in Chota Nagpur.
4. "That, while recognizing the undesirability of defining its sphere too rigidly, we are of opinion that the Board should exercise the following functions :—
   "(a) To be an Administrative Body in matters Educational, responsible to Government for the maintenance of an adequate Supervising Staff.
   "(b) To be a Board of Reference to the Board of Trustees in all matters relating to the disposal of the property as scheduled in the Trust Deed.
   "(c) To be a medium of communication (i) with the Christian public and Missionary Councils in all appeals for financial help, and (ii) between the autonomous Church and other Missions or Churches in all matters affecting their mutual relations.
   "(d) To be a Committee of Counsel in all congregational matters, acting in conjunction with the Central Committee [now the Church Council] of the Lutheran Church."
5. "That vacancies occuring in the Advisory Board should be filled up by co-option in consultation with the Lutheran Central Committee [now the Church Council], subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the B. & O. Council, * and in the event of a Mission agent being nominated for co-option the authorities of the body concerned shall be consulted before the name is sent up for approval to the Executive Committee of the Council."

**This last clause was added by way of amendment at the meeting of the Council in Ranchi on October 10—13, 1922.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

6. "That the Ranchi resident members be considered to be the Executive of the Board, and that their decisions be accepted or vetoed at the next full meeting of the Board after any such executive action be taken" — *from the minutes of the meeting of the Board, 24-4-20.*

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THE ADVISORY BOARD.

PROF. S. C. MUKERJI.
Rev. J. Z. HODGE.
D. M. PANNA, ESQ.
Rev. I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN RANCHI ON JUNE 27-29, 1923.

Members present were : Prof. S. C. Mukerji, the Rev. J. Z. Hodge, and the Rev. I. Cannaday, *Secretary.* Regrets for absence were sent by Mr. D. M. Panna.

Visitors present were : Mr. Joel Lakra, from the Church Council; Prof. S. K. Roy, Principal of the High School, and Mr. Nirmal Soy, acting for the Head Supervisor who was absent because of illness.

1. The Rev. J. Z. Hodge was elected Chairman.

2. The opening prayer was made by Mr. Joel Lakra.

3. THE MINUTES of the last meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

4. VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP. Reported that the Rev. E. H. Whitley whose name was suggested at the last meeting for nomination by the bodies concerned to the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. T. H. Cashmore had not yet returned from furlough. Assurance had been given that Mr. Whitley's nomination will be confirmed. This information was received with great pleasure.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial statement for the period March—May was presented and accepted for inclusion in the minutes. (see page 11).

6. BUDGET FOR 1923. Reported that no other official word had come concerning the 1923 budget than that a tentative budget for the Board's work had been sanctioned amounting to about Rs. 84,000, instead of Rs. 94,200 asked for by the Board. Warning had been given that because of the partial failure in contributions in America the National Lutheran Council would probably be forced to reduce the Board's budget in India, and unofficial word had come that the budget had been so reduced, but it had not been made known to what extent a reduction had been made. The Secretary further stated that over Rs. 1600 had been advanced for emergency and necessary repairs to school houses and churches, which amount had not yet been entered in the regular accounts.

RESOLUTION (1): That, in view of the uncertain financial situation and the strong probability that our budget will be reduced, the special committee on retrenchment, with power to act, be continued and that Mr. Nirmal Soy's name be substituted on the committee for that of the Rev. T. H. Cashmore.

RESOLUTION (2): That Rs. 240 as a special item for sending Mr. N. Toppo to Calcutta for training in music be sanctioned as a part of the High School budget.

7. MATTERS WITH THE TRUSTEES. The following items were acted on :—

(1) *Sale of Mission Furniture.* The request of the Church Council concerning this matter was recommended to the Trustees for favourable consideration.

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(2) *Other Requests.* Other requests from the Church Council concerning Ranchi compound matters, book depository in the Mission Press, Purulia Cemetery, etc. were recommended to the Trustees for favourable action.

(3) At the request of the Chairman of the Ranchi Ilaka Panch it was recommended to the Trustees that the materials of the old Jonha Mission bungalow be granted to the Church Council for the erection of a chapel.

(4) The suggestion of Mr. Panna that all legal documents of the former G. E. L. Mission be collected and kept at one place was recommended for favourable action.

(5) The Trustees having referred the matter of the possible sale of the Mission bungalow in Chaibassa near the Lutheran Church, it was recommended to the Trustees that the Government's offer of purchase be declined.

(6) The request of the Mission to Lepers, London, concerning its claims on the buildings of the Leper Asylum at Lohardaga was recommended to the Trustees for favourable action.

(7) The Secretary was instructed to continue to forward to the Church Council the Board's copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Trustees and to call the Council's attention to the action of the Trustees concerning this matter.

8. MATTERS WITH THE CHURCH COUNCIL. The following items were acted on :—

(1) *Death of Dr. Larsen.* The Secretary was instructed to forward the Council's resolution on the death of Dr. Larsen, President of the National Lutheran Council, and to add to this the Board's own high appreciation of Dr. Larsen and its grief at his loss to the Council and the Lutheran Church in America at so early an age.

(2) *Agreement with Trustees.* Council's acceptance of the agreement and its request concerning *Schedule of Property* are noted. The Secretary was instructed to have the additional list of large chapels to be repaired at the expenses of the Board included in the agreement of the Trustees with the Advisory Board.

(3) *Jashpur Matters.* The resolutions of the Council are noted. The Secretary made a statement of the situation now existing in Jashpur State and expressed the belief that, as a result of vigorous action by the Political Agent, the situation had greatly improved and that tranquillity would soon be restored. He told of his interview with the Political Agent in Ranchi early in June who gave verbal assurance that the rights of the Lutherans would be respected. The Church Council had been advised to make certain transfers of Pastors near Jashpur and these transfers had been ordered by the Council. It was decided that no further action should be taken at this time.

(4) *Ranchi Compound Matters..* The action of the Board on this item and several others of a similar nature has been noted under the heading—"Matters with the Trustees" above.

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(5) *Hostel Grants.* The Council's request for monthly grants to three boarding school hostels amounting to Rs. 102/- was granted in part, that is to say, the sum of Rs. 60/- per month from July 1st was given for the hostels at Chainpur and Gumla. As a grant had already been made to the L. P. hostel, Ranchi, nothing further was sanctioned.

(6) *Trustees' Agent.* The Board decided to take no action on this matter, but to leave it to the Trustees to decide.

(7) *College Students.* The Council's action is noted. It was decided that the Board could not agree to the proposal of the Council as stated in the resolution, but that, in case any college students applied to the Board for work and work be given to them, the Board will promptly notify the Council of its action. The Board feels that it has a right to the services of these young men, since their scholarships are paid by the Board.

(8) *Letters from Dr. Kennedy.* The five resolutions of the Council concerning Dr. Kennedy's letters were read with interest. It was decided, however, that it would not be wise to forward them all to the S. P. G. Mission in their present form. The Council is earnestly requested to reconsider resolutions (c) and (d) and to furnish the Board with more specific information concerning (b). The Secretary was instructed to forward to the S. P. G. Mission resolution (a) and (e).

(9) *S. P. G. Pastor at Kinkel.* The Secretary was instructed to forward to the S. P. G. Mission the Council's resolution on this subject.

(10) *Representation on the B. & O. Christian Council.* Noted that the Church Council had appointed six representatives on the Christian Council of this Province. Attention is called to the new constitution of the Council according to which only five representatives may be elected by the Gossner Lutheran Church.

(11) *Mr. Lakra's Request.* The Board notes with pleasure that the Council heartily agrees to the proposal to send Mr. Lakra to America this year for a three years' course in the Maywood (Chicago) Lutheran Theological Seminary and is happy to report that all arrangements have been made by Rev. J. Aberly, D. D., now Professor of Missions in this Seminary, for Mr. Lakra's passage to America and support while there in study.

(12) *Scholarships for 1923-24.* With reference to the Council's request that scholarships, amounting to Rs. 315 monthly, be granted to 18 young men to read in institutions away from Ranchi and the request that a supplementary list of scholarships to be submitted later be sanctioned, it was voted to give scholarships for the year 1923-24 up to a total of Rs. 4500/- only, according to recommendations of the Council. Also it was decided that attention should again be called to the request of the Board that all scholarships should be recommended only after consultation with the Principal of the High School. In this connection it was suggested that Messrs. Roy and Cannaday take up with the Council its recommendations for this coming scholastic year.

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The list of scholarship holders recommended by the Council and accepted by the Board is as follows :—

1. Theodore Surin	25/-	10. Chonhas Lakra	25/-
2. Bimal Tirkey	15/-	11. Jaymasih J. Tiga	20/-
3. Ch. Dular Sirka	25/-	12. Jakariya Purti	5/-
4. Ch. Heran Herenj	25/-	13. Nimmans Ekka	5/-
5. Patras Dungdung	25/-	14. Theo Lakra	15/-
6. Julius Tiga	10/-	15. Otto B. Tirkey	15/-
7. Nabin Horo	15/-	16. Ch. Saban Herenj	25/-
8. Mansidh Ekka	20/-	17. Manohar Minj	25/-
9. Ambrosius Minj	5/-	18. Masihdas Hemrom	15/-

(13) *Application of the Rev. P. S. Kachhap.* The Secretary was instructed to forward this to the S. P. G. Mission.

(14) *Delegate to Lutheran Convention.* With reference to the Council's request that the Board secure from the National Lutheran Council in America funds for sending its delegate, Mr. P. Hurad, to the World Convention of Lutherans at Eisenach, Germany, beginning August 19th, 1923, action was taken as follows :—

RESOLUTION, That, in view of the seriousness of the National Lutheran Council's financial condition in America, as shown by recent letters, we are doubtful as to the wisdom of asking that body to sanction so large an outlay and venture to suggest that, as Mr. J. Lakra is soon to be in England on his way to America, the Church Council might consider whether his services could be utilized for this purpose, in which case the Board stands ready to appeal to the National Council for the extra amount of funds needed for Mr. Lakra's trip to Germany and return to England.

(15) *Work for Mr. Hurad.* The Board regrets that it cannot see its way to appoint Mr. Hurad a teacher in the Girls' School, Ranchi, because of his lack of training and experience in that line. As an aid to the Council, however, who are confronted with the matter of providing work for Mr. Hurad, after his transfer to Ranchi, the Board expresses its willingness to appoint him as an assistant to its Secretary on a monthly salary of Rs. 25/- in addition to what the Council will continue to pay by way of an honorarium.

(16) *Station Committees.* The Secretary stated that experience had shown that the present method of having repairs executed and other matters attended to by only one man in an outstation was unsatisfactory and had led to complaint on the part of others. After discussion the following action was taken :—

RESOLUTION, That we recommend to the Council that, for the purpose of having repairs executed and other matters of business attended to which affect the welfare of the work, both of the Council and of the Board, in the various stations, the Council join with the Board in appointing a joint committee to be known as the Station Committee in each outstation. It is suggested that there be three nominees each by the Council and the Board. The Council is requested to make its own nominees as soon as possible if it agrees to this proposal.

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(17) *Purulia Leper Asylum.* A letter was read from the Superintendent of the Purulia Leper Asylum on the question of holding separate communion services for the Lutheran inmates of the Asylum, in which it was plainly indicated that no such services would be allowed to be held there.

RESOLUTION, That the Board express its great regret at the attitude taken by the Superintendent of the Purulia Leper Asylum and record its opinion that this attitude if maintained will close the door against all attempts at co-operation between the Lutheran and Anglican communities in Purulia.

9. HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS. The following actions were taken :—

(1) The Principal reported that because of the crowded condition of the School hostels and for other reasons it was no longer desirable, scarcely even possible, to accommodate Industrial School and Government Training School students there.

RESOLUTION, That Mr. Roy and the Secretary be requested to make arrangements for the accommodation of these students elsewhere.

(2) *Special Repairs.* The Principal made a statement showing the great necessity of making repairs and alterations at several places.

RESOLUTION, That we sanction repairs to the night latrine and hostel kitchen and the erection of a urinal for school boys, the total cost not to exceed Rs. 930/- as shown in the estimate by the Principal, and that the excess expenditure on repairs authorized at the previous meeting be sanctioned.

(3) *Administration of the School.* After discussion of certain questions that had arisen, it was decided to appoint Messrs. Hodge and Cannaday a special committee to inquire into these matters and report to the next meeting.

10. REPORT OF HEAD SUPERVISOR. In the absence of the Head Supervisor because of illness, Mr. N. Soy, Assistant Supervisor, was asked to report. The following items were acted on :—

(1) *Petitions for Increment.* The petitions of Messrs. I. Toppo and Ignatius Lakra for increment were considered. It was decided to inform them that, under the rules and precedents now in force and because of the circumstances now obtaining, these increments could not now be granted. The Head Supervisor is requested to explain the matter more fully to the petitioners.

(2) *M. E. School at Kinkel.* Final report on this subject not yet ready.

(3) *Ooriya Teacher.* Reported that an Ooriya teacher had been appointed to the Rajgangpur U. P. School, on Rs. 15/- per month, from June 1st. This action was confirmed.

(4) *Work for Mr. Salan Topono.* Reported that, as recommended by the Church Council, no post was now available for Mr. S. Topono who had recently applied for school work.

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(5) *Grant for M. E. Schools.* Reported that official intimatic had been received that a grant of Rs. 60/- per month had been sanctioned for the Middle English Schools at Takarma, Burju, Govindpur and Lohardaga, with effect from April 1st, 1923.

(6) *Burju Water Scheme.* With reference to the request of the Head Master of the Burju M. E. School for the sanction of Rs. 150/- for the purpose of developing a spring located in the neighborhood of the station, it was decided to ask the Head Master and others concerned in Burju to lay this matter before the local Co-Operative Society and request its aid in carrying out this project.

(7) *Candidate Boas Manki.* The attention of the Church Council is kindly called to the fact that, at the time of the meeting of the Board, Candidate Boas Manki, who was appointed to take up the post of Bible teacher in the Koronjo M. E. School, has not joined his work. This is causing loss to the School.

(8) *Umbulbaha School.* The Head Supervisor is requested to communicate with the District Board concerning the erection of a new school building at Umbulbaha, Tamar.

(9) *New School at Mizra.* The Head Supervisor is requested to consider and report on the matter of employing a teacher for the new school which, it was reported, had been opened at Mizra.

(10) *Vocational Education.* The question of opening a vocational training school was discussed and it was decided to postpone action in the matter until after consultation could be had with Mr. McKee who is due in Ranchi shortly.

(11) *Annual Examinations.* The matter of the annual examinations in all Mission schools, text-books, etc., was again presented at the request of the Head Supervisor. After discussion and inquiry it was resolved that hereafter all text-books for use in the M. E. and Lower schools should be selected only in consultation with the Head Supervisor and representatives of the schools appointed by him. The Head Supervisor is requested to convey this resolution to the Chairman of the Examination Committee.

(12) *Scale for Head Masters and Others.* Progress report.

(13) *Request of Babu Khristarit Tiga of Takarma.* Referred to the Local Church Panch, through the Church Council, for kind consideration.

11. REPORT ON GIRLS' SCHOOLS. Mrs. Cannaday reported as follows :—

(1) That Mr. Khess had been released to study in the Training School (Ranchi) for two years and Mr. Daud Minz had been given leave of absence for several months.

(2) That Miss Shaw had been appointed as a mistress for one year only, and that Mr. Daniel Lakra and Mr. Urbanus Kujur had been appointed as masters until December 31.

(3) That the new block had not been finished because all the steel beams and materials have not been received from Calcutta.

Action on other items was taken as below :—

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(1) RESOLUTION, That Mr. Mahendra Khess be granted a stipend of Rs 10/- while he studies in the Training School, which is to be additional to the stipend he receives from the Training School, with the understanding that if he is needed, he shall return to his post in the Girls' M. E. School.

(2) RESOLUTION, That, in view of the fact that Mr. Hurad has been transferred and the Girls' School, Govindpur, is very much in need of more room, the Church Council be asked to see if possible that the bungalow now occupied by Mr. Hurad, be vacated by the first of August.

12. MEDICAL MATTERS. Action was taken as follows :—

(1) *Request of Compounder at Khutitoli.* Babu Dhankumar Kispota compounder of the travelling dispensary with headquarters at Khutitoli, had requested that he be given an increment and a loan with which to buy a bicycle. It was resolved to give an increment of Rs. 2/- from June Ist in view of his two years faithful work, and to lend him a sum sufficient to purchase a bicycle for his work, the loan to be repaid in monthly instalments of Rs. 5/-

(2) *Resignation of Dr. Minj.* Dr. Dh. Minj, who has been in Mission service for about thirty years and now is in charge of the Hospital at Lohardaga, had placed his resignation before the Board, to take effect from June 1st. The Secretary reported that he had urged Dr. Minj to withdraw his resignation temporarily and that he had consented to do so until the end of 1923. The Board expressed its pleasure at Dr. Minj's action in withdrawing his resignation until more permanent arrangements can be made for the Lohardaga work.

(3) *Mission to Lepers.* Read letter from the Mission to Lepers, London, announcing their intention of withdrawing their grant for the Lohardaga Leper Asylum at the end of 1923. The question of closing the Asylum in which there are only eleven inmates at present was discussed. In view of the need which exists here in Chota Nagpur and in view of Government's liberal attitude towards Leper work at the present time, it was decided to instruct the Secretary to make enquiries and report at the next meeting on the possibility of continuing and enlarging the Asylum at Lohardaga.

13. SEMINARY MATTERS. The following items were acted on:-

(1) *Mr. Lakra's Leave.* On request three years' leave from the Seminary was granted to Mr. Joel Lakra who is shortly to proceed to America for theological study. In view of his recent severe illness it was voted to grant him one month's full pay as a bonus. The Board wishes to record its high appreciation of Mr. Lakra's services to the Seminary and to wish him all success in his new undertaking.

(2) *Mr. Lakra's Work.* On the recommendation of the Principal of the High School and with the assurance that this action would meet with the approval of the Church Council, it was decided to appoint Mr. Benjamin Minj, L. Th., as a part-time instructor in the Seminary to take up Mr. Lakra's

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work, as well as to be instructor in violin. Mr. Minj who has had a three years' course in the Serampore Theological College and comes with high recommendations is welcomed to the service of the Gossner Church in its Theological Seminary. The Church Council is respectfully requested to approve of the appointment of Mr. Minj.

The following items were reported :—

(1) That certificates had been recently given to three of the students signifying that they had completed the regular course and recommending them to the Church Council for suitable employment.

(2) That Mr. T. P. Khalkho will shortly return to the Theological Seminary of the Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission for his second year of study in that institution. (Travelling expenses only are paid by the Board).

(3) That Babu Silas Horo of Assam had recently been received into the Seminary on the recommendation of the Church Council. It is understood that the Advisory Board is not to be responsible for his expenses.

14. Miscellaneous Matters. Various matters were attended to as follows :—

(1) *Advisory Board's Report.* The Secretary stated that, as instructed at the last meeting, he had gathered most of the materials for the proposed printed report of the work of the Board since its inception to the end of 1922. An editorial committee consisting of Messrs. Hodge and Cannaday was appointed to edit the manuscripts and unify them as far as possible. The Secretary was authorized to proceed with the printing of the report at an early date, at a cost not to exceed Rs. 400/- . It was ordered that several illustrations and two maps should be published with the report.

(2) *Ranchi Convention.* Reported that a convention for Chota Nagpur Christians had been held under the auspices of the B. & O. Christian Council in Ranchi at the middle of April. The nett expense of the convention to the Board was Rs. 69/1/3.

(3) *Allahabad Students.* As instructed at the last meeting, the Secretary reported that he had employed Messrs. Theo. Tiga and B. Purti during the months of May and June on a salary of Rs. 50/- per month each and travelling expenses. During this time they had visited a number of Mission gardens in the interior as well as Mission fields, and had drawn up a comprenhensive and illuminating report of their observations. Various schemes of improvement were proposed, all involving considerable outlay. The question of their future work was carefully considered.

Resolution, That we employ Mr. Boas Purti to look after the gardens and lands in the Ranchi and Lohardaga compounds on a monthly salary of Rs. 40/- plus ten per cent of the income of these gardens not to exceed Rs. 100/- per annum, and travelling expenses, and that Mr. Theo. Tiga be appointed

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to the M. E. School at Govindpur to work along lines as directed by the Head Supervisor after consultation with Mr. McKee.

(4) *Powers of the Trustees.* The Secretary presented a paper showing in brief the powers of the Trustees under the Trust Deed, as those powers have been limited by Govenmental authority and by association with the Advisory Board. The paper was filed for reference

(5) *Repairs.* As noted elsewhere, the Secretary stated that he had made advances for necessary repairs. These items will appear in the next financial statement. An additional expenditure of about Rs.175/- on Dr. Horo's house was sanctioned.

(6) *Ranchi Cemetery.* Reported that the Municipality had given permission for the present cemetery to be extended considerably on the north side near the eastern end, according to boundaries officially indicated. It is understood that the Municipality requires the extension to be enclosed. The Secretary was instructed to make inquiries as to whether or not a hedge with wire fence would be sufficient instead of a brick wall.

(7) *Head Supervisor.* The Board learned with great regret that the Rev. H. R. Spangler, Head Supervisor of Lutheran Schools, was ill at Simla because of an operation which he underwent there while on his vacation, and that he had decided that it was his duty to return to America because of the death of an only sister, the advanced age of his parents, etc. It was his intention, it was learned, to stay in the work here a few more months if at all possible. He was expected to return to Ranchi shortly.

Resolution (1): That we extend our hearty sympathy to Rev. Mr. Spangler at this time of illness and grief and assure both him and Mrs. Spangler of our continued prayers, and that we express the hope that circumstances will permit them to remain in their present work for some time to come.

Resolution (2): That, in view of the uncertainty of Mr. Spangler's continuance in his work for any great length of time and in view of the great importance of that work and the necessity of having a Lutheran missionary especially set apart for it, we earnestly request the Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission to appoint another man in Mr. Spangler's place and to send him to our field as soon as the necessity arises.

15. Correspondence. Reference to letters received was made as follows:—

(1) *Letter* from Mr. J. H. Oldham, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, London, stating: "With reference to the exclusion of Germans from India, I have made enquiries from the India Office as to when the five years period will terminate and have been informed that the five years is reckoned from the official date of the termination of the War, August 31st, 1921, and therefore will not expire until August, 1926."

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(2) *Letters* from Dr. Kennedy, the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, the Political Agent (Jashpur State), Govindpur Pastor, etc., all dealt with elsewhere as far as necessary.

(3) *Letter* from Mr. R. T. Archibald, of the Children's Special Service Mission, intimating his desire to hold meetings in Ranchi and other stations. Referred to the Church Council for action.

(4) *Letter* of friendly greetings from the Gossner Mission, Berlin, addressed to the Gossner Lutheran Church, and laid before the Board for information.

16. NEXT MEETING. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 26th September.

The meeting then adjourned with prayer by Mr. Cannaday

(Sd) J. Z. HODGE, *Chairman.*
(Sd) I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD FOR MARCH—MAY, 1923.

		Credit	*Debit.*
	Opening Balance	7707-3-7	
1.	Grants to Church Council :-		
	(a) Catechists		2700-0-0
	(b) Scholarships		315-0-0
2.	Grants to the High School :-		
	(a) Principal's Salary		825-0-0
	(b) Teaching Grant		1152-0-0
	(c) Hostel „		75-0-0
	(d) Taxes		197-3-0
	(e) Mr. Naiman Toppo		100-0-0
	(f) Library Books		300-0-0
3.	Middle English Schools	563-5-0	4415-15-0
4.	Primary Schools (Boys)	3612-4-0	7660-11-3
5.	Guru Training School	10-2-0	857-8-6
6.	Theological Seminary		1074-8-6
7.	Medical Work	173-0-9	837-11-0
8.	Girls' Schools & Bi. Women	877-9-0	3208-15-6
9.	Co-operative Society		80-0-0
10.	Miscellaneous & Unforeseen		918-0-3
11.	Special—New Block		2000-0-0
		12943-8-4	26717-9-0
	N. L. C. Receipts	33000-0-0	
		45943-8-4	26717-9-0
	Contribution to Missionaries' Expense account		2230-12-4
		45943-8-4	28948-5-4
	Credit Balance		16995-3-0
		45943-8-4	45943-8-4
	Missionaries' Salaries & Expenses		3884-13-6

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
9th July, 1923.

Rev. H. Kausch, D. D.,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

There are several things I would like to speak of briefly:-

1. Please inform Mrs. E. Koppen that Government ask me to let her know, with reference to her claim on the Rs. 820 which she says she left in India, that she must make her claim direct to the German Government to whom this money has already been paid, that is, credited on reparations.

2. Please inform Mr. Radsick that two boxes at the Gola, Bankipore, belonging to him have been located by the Collector there. I shall have the contents sold, as he desires, perhaps in the month of October. This applies to the request of one or two others also.

3. Please inform Mr. Stosch(reference his letter of 24th May) that two or three of his boxes are here, but that with the exception of just a few articles, all the contents are books. The few personal articles could not be sold for enough to pay the freight even to Calcutta. Inquiry has failed to determine what has become of his personal effects. Mr. P. Hurad says he has a long black coat, but is willing to pay for it. I do not know how Mr. Hurad got the coat. Mr. Stosch's servants say they do not know anything. As you know, many boxes of former Missionaries were opened long ago and the contents removed, in whole or in part. Possibly if Mr. Stosch would write to Mr. Hurad, he could let him(Mr. Stosch)know something of his goods. Mr. Stosch should give me fresh orders, now. I cannot trace the box of silver belonging to Mr. Forstmann concerning which he writes. Last year Mrs. Forstmann came here and took away her husband' s goods, with Government's permission. The S. P. G. people say they know nothing about that box of silver given to Canon Cosgrave. I have given Mr. Stosch's letter to Pastor Hanukh Lakras as he requested. I cannot make out Mr. Stosch's address clearly. His servants here were very glad to hear from him.

4. Because of financial difficulties the Advisory Board cannot send a Gossner Lutheran to the Eisenach Convention and to Berlin, as we hoped. However, Mr. Joel Lakra, B. A., expects to arrive in London about August 14th by s. s. "Orsova," Orient Line, on his way to America. If there were money he might possibly go across to Eisenach and Berlin, but this seems to be impossible now. Mr. Lakra requests me to write to you and ask you whether any former Gossner Missionary could come to England at that time to see him. He may be there a week or two, waiting for his boat to America. His address will be--Indian Students' Hostel, Keppel Street, London.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lamadar

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An Dr. Stosch

Mein lieber Bruder!

Bitte, nehmen Sie Kenntnis von vorstehendem [illegible] und senden Sie mir den Brief dann wieder, vielleicht unter Beilegung einer [illegible] an Joel Lakra, daß ich dann mit 1 Zeile auch an ihn nach London senden möchte.

[illegible] gut, daß Pat. Hurad also doch wohl die Briefe nicht mitnehmen können [illegible] ohne den Advis. Board [illegible] und der nicht das nötige Geld aufbringen. Πάντα συνεργεῖ εἰς ἀγαθόν.

Auch der [illegible] Einrichtung bei Ihnen [illegible] mir [illegible] meinen Dank gesagt.

Freundl. Grüße von Haus zu Haus!

Allzeit von Ihrem [illegible]
Dr. Rausch

P.S. Ich kann doch [illegible] letzten Brief von Hurad [illegible] seine Abschrift hingekommen, bei mir gar nicht finden; habe ich ihn etwa Ihnen gegeben oder geschickt? Dann bitte ich um gleichzeitige Mitzurücksendung.

Endlich noch [illegible] die vermißte Quittung.

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J.-Nr. B 157.

My dear brother Joel.

I send you my best wishes for your further travelling to America and for your whole sojourn there. I know your purpose and your destination and I beg that the gracious Lord may give you to become a teacher in theology according to His word: Τὴν ὑγιαίνουσαν διδασκαλίαν πρέπει ἃ δὲ λάλει ὑπὸ τῶν ὑγιαινόντων διδασκάλων, ὑγιῆ λόγον ἀκατάγνωστον, ἵνα ὁ ἐξ ἐναντίας ἐντραπῇ μηδὲν ἔχων λέγειν περὶ ἡμῶν φαύλον. You are the first Christian of our Chota Nagpur Congregation, to whom I write some words in the previous original language of the Holy scripture of the New Covenant. Indeed it is a great privilege for you to be able to read the words of our Lord and His apostles given to us in the fashion which seemed good to the Holy Ghost. And the things, that you have learned of your dear teachers and that you will learn in the future in America of professors, devoted to the Scripture of Truth, the same commit you, after your return to the land of your

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fathers and brothers, to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2, 2). I think never you will forget to combine all your studies with hearty prayers for your own self, for your brethren in Christ, for your heathen people, that they might be saved, for your old missionaries, for your Home Board too. God give you in your new situations some special good friends like Jens Thun in the connection with David. Then your heart will be comforted in the foreign country.

Please, let us have some letters from time to time, that we shall communicate to our beloved missionaries and friends. Mr Dickmann, not in our house here, but dwelling at Nowawes b. Potsdam Schulstr. 8a sends with us his greetings too. We would be very glad to hear from you and your proceedings. — Our comfort for the present, our hope for the future is the risen and living Lord Jesus Christ alone! Yisroshag. He be with you in all your ways.

In His service sincerely
Yours H. Kausch, Director.

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Govindpur.
P.O. Jariagarh.
11/6/23.

The Rev. H.O. Kausch, D.D.
Director Gossner Mission.
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My dear Doctor,

I beleive my former letter would reach you in time. You perhaps now look forward to meeting me in Eisenach. But things have sinee developed in other ways. My delegation has fallen through, owing it is said to financial stringency in America. The Board intimated us at the eleventh hour that word had been received that its Budget had been curtailed because of partial failure in contributions. Whatever may have been the case the delegation expenses were out of the Budget and the N.M.C. in America would have gladly paid the funds required if approached. I think that the Board cleverly tried to prevent my going to Germany as I feel that they do not wish that I should in any way be in closer touch with the former missionaries and the Home Board. Mr. Yuel Lakra who will shortly be on his way to America for Theological studies has been recommended by the Board. On his way via London he will go to Eisenach. We have no alternative, as there is no time to be lost, and we therefore accept the suggestion of the Board. If I had gone I would have visited other places in Germany, but God willed it otherwise. I am sure whatever He does in His farsightedness, He does all for our good.

Mr. Oldham having consulted the India Office in London has communicated to the Board as follows:"-With reference to the exclusion of Germans from India, I have made inquiries from the India Office as to when the five years period will terminate and have been informed that the five years is reckoned from the official date of the termination of the War, August 31st.", 1921, and therefore will not expire until August 1926". Will you please inquire through your Govt. into the truth of the statement ?

Purulia & Lohardugga Asylums-Our old Puruila Asylum is now an Anglican institution. Inspite of the non-denominational attitude of the Leper Mission, the Superintendant in charge intimated that Lutheran services would not be allowed in the asylum chapel which we desired to have for our Lutheran inmates. The Board has now resolved that the attitude of the Superintendant if maintained would close all door against all attempts at cooperation between the Lutherans and Anglicans. The Secretary has been asked to negotiate with the Govt. with a view to continuing and enlarging the asylum at Lohardugga and the Leper Mission has been requested to relinquish its rights in favour of the Board of Trustees.

Purulia Cemetery. You will all be glad to hear that the Trustees have now accepted the view that the cemetery in question with the exception of the part used by the Government was the property of the G.E.L. Mission and consequently falls within the control of the Trustees. They have further recommended to Govt, in the interest of peace, to acquire land elsewhere for a new cemetery for all non-Lutherans.

Most likely I shall be back to Ranchi, which will be my head-quarters in future. I shall shift just after the rains in October.

I am doing well with my wife and children and hope this white-winged messanger will find you all in good health and cheer. Kindest regards and most sincere Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch and Rev. Mr. Mehl and last but not least to your honoured personage from my wife and children and my humble-self.

I remain,
Dear Doctor,
Yours in the Master's cause,

Ehrhard

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Govindpur.
P.O. Jariagarh.
Bihar-India.
25 July 1923.

Director H.O. Kausch, D. Theol.
Gossner Mission Home Board.
Friedenau-BERLIN.

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My dear Doctor,

To-day is the last day in this week for despatching foreign mails and as there is very little time at my disposal now I am simply hurrying to pen a few lines.

I am enclosing a copy of the recent Minutes of the Advisory Board. Please see Page 4 item (14) where you will find the views of the Board regarding my delegation to the W.L.Convention. Mr. J. Lakra was recommended and as such was approved by the Council. He was serously ill for about a fortnight and went to Calcutta at the eleventh hour to secure passports but failed. He was told to wait for another fortnight. So the paln has fallen through. It is utterly disappointing that the Gossner Church has remained unrepresented.

In any case India is not unrepresented. My great and able friend Mr. J.D. Asirvadam has already sailed from Bombay on the 15th. I can safely say that he is the most representative man that India can send at this juncture. I think that some one from our Home Board going to the Convention will be interested in him. He is very social and I take the liberty of introducing him to you all.

Now we are in the middle of the rainy season and are having a good rain. The crops seem to be in fairly good condition and the transplanting of paddy is soon to begin.

I hope to be able to send you some more informations regarding our church and church statistics next month.

Kindly tender my hearty Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch, Rev. Mehl and others and last but not least to your own person from me and Mrs. Hurad and my children.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am,
Dear Doctor,
Yours very sincerely,

Hurad
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Berlin-Friedenau
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J.-Nr. D 168

My dear brother Patas-Kumar!

I acknowledge with my best thanks the receipt of your both letters dated 11/6/23 & 25/7/23. In the mean time I have been in Eisenach to represend our missionary society on the Lutheran world convention. It was a pity that you were hindered to be present there and brother Yoel Lakra too. For the latter we, i. e. Mr. Stosch and myself, had written a letter to London, to greet him on his arrival and to wish him all blessings for his sojourn and his progress in America. Now we cannot hope to see him in Germany on this occasion. In Eisenach I was very glad to become acquainted with Mr. Strivadam and to hear him in public & private speeches with cheerfulness speak about our whole work in Chota Nagpur and your person too. Some days afterwards Mr. Strivadam and the Swedish Bishop Dr. Dahell came to our missionhouse here. Berlin Friedenau, and we were together for some hours in my rooms, and my wife prepared for us a good lunch. We, from different parts of the earth, enjoyed our community in the Lord. That was the main success of the convention at Eisenach too. It is no doubt, that the Lutheran Confession was much strengthened by such assembly and it is to be hoped, that the brotherly love and help (Gal. 6,9s) will be felt and experienced in the terrible accidents of the human, national and natural life that have befallen wide districts of the world. The great Japanese earth-

quake is a sign of the time too (Mt. 24, 7) and we shall take care of it. To day I read in the newspapers that in Calcutta also was a shock of earthquake. The King of kings remembers us, that we shall not forget His return from heaven, and be aware, to stand before His throne. We were much surprised that the exclusion of the German missionaries will endure, until August 1926! But we are in the Lord's hand and He is the head of all worldly powers and can change men and matters speedily (Luk. 18, 7.8). In our country the dearth is increasing from day to day, and we are approaching a famine. But who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine etc.? May our heavenly father give us through His holy spirit to become „more than conquerors" in all these things (Rom. 8, 37). Please pray for us and let our Christians too to intercession for our fatherland & our homeboard and for myself and my wife (Rom. 15, 30).

All informations you give me regarding our church or our former Asylums, or the Purulia cemetry, or what it may be, will be received with warm interest. We all long for good news from Chota Nagpur, and you can imagine the deep afflictions of our old missionaries, of our missionfriends, and last not least of ourselves that we in our working are kept off such a long time from all direct relations to our old blessed missionfield! What heavy and earnest account must once all people give before the eternal judge, that have, in such a dreadful manner, stopped the course of the Gospel! But we are reminding the commandment of the Master: „Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you" (Mt. 5, 44). You see, I am living in the Scripture of Truth, and it is nothing, what I beg more by the Lord, than that you & all our beloved brethren and sisters there would be more and more confirmed in the Word of the living God, as the best and wisest regulator of all our matters, the external and the spiritual. You and your dear family's greetings my wife, Mr. Mehl, the other inclusing myself, are with in the same spirit. It would be very pleasant for me and my readers if you could write (1) some article for our missionpaper about the conditions & circumstances of our beloved church in Chota Nagpur, & Assam too, perhaps also about our Ganges Mission. For ever in the love of Christ Yours very truly H. O. Kaulb.

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D. theol. H. Kausch
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20.

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16. Okt. 1923.

Rev Pastor Hurrel.
Secretary
Ranchi (Bihar)
Lutheran Church
Compound
East India

My dear Pastor! The Lord
with you!
On the 14th of December
~~will~~ the 150th anniversary
of the birthday of Johannes
Evangelista Gossner will be cele-
brated (born 14. Dec. 1773).
Please, remind the Church
Council and the congrega-
tions to that fact, and let
us pray for our holy
work in communion of
the Spirit. For a long

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time we have not got
the Elambhandhan. It is
very important. That this
paper be continued and
circulated among the
pastors, catechists and
Christian brethren, es-
pecially the more ad-
vanced. My daily prayer
is the welfare of our
beloved Mission, of
yourself and your
family. I had a letter
of our Yorl Lakra from
London. He had arrived
"Here in safety" 24.
Eph. 6,
Yours ever truly
D. H. Rawlth

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
18th July, 1923.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

The enclosed letter is the official reply to your last letter. In this purely personal letter I simply want to suggest to you that your are probably wrong in the method you take to deal with me about boxes, etc. Do you not really think that, occasionally, instead of condemning me and criticising me for my mistakes, real or supposed, it would be better, from the standpoint both of psychology and the spirit of the Master, to thank me for what I have done and for all that the American Lutherans have done? Do you remember that we are spending a great deal of time and money for your people? All that we do in the way of sending boxes, selling goods, etc., is extra; it is not a part of the Trustees' work, nor of that of the Advisory Board. I do it because I am here in this position and because as a Christian and a Lutheran I feel it my duty to do it. So far very little appreciation and very few thanks have been shown for all our labours and money; but much criticism has been made. And yet we are doing the best we can. We make mistakes--of course we do--but we are doing the best we can in a difficult situation. If you would call attention to my errors in a more kindly spirit I would not resent it so much; but how can I cheerfully go on with my work for you--free of charge--when you and Mr. Mehl write as you do? Please think about this a little before writing again.

Yours sincerely,

J. Lamaday

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My dear Mr. Lamadey,

On this occasion allow me to return to your personal lines dated 18th of July.

I can only assure you, that we all ~~myself & our missionaries~~ fully appreciate your many and troublesome unselfish services done to our poor and in every respect deeply to be lamented missionaries.

Especially we ever remember what you, and the American Lutheran brethren in general, are working for our Christian people in Chota Nagpur. Often we have by mouth and by letter expressed our heartily felt thankfulness to your representatives in America. I regret very much

that you have had the im-
pression that the opposite
were the case. It may
be that we have treated business
matters a little too businesslike in
the case of the boxes. Please
excuse that! But I am glad
to take the opportunity,
as always I have done
in my heart and sometimes
I am certain in my letters
(as much as I can)
too, to thank you, your
dear wife, and Mr. & Mrs
Spangler also, for all your
official and inofficial doings
in the work of the Lord and
for the sake of our brethren
driven out of their blessed labour fields.
and excluded so many years from
But, blessed, now and for ever, all
servants of Christ who helps us in
these difficult and terrible times!

Yours very sincerely

H. Rauch.

P.S. Is this my answer to the letter I have a postcard of Mr. Klein in which he writes: "I received your two boxes kindly to hit about Hertford, Eintertag. 20. September"

D. theol. H. Kausch
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20.

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My dear Joel Lekra.

Mr. Hoock & myself received your two letters from London dated 17-9. 23 with much joy and pleasure. Please write me again and tell me and our friends about your daily life and your studies. We hope that you don't suffer from home sickness, because you know that the whole earth is the Lord's (Ps. 24), and He is with his disciples all days. And in Him we conquer every weakness. May our gracious God strengthen your health for the later service to your christian and heathen brethren. I have included you in my daily prayers. On the 14th of December cr. there will be celebrated the 150th anniversary

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of the birthday of Father Gossner.
I have written this first to Chicago
Wagner too for remembrance
of the whole Church. Here in
Germany we are in much
distress because a famine is
approaching nearer and nearer.
Even our beloved missionaries and
their families are suffering
in some respects like ourselves
but, thank God! till now we are
kept alive, and the Lord has helped
us again and again. But, indeed, the
times are very perilous (2. Tim. 3)
and the enemies oppress our
dear fatherland in the severest
manner, especially France, without
mercy. We all greet you, especially
Mrs. Wenzlaff-Lauben (Silesia).

Ever in the Lord

Your very truly
H. Krauth

Dear Mr. Jost
Rev. Ev. Lutheran Seminary
Chicago Ill.

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Ranchi.
The 1st Nov. 1923

Sidhi Srì, Chha: Sriyukt Manyawar Priyare dharmpitradhay.
kas, Mahashay Dr Kausch.

Mahashay apko o apke pariwar aur jo ap
ke Sang Saikra Sad log rahte hain bahut prem nawashkar jana.
tahum main apne Pariwar ke Sang deh mein achchhe hain.
Dukh ke Sahi ap logon ka o ap logon ke Raj ka Kushal mangal;
Sunne Chahte hain, jisli kuchh man mein Shant howe
(A.):- Ham dono apne hare aur Chhote bhai ke intakal hone Se bahut-
Shokit dasha mein the, par ab Ishwar ke krachan Se Santi
paye. ki Prabhu yahowa ne diya aur usi ne liya us ke
Nam ke Stuti o Dhanyabad howe. un ke kalkachon ka
bhar mere Sir par para hai, Ajtak kisi Surat Se unko
School mein rakh ke pratipalan kar rahe hain, Atmik
o Shariric dasha mein. "Advisery" board Se bahut arj- kar
ke dono bechon ke larke aur larkiyon ko adhe fees mein
School mein rakhe hain;
(B):- Ap logon ke ane ke bilam bahi Sun ke del bahut-e
Shokit hai, prabhu Ishwar ke krachan o Prarthna

L.

Se apne dil ko Khatir karte hain, aur apne Trani "Yeshu Christ" o Pita Parmeshwar se yah mangte hain o mangte hain ki apne Piyare dharmpitaadhayKason ko Isi Sharir ke aankhon se punah dekhne ki abhilasha rakhte hain, aur yah Pura bishwas rakhte hain ki Trani "Yeshu Christ" vachan ko pura karega. main Wah Pura 76. kavas ka ho raha hun. 4 Cos. tak paidal Chal Sakta hun. kuchh dhirik Chalne se thak jata hun. Ham log pahile yah Sun ke ki 1924. ke July. Aug. men hamare piyare prohit log aayenge. bahut anand kar liye; par abhi apne kan se yah sune hain ki 1926. ke July Aug. ma yah Sun ne se kuchh sandeh man men huwa ki yah daga baji ki bat hai.

(C):- Itna din main bahut ndash o shokit-tha. ki Hamare Church Council ke bich men do bhag ho gaya tha. Ham log 5 jan ek tarph aur dusre tarph 8 jan, Mr Yuel Lakra. B.A. tarka jan ho ke. matriculation, I.A. B.A. pass wale se phnolaye ja ke kuchh nai ke tarph jhuk gaya tha par mere mohai karne se bajh gaya aur no bat par fichhe jor nahin diya. pas unmen se Mr Dhanmasih Panna. B.A. M.L.L.

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O Sharir ki aukh se dekh liya hum ki Mr. Hwaa
ne hamare "Awangilital Luhiyan mandli ke liye kya hi
bhari kam kiya hai, aur main Shok ke Sahi kruti kiya
kiya ki". He Prabhu aise golmal ki bat lujh se dur
kiya jawe. Ab wah bat Sallamat ho gai, Shok ke mare
ap logan ko kuchh Chitthi nahin diya ho mafh kijeje.

Ab main anandit ho ap logan ko Chitthi
likhkar janata hun ki prabhu ki daya se wah gol-
mal ab mit gaya. Beshes kar ke mundari bhai hi
log yah golmal dah se machale the. kyonki unke
pass anek anek gyani o bhale log unke pan ke
keshay unke pas prastawka. karle the Is se unka
man dah se bhag gaya hai, aur harakar us ko aosh
laga ke nikalne ke liye yukati kar me lage rahle the.
par unki Ichchha prabhu ne pura hone nahin diya
Is se main prabhu ka bahut dhanyabad karta hun.
Parala isi nelas se apne Priyare Prohitanko dekhne ka
kam asha hoti hai. kyonki main Sal Salek bar bokchar
ke bhari bemar me parta hun. aur main prabhu
ke hathi me Somp ke kahta hun ki " He He prabhu

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Is lekr mujh ko bishram de apne mahima me
prawes karaekar

(E.):- Ab ankh bhi dhundhala ho raha hai, dant
bhi ghar raha hai, Aur age kya likhun. prabhu
ki ju ichchha hai so puri howe. mere hathi me
sab kuchh hai, usi par mai asha rakhta
hun.

(F.):- Ham log Hall Lutheran Logon ka panchayat
German desh ke "Leipzig" nagar me hone ka hal
sun ke aur newta pa ke bahut anandit hue ki Ham
men se "Chota Nagpure" se ek mundari ya ek oraon
us maha panchayat me hajir hongen. Isliye Church
Council resignation pass kar ke advisory board me
pes kiye ki Chota Nagpure se mr P. Anand bheja jay
par advisery board ne chas kar ke mr Yuel Lakra B.A.
ko chun liya is bichar se ki wah 15 July ya Augm
me America Chikago jayega. 15 London ho kar
German desh jawe aur us maha panchayat me
hajir howe Bad is ke America jawe. Par advisery
board thik bichar o karke bat na kar ke golmal

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kiya yane ki thahre ke Neschint rahgaye.
Is seham log kare ndash o Navaj huwe.
Sah Smsbe aur advisery board ke Secretory Ang,
ke 7.th & 8.th ko bolla hai ki thik hondobast nahin
huwa So German desh jana nahin howega.
Much alpgyani maush ke man men bichar
koti hai ki Germandesh Chota Nagpure koi na
jawe Isi bechar se thik Samay men hondobast
nahin kiye,

Ago Shubh ap ka mitr:—

F C Lukoski

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Ranchi, den 1. Nov. 1923.

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Dem Ehrwürdigen, Hochgelahrten, Wohlgeborenen, Christlichen Pastor Dr. Rauch, Hochzuverehren.

Ew. Hochwürden nebst Familie und dem Hochwürdigen Kuratorium sowie sie im Liebesbunde unseres Herrn stehen sei im Namen des Herrn gegrüßt.

Mit Schmerzen vernahm ich aus Ihrem Lande Trost Botschaft zu hören, daß mein Herz sein wenig getröstet wurde.

A. Über den Tod unseres ältesten und jüngsten Söhnes waren wir sehr betrübt, aber jetzt sind wir durch Gottes Wort getröstet worden: „der Herr hat gegeben, der Herr hat genommen, der Name des Herrn sei gelobt und gepriesen." Die Erziehung der Kinder der Verstorbenen müssten wir übernehmen. Bisher konnten wir für den der persönlichen Verhältnisse die Schule besuchen lassen und für sie bibliche und christliche Kost sorgen. Auf unsere dringende Bitte hat der Advisory Board die Kinder beider verstorbenen Söhne für den halben Schulgeld in die Schule aufgenommen.

B. Über die Aussicht der Verzögerung Ihres Kommens bin ich sehr betrübt. Mein Herz ist zwar getröstet durch Gottes Wort und Gebet und ich bitte meinen Heiland Jesus Christus und den himmlischen Vater und wünsche schriftlich

meine

meinen geliebten geistlichen Väter und diesen
lieblichen Augen wiederzusehen und habe den
festen Glauben, dass der Herr Jesus Christus
meinen Wunsch erfüllen wird.
Ich bin jetzt volle 76 Jahre und kann mich 4 Tage
weit zu Fuß gehen. Schnell aber absolut nicht zu
ermüden.
Wir hörten zuerst, dass im Juli oder August
1924 unsere geliebten Eltern wieder kommen
würden und Frau Lauten auch; aber
jetzt hörten wir, dass erst im Juli oder Au-
gust 1926 geschehen könnte. Deshalb ist aber
Ihr Brief in unsere Herzen aufgestanden,
ob nicht der alte nun Urlaub nähme.
Längere Zeit war ich sehr betrübt, weil in
unserm Church-Council eine Spaltung entstanden
war. Anfangs waren 5 und auf der an-
deren Seite waren 8 Mann. Mr. Joel Lakra
B. A. war der Streitpunkt. Von den jungen Leuten
die der Matriculation J. A. und B. A. Examen be-
standen hatten, übernahm, wenigstens vorläufig
noch zu diesem hinüber; aber dann wenn
entschieden "Christen" wurde er zurück-
genommen und hat bei seiner Taufe nicht mehr
bekannt. Seine Mutter ist eine Witwe Mr. Dhanasik
Panna B. A. hat ihn verwöhnt und gesagt: "Was
unser alter Präsident-Pastor getan hat, das
hat er sehr gut gemacht." Da ist unser aller

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(1 Kos = 2-3 englische Meilen)

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der Gemeinde Ehre gemacht worden. Mr. D. M. Pacua hat sich wiederum und gemacht und die Kasse ist entdeckt worden.

D. Die Kasse ist die, daß Mr. P. Konrad alle Tagen fortgenommen wurden und dann der Vikariär der Church Council mir eine Verfügung (Befehl) zugesandt würde, worüber ich ihm große Betrübnis für den andern Fall sagte: „Nehmt mir mein Präsidentament (Titel) aber ich werde ihr nicht misanstehen, denn dieß ist meine und Feindschaft und Neid hervorgegangen Entscheidung. Der Feinde Zorn ist Neid. Wenn Ihr die Mission habt, dieß ihr haben, aber ich werde ihr nicht hinanstehen. Unser Vertrag ist nun vorbei. Aber Ihr, blinder Hass und Neid, habt einen Befehl gegeben und wollt ihn vom Amt entfernen. Wer Hass und Neid sind Ihr blind geworden und könnt nicht richtig sehen und verstehen. Wir unterschreiben gebt Ihr gewaltsam einen Befehl, aber ich habe mit meinem Herz und meinen Leiber Augen gesehen, was diese Arbeit Mr. P. Konrad für unsere wertgeliebte Lutherische Gemeinde gearbeitet hat. Und ich habe mit Entrüstung gehabt: „O Herr, diese Verwirrung halte von uns fern." Jetzt ist alles wie der in Ordnung gebracht. Wegen meiner Entrüstung habe ich Ihnen meine Liebe geschrieben

vergeben"

vergessen Sie, bitte.

Jetzt freue ich mich, Ihnen mitteilen zu können, daß alle diese Missionare (gelmal) wieder wohlbehalten sind. Besonders waren es die Mundabrüder, die diese Warnung empfohlen. Unter ihnen waren besonders treue und gute Leute, die in ihrer Willigkeit (Tüchtigkeit?) Gaben reichten, sodaß ihr Haus voll Lebensmittel erfüllt wurde. Die brachten fortwährend Entschuldigungen, die sie vor und früher gebraucht, um sich freiwerden zu drücken. Aber der Herr hat ihre Absichten zu schanden gemacht, wofür ich dem Herrn sehr danke.

Auf diesen Grund wäre es gut, wenn unsere geliebten Karlsorger kommen und in der Arbeit unserer Rasten sehen würden; dann ist leide alle Jahre einmal Fieber und Übergabe mich in die Hand des Herrn und spreche: O Herr, schenke mir Ruhe, nimm mich auf in deine Herrlichkeit"

E.) Unsere Augen sind bereits trübe geworden (und der Mund gelähmt) und wer soll mir weiter schreiben: "der Herr Wille geschehe! Er liegt alles in seiner Hand. Auf Ihn hoffe ich."

F.) Als wir hörten, daß der Old Lutheran Paychayat in der deutschen Stadt Leipzig stattfinden sollte, haben wir uns sehr gefreut und gehofft, daß auf dieser Konferenz wir

Munda

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Wunda war Uraon zugegen sein würde. Der Church Council hat den Advisary board ersucht Mr. P. Hurad zu senden. Aber der Advisary board schrieb, daß er Mr. Jael Lakra B. A. erwählt habe, weil dieser im Juli oder August nach Chikago in Amerika reisen müßte. Von London könnte er nach Deutschland gehen und an der Konferenz teilnehmen und dann nach Amerika reisen. Aber der Advisary board hat nicht mit wichtiger Überlegung die Reise vorbereitung getroffen wäre es gleichgültig gewesen und hätte gelernt (Reise Führung) Deutschland. Hierüber sind wir sehr traurig und ärgerlich. Der Vikar der Trustee und Advisary board sagten in der am 7. und 8. August stattgefundenen Sitzung, daß keine weite Reisevorbereitung getroffen wäre, daher wäre die Reise nach Deutschland nicht aufhalten.

Nach meinem geringen Urteil bin ich der Meinung, daß wenn Thota Jagger nach Deutschland niemand mehr gehen wird, weil keine wichtige Fürsorge getroffen worden ist.

Hochachtungsvoll
Ihr Freund
gez. Hd Lakra.

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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.

Head-quarters :—Ranchi.

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Secretary :—
P. Hurad.

No. 7/11

GOVINDPUR,
P. O. JARIAGARH,
Dist. Ranchi.

Dated 16th. October *19* 23.

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H. O. Kausch, D.D.
Director Gossner Mission.
Friedenau-BERLIN.

My dear Doctor,

Your very kind letter No. 168 of the 11th. September reached me duly for which please accept my humble thanks. I am very glad that you represented our Mission in Eisenach and more so that Mr. Asirvadam could pick up your acquaintance. I was not so disappointed at my inability to come to Eisenach but that had I gone to Germany, that would have given me a great opportunity to discuss in Berlin our future plans as to the continuance of our work in Chota Nagpur & Assam. I have written an article for our Gospel Witness advocating the return of the missionaries from Germany at the earliest date possible. Mr. Graefe, the Editor, has just written to me that he considers the contribution most sincere and must be published in the November issue. I shall send you a copy when published. I am a bit restive at the India Office's pronouncemnet restricting the exclusion of the missionaries till August 1926. I think my article in the G.W. might have some effect on the feelings of the missionaries and Missionary Councils in India.

In daily papers I have been reading so much of administrative changes in the German Reich and the state of things, if correctly reported, are such as to cause great anxiety. British statesmen foresee the economic collapse of Europe if Germany is ruined. But all continental statesmen appear to stay on the background awaiting a world-catastrophe instead of trying to avert it. Surely, these are signs of the times ! !

The President, the Rev. H. D. Lakra, is staying ~~xx~~ with me here for the last 10 days and is returning home this afternoon. He still feels quite strong and fit for his work. He can walk up to 8 miles ! He desires me to send you all his most sincere Yishusahays and warm greetings. We hear that our Mission has started new work somewhere in China, If this be true, the President and myself congratulate you all on your self-less, noble and daring project in so bad a time.

You wish me and our brethren to pray for you. I can assure you, my dear Sir, that the return of the missionaries and the resumption of their good work finds a place in my daily private and family prayers. I know these prayers will not be in vain but will bring us good-will and great joy in the right time, which He only knows.

As desired I wish to write an article for your good readers and for our missionaries and mission friends giving in an outline form the workings of our church here in Chota Nagpur & Assam. I hope to do it soon and perhaps be able to let you have it after a fortnight or so.

In closing I beg to tender my wife's and children's and my own warmest greetings and loving Yishusahays to Mrs. Kausch, to self, to Mr. Mehl and to all our beloved ones in the Mission-house.

With love in our Common Lord,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

P. Hurad
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P.S.-Will the Eisenach Proceedings be published in English ? May I have a copy of the same ? Will you kindly see to it ?

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Govindpur.
P.O. Jariagarh, Ranchi.
27 Novr. 1923.

The hev. H. Kausch, D.D.
Gossner Mission.
BERLIN-Friedenau.

My dear Doctor,

Your kind Post Card intimating the 150th. anniversary of Father Gossner, addressed to me at Ranchi, reached me duly. Thanks ! I have taken immediate steps to have the day celebrated throughout the Church. The Ad. Board has also been requested to close the schools and they have issued Orders accordingly. I knew the date but it did not occur to me that the 150th, anniversary was to fall in the current year. Many thanks for the timely information !!

To-day I am sending for the Home Board an epistle of congratulation for the occassion. We hope the Home Board will very kindly accept it. The original is already signed by 3 members of the Executive and is being posted to 2 others. It has been decided to forward it through the Ad.Bd. but as it may not reach Berlin in time, I am sending this advance copy which please place before the Curatorium and greatly oblige.

A special subscription will be raised on that day and we shall decide later what to do with the fund. Will you kindly advice me on this ? Can we not have a statue of Father Gossner set near the Memorial Cross at Ranchi some day in the near future? I very much wish to see Luther and Gossner on both wings of the Memorial.

Mr. Asirvadam's article in the Gospel Witness has given us a glimpse of the Eisenach Convention. I very much wish to have in a handy form the full proceedings of that memorable Convention. I think the authorities are taking steps to have this done.

I am stll here at Govindpur and may shift to Ranchi after the Xmas. Only difficulty is accomodation. I do not know where I shall be given a

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suitable place for myself and for the Council's office. All bungalows are either rented or otherwise occupied. Our Pastors' Monsoon Meeting could not be held this year for want of adequate accomodation.

The Gracious Lord has blessed us this year with a good harvest, His holy name be ever praised !

I am doing well with my wife and two children now with me here. Hope this white-winged messanger will also find you the same.

In closing I beg to tender my wife's and children's and my own Yishusahays and best and humble regards to Mrs. Kausch and to self. Please greet Rev. Mehl and others now in the mission house there from me and highly oblige.

I am,

Yours in the Master's cause,

Bidwan

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Ranchi.
19 November 1923.

Berlinasth Mahamanyawar GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN MISSION ki Mahasabha ke dharmmadhyakshon aur pitron ko ham CHHOTA NAGPUR AUR ASSAMASTH GOSSNER EVANGELICAL MANDALIYON ka din hin YISHUSAHAY aur pyar hamare TRANKARTTA KHRIST YISHU men howe !

KHRIST men piyare dharmmadhyaksho aur pitro,

Mahamanyawr Mukhya Padri Dr. Buechsel mahashay ne 3 June 1858 men pita Yohannes Evangelista Gossner ke samadhi par khare hokar jo upadesh diya tha ki-"Ishwar anugrah kare ki Gossner ki prarthana Bharatkhand, Russia aur Germany men jahan kahin uska bachan pahucha bani rahe ", so aj sakshat pura hua hai. Is karan ham ab us Ishwarbhakktt Mahapurush ke janm ke 150 wen Smaranotsaw ko ap logon ke sang atma men milke gambhirta se dhanyabad aur anand ke sath manaya chahate hain. Hamare dhanyabad ki dhwani yahi hai-"Yah to Yahowa ki or se hua, yah hamari drishtti men adbhut hai. Aj wah din hai jo Yahowa ne banaya hai. Ham usmen magan aur anandit hon. He Yahowa binti sun, suphalta kar de ! "

Hamen drirh asha hai, ki Berlinasth Sabha priye Pita Gossner ke nij hathon ke kamon ko dekhti hui wahan Ishwar ko sarahti aur prashansa karti hui dhanyabad degi, waisa ham bhi jo uske prarthana aur bishwas ke phal aur uske parishramon ke smaranpathalon ke aise ap sabhon aur Ishwar Pita ke age khare hain dhanyabad ke liye prastut hain. Ham ap logon ko bhi jo Pita Gossner ke shubh aur paropkari kamon ke uttaradhikari aur parichalak hain smaran karke badhai dete hain ki Ishwar Gossner ke aur ap sabhon ke kamon ko aisa ashismay aur saphalwant kare ki Gossner Pita mahashay ki prarthana ati spashtrup se sab deshon ke uski sthapit mandaliyon men nitya puri howe aur hamara jo sambandh ap logon ke sang jora gaya hai so nirantar bana rahe.

Ant men us anandmay shubh din men atyant prem ke samaranrupi bandh men,

Ap logon ke dinhin
Prabhu ke sewak,

sd/- H. D. Lakra. P. Murad J. Christopher Turkey. Nirmal Soy
J. Topno.

GOSSNER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL KE
EXECUTIVE KE ANG.

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Übersetzung.

Ranchi, den 19. November 1923.

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Den geistlichen Vorstehern und Räten der Gossner-Evangelisch-Lutherischen Mission in Berlin von uns, den Gossnerschen Evangelischen Gemeinden in Chota-Nagpur und Assam unsere aufrichtigste Zusammenhang und Liebe in Christo Jesu.

Im Jahre Christus gulinbla geistliche Vorsteher und Hüter! Wie der sehr verehrte hochwürdige Generalsuperintendent Dr. Büchsel am 3. Juni 1858 an Mahir Johannes Evangelista Gossner Grabe gesprochen, „Gott möge in Gnaden helfen, daß wo auf immer in Indien, Rußland und Deutschland Gottes Wort aufgeschrieben worden ist, dasselbe auf bleibe" das soll sich heute in Wahrheit erfüllt.

Deshalb wünschen wir mit Ihnen den 150. Jahrestag der Taufhandlung der Gabe Gott der gottseligen großen Mannes in Ehrfurcht mit Dank und Freude zu feiern.

Unser Dankgebet ist: „Dies ist von dem Herrn geschehen und wunderbar vor unseren Augen. Heut ist der Tag, den der Herr gemacht hat. Laßt uns freuen und fröhlich darinnen sein. O Herr, verleih unser Gebet, daß alles wohlgelingen."

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Es ist unsere zuversichtliche Hoffnung, daß das Berliner Kuratorium, welches die Aufsicht über das gesamte Werk Gossners ausübt, das Gott mit Leben und Gedeihen segnen wird, wie auch wir gläubigerweise, die wir seiner Geburtstund seines Glaubens Frucht und seiner Arbeit Erstlinge sind, vor Gott dem Vater und Ihnen allen zum Dank bereit sein wollen.

Auf Ihr, als den Nachfolgern und Jüngern Gossners in seinem gottwohlgefälligen Liebeswerk, gedenken wir und bitten, daß Gott Gossners und Ihr ganzes Werk segnen und mit Erfolg krönen möge auf daß der ehrwürdige Vater Gossners Gebet in kräftigster Weise in der noch in so vielen Ländern gegründeten Gemeinden erfüllt werde, und unsere Verbindung, die mit Ihnen gottgefügt ist, immerdar bleibe.

Zum Schluß an seinem Gedächtnistage empfehlen wir Ihnen gastfreundlich

Ihr ergebenen Diener der Herr

gez. H. D. Lakra, P. Hurad, J. Christogrih Tirkey, Kirmal Soy,

J. Topno.

Der Vorstand Mitglieder des Gossnerschen Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirchenrats.

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19 November 1923.

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Ap logon ke dinhin

Prabhu ke sewak,

GOSSNER EV.LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL KE

EXECUTIVE KE ANG.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

The Advisory Board has instructed me to forward the above letter, given to us by the Church Council. We celebrated 150th anniversary of the birth of "Father" Gossner on December 14th with many services here in Ranchi and elsewhere.

(274) This week I am forwarding Rs. 280 (first two-thirds) from the Jonhatoli mandli for a bronzebell to the Hofglockengiesserei Franz Schilling Soehne, Apolda, Thuer, as recommended by you.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

26-12-23

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D. theol. H. Kausch
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20.

22. Jan. 1924

My dear Brother
in the Lord.

Yesterday with much affliction
we received the news from
Steinhagen (Westfalen) that
the great old man, our highly
esteemed member of the Commission,
our very successful
missionary, our best friend
and brother R. Rev. D. Dr.
Alfred Nottrott has died
in the Lord Sunday morning
20th of Jan. aged more
than 86 years (born 19.
Aug. 1837). He was a
special gift of the Lord
to His Church, to His mission,
and especially to Orissa
Nagpur and the people
there. His merits are
nearly immeasurable.

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God give him the
eternal rest of his
saints! — On the
9th of January died
also Rev. Benjamin
Kanjamala, formerly
in Jaffna, 57 years
aged, his wife and 9
little children mourn
for him. He was at
last pastor at Tangen
(Mannelgebiet). —

Adr. Mr. Pastor Ranetti Esqu. Secretary Church Council East Indian Mission

With this mail (
am sending a letter
to the Church Council
too through the Madras
Board. Thanks for your
letters of 16. Oct. &
27 Nov.

Ever in the Lord
Yours truly
H. O. Kanthe

Kuratorium
der
Goßnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Tgb.-Nr. D 19/24

Berlin-Friedenau, den 22 January
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To
The Church Council
of the
Goosner Evangel. Lutheran Church
in Chota Nagpur and Assam
through the Diocesan Board
c/o Rev J. Cannaday
Ranchi (Bihar)

Dear brethren in the Lord!

At first we must thank you very much for your hearty congratulation letter to the 150 th birthday of the founder of our mission work father Johannes Evangelista Gossner, sent us through the Diocesan Board. We have heard with much pleasure, that you have celebrated that famous day with services in Ranchi and elsewhere, by the Rev. J. Cannaday at the close of your letter. If you could found in remembrance of that anniversary day a fund, we may suggest, that it would be agreeable, to give the money for the erect of an adequate accommodation of our Pastors especially on the Monsoon Meeting in Ranchi, every year. This institution must be upheld, because it is too important for the spiritual benefit of the brethren

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in the divine service. Therefore it would be very convenient, if you could an other house for this purpose or enlarge the old Diwa, formely called „Pilgrims-House". God give you His wisdom in this and all other matters!

Then we are obliged to announce you with deepest mourning the death of our much beloved Brother in the Lord the Right Reverend
5. Dr. Alfred Nottrott, your former missionary and President of the Vorstand on the 20th of January at Steinhagen (Westfale), aged more than 86 years. You know him too well in all his merits for the whole congregation, for pastors and teachers, for men, women and children, as that it were necessary for us, to enumerate his most valuable doings. Also he has helped the Government, the local and the provincial, in many regards with his intimate knowledge of land and people, languages, ethics, laws, customs and so on, that even the wordly Authority is indebted to him. He can't be forgotten for ever in the history of development of Chota Nagpur. And above all: He has given the whole Word of God to the Mundari people in their own language. What a blessed work! What a blessed life! Praised be God for His faithful servant now and for ever. Heb. 13, 7–8.

Your very truly

Kuratorium
der
Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft.
D. H. Rauch

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D.44.

2nd November 1923

Herrn Missionsdirektor D. Theol. H. Kausch,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
GERMANY.

Dear Herr Missionsdirektor,

I learn from Dr Warnshuis that you have been expecting to hear from me in regard to the work of the Gossner Mission in India. I regret very much that I should have disappointed you by not writing. My reason for not doing so was that there has been no change in the situation and nothing definite to report. The decision of the Government of India to exclude German missionaries for a period of five years from the signing of the Treaty of Peace still holds the field and the Government of Bihar and Orissa is not willing to consent to any modification of it. The period of five years will not come to an end until the spring of 1926. In the meantime we are making a strong effort to secure the return of one of the former Basel missionaries of German nationality to Malabar. If we are successful in this application - it will be easier to open the question with the Government of Bihar and Orissa, as we shall have a precedent to which to refer.

I personally am of opinion that before very long there will be a relaxation of the restrictions and it is my/

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Herrn Mdr. Kausch,

my earnest hope that the time may not be far distant when a beginning may be made by the return of one or two of your missionaries under the auspices, in the first instance, of the American Lutheran Church. I have had this in my mind ever since I was in India and have only been waiting until the time seemed to be ripe to take up the matter with you.

I have told you frankly what my own view of the matter and hope is. If the application in regard to Malabar is successful, I think we might begin definitely, some time next year, to address our minds to the possibility of putting forward a request on behalf of the Gossner missionaries. While I have told you frankly, however, what is my own expectation and hope, I would suggest that you should not refer to the matter in writing to India. The one thing that is likely to defeat our hopes is premature action of any kind. My advice is that you should leave the whole question for the present in abeyance and that some time next year, after we have learned the result of the application for Malabar, you should take up the question again with me so that we can consider together what are the best steps to be taken to bring about the return of some of your missionaries. While I recommend that nothing should be done in the meantime to raise the question, it is my earnest desire and hope that the way may open before very long and I trust that you will not abandon the thought of resuming work in your old field.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. H. Oldham

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24. [We have considered its contents amidst a session of our Kuratorium carefully. [

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Dear Mr. Oldham,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 2nd November, 23. [We were of opinion that the period of 5 years would end in January 1924 and are heartily sorry that this hope failed. [In closing your letter, you say ~~that~~ you trust that we shall not abandon the thought of resuming work in our old field. Certainly we do not! I am anxious to learn of the success of your application made on behalf of a Basel Missionary of German Nationality. Would you kindly let me know of the matter again?

We agree with your advice, that

Premature action of any kind must be avoided, but when the time is ripe, we should not wait any longer. F

Dear Sir, I am sincerely yours

D. Hope Rawlings
Hon. Secretary

F We lift up our eyes to our Lord the real Governor of all ~~peoples~~ nations and lands, especially of His own mission work in every country and ~~hope~~ put our trust in His gracious and just decisions.

To Rev. J. H. Oldham, M.A.
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W. 2

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RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA,
28th November, 1923.

The Revd D. H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd November, giving full information concerning bell for the Jonhatoli congregation. After getting the final word of the mandli I shall do as you say and deal directly with the company, according to the wish of the congregation. Both the companies you mention seem to offer good bargains and I think the mandli can do better by dealing with one of these firms rather than with a company of another country, especially since so many of our church bells here already have been made in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Spangler have just visited the Jonhatoli congregation(east of Takarma)and Mr. Spangler reports to me that he found every thing in good shape--church, school, etc. He thinks it is a fine congregation. It is so encouraging to have the mandlis themselves go forward without any pushing.

With kind regards, I remain, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

D. Canaday

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Personal.

RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA,
28th November, 1923.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

I must thank you heartily for your personal letter of the 4th November, 1923, in which you show how grateful you all have been for the help we are trying to give here, and disclaim any ~~intention~~ intention of unjust criticism of me. I accept your statement in all sincerity and thank you for it.

Moreover, I may be permitted to say that, almost without exception, all the missionaries for whom we have dome anything so far have expressed their deep appreciation of our efforts. Our hearts go out in sorrow for those who, through the exigencies of a terrible war, were suddenly thrust out of this country, away from their beloved work and people. This, you will understand, is not intended to be in any wise a criticism of the action of the Government; but it is an expression of our Christian love and sympathy.

And now it is my turn to 'aplogize.' I confess that my letter was unnecessarily harsh and may have been written hastily. But now that we know each other's heart, let us 'forgive and forget.'

One word in closing: I think it would be better all round--for you, the Church Council, Advisory Board and others--if all correspondence between you and the Gossner Church were conducted through(not addressed to, but through)the Advisory Board. There is some trouble over here about this, and I advise you to adopt this procedure. This is provided for, you know, in the rules of the Board and the Church has adopted it in its constitution. Any kind of private correspondence should be discouraged.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. Lamaday

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The Rev. J. Cannaday

Ranchi. Bihar

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My dear Mr. Cannaday.

With many thanks I have got your letter dated 28th. Nov. 1923, including a kind personal one then your letter, dated 22nd Jan. 1924 with enclosures for the missionaries Rev.s Radsick, Mehl, Steinar, and Wengkaff. (Schmitz). Your money order about Rup. 250/6 came later. The equivalent in Mark we have distributed paid by post among the persons named, according to your

special advices for each. We have written to the single Brother and Sister to ratify you directly the amounts. Please accept our cordial thanks for all your trouble. [~~Hoo~~ We shall Always be thankful to you for any particulars from our Mission field as you have done par example in the Lenzburg-Case and the reports of Mr. Spangler. We regret very much that he and his dear wife were obliged to leave India. May God bless these two labourers in this vine-yard. You may imagine how much all our mission friends long for any news from

For all they have done for our Mission and Heathen.

~~for D. 50~~ 24

your (above named) personal letter

In closing may say, we 368
think it ~~better~~ would be better,
if all correspondence between
us and the Grossner Church were
conducted through The Advisory
Board. As far as this — any official-
correspondence is concerned, we
are quite of your opinion, the Advisory
Board has ~~to~~ an interest
~~that~~ also in what is going on
between the Grossner Church and
the Berlin Consistorium. We quite
endorse your wish. I should
even go one step further.
It is in no way helpful if
private correspondence takes
up matters which must be
dealt with officially between
the Church and the Consistorium.
We know well that wrichek

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much result from that.
But I feel sure that ~~we may~~
you have no objection against
letters written by me or some
old Missionaries to members
of the Gossner church known
them. These letters ~~must~~ not interfere with the official correspondence.
~~and will they~~ ~~periodical~~
They deal with other matters.
~~We find those letters helpful~~
They are written to encourage
our native workers and give
them spiritual help.

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In closing I am,

first Chilingual MS (in Lr.

Stroke missing)

Dear Sirs:

Besides we remember that it
[illegible] is the special task and business of
the Advisory Board to promote the
autonomy of the Church to its full
external and internal realisation.

Finally be so kind to forward
the enclosed lines of Rev. Mehl
to Rev. Hanukh D. Lakra with my own

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greetings.

With all good wishes for
dear
yourself and your family

Yours sincerely

D. Doms Rausch.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
20th February, 1924.

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Rev. D. H. Kausch, D. D.,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

Many thanks for the letter addressed to the Church Council in my care, concerning Father Gossner, Dr. Nottrott, etc. I have forwarded the letter to the Secretary of the Church Council.

I think the suggestion which you make that a memorial of some kind should be created for Father Gossner is a very good one. Also, a memorial should be created for Dr. Nottrott. I have suggested this to the Church Council Secretary, and I hope the Council will lay the matter before the Advisory Board.

As you say, Dr. Nottrott was a very great man--one of the best foreigners who ever lived in Chota Nagpur, and what he did for the people here is held in grateful remembrance, not only by the Lutheran Christians, but by others, including Government officers who knew him and appreciated his work for the welfare, moral, spiritual, and educational, of the people of Chota Nagpur.

It was a mistake to have abandoned the annual monsoon meeting of the Pastors last year, and I trust that it will not be repeated. Unfortunately the Adv. Board was not able to help with travelling allowance. Lack of accomodation was not the only reason why it was not held. The same accomodations were available as had been available for previous years when it was held regularly. Be careful how you believe things that are written to you <u>privately.</u> Only the Church Council should speak--but no individual.

Yours sincerely,
J Lamuday

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Govindpur
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar.
27 Feb. 1924.

My Dear Doctor,

Your kind letter (P.C.) of the 22nd. Ultimo with the one addressed to the Council through Mr. Cannaday reached me simultaneously on the 19th. I thank you much for the same.

The news of our beloved and venerated father D.Dr. A. Nottrott's death came to me as a great shock and while reading it I had to throw down my pen aside on the table. I sent his obituary out to all our mission centres the next day and in my own station here I made the announcement in the evening service, which was also our Memorial Service.

I also sent the news to the Goepel Witness to be inserted in the March issue and wish to write a short account of his life and career for a ~~xxtx~~ later issue. May I request to give us an account of his early days before his arrival to India and also a history of his life and career, if such is available by way of material to write out his biography. An account of his last days and last hours, if kindly sent to me, will be of great use and inspiration to us all. I am anxious to have these. I very much wish to write a biography of his for which please help me in getting materials. His photographs at different stages of his life will be most acceptable. I have only one which was perhaps taken during his last furlough at home.

The Annual General Conference this year meets April 4-9. I am sorry I could not let you know of this date earlier. We naturally look to the parent society for their pastoral epistle and exhortations at such gatherings. I am sure we shall be faoured by such an epistle this year too.

I am much distressed to hear of the economic collapse of ~~xhex~~ Germany, which must have given a serious blow to our missionaries and dear brethren. The Council has thought it necessary to raise some money to help our beloved brethren and has issued an appeal for help.

I am sorry to write for your information that specially the workers ~~xxx~~ have become very indolent and consequently the laity are cold in their zeal. I beg you therefore to exhort the workers specially to take heed of their duties and become responsible workers in the vineyard of the Master.

This year there will be election of office-bearers. I have already put in 6 years of service, 1918-1924, and working single-handed feel exhausted. This onerous work without getting even a single assistant seems too much for me and I find it would be quite impossible for me to continue. If some one could be elected this year, I shall be pleased to accept a position with less responsibilities. A change might also, I think, be beneficial to the Church. We should however, pray to God that He may give the Conference Wisdom to do the right thing.

I had promised to send you a contribution for the readers of your ~~paxxx~~ papers. I regret because the various duties devolving on me have so far prevented me from helping here.

From the Daily papers and the postage stamps which ~~you~~ some affixed in the covers in recent letters show that your money is being stabilised. Now that there is the Labour Ministry in England , I am entertaining optimistic views as to the situation in Central Europe.

I am still at Govindpur but shall move to Ranchi within a fortnight. Please therefore in future address me there.

In closing please accept for Mrs. Kausch and yourself my dear wife's and children's and my own Yishusahays and good wishes. Also please greet Rev. and Mrs. Roterberg and Rev. Mr. Mehl from me.

With kindest regards,
Yours very truly,
L Lohmann

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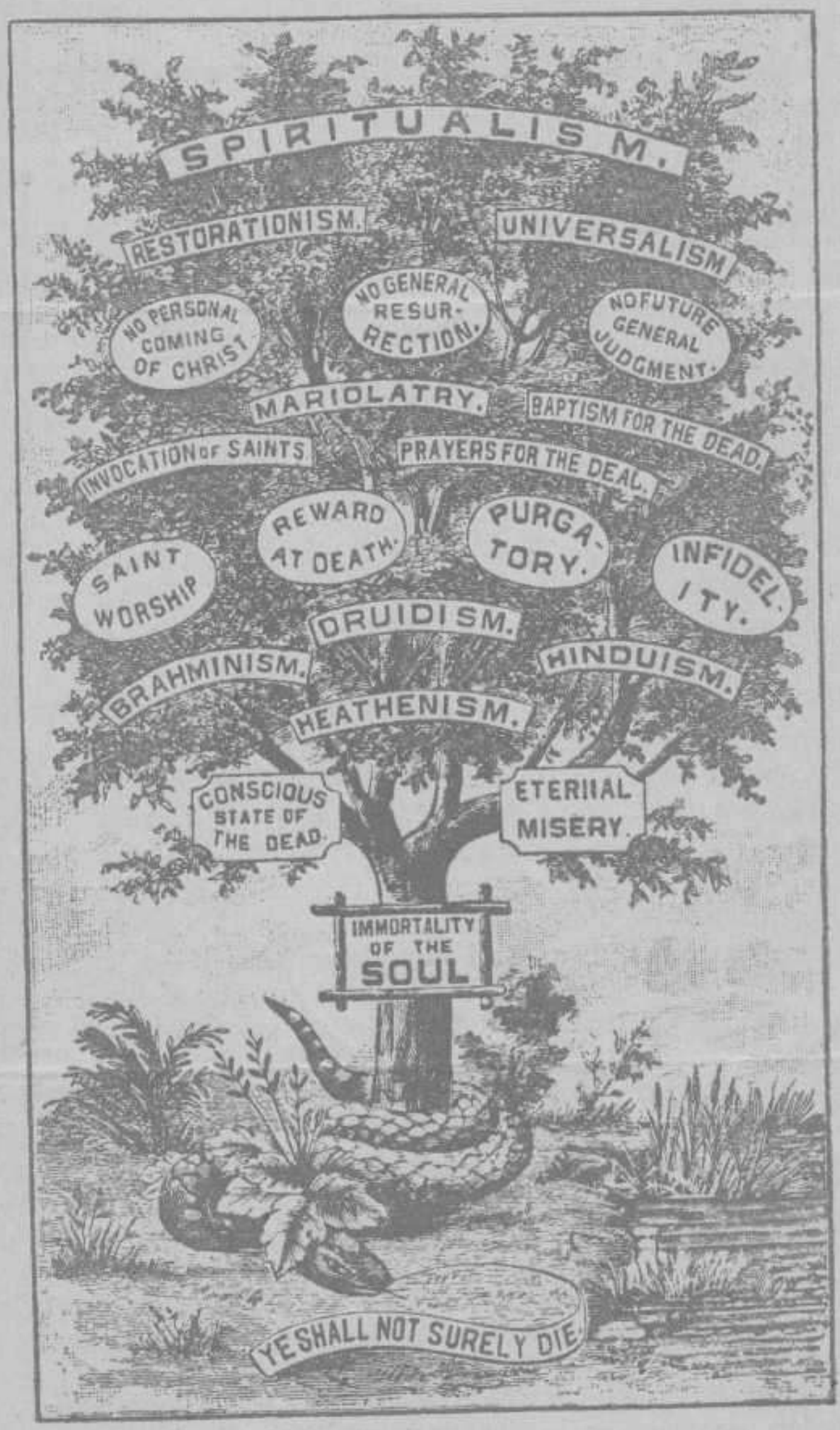

"The Tree is known by its Fruit."

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Man is called immortal in the Bible—not once.

He is said to have an immortal soul, in the Bible—not once.

The words, "immortal soul," "undying soul," "deathless spirit," "immortal spirit," occur in the Bible—not once.

The words, "endless pain," "eternal torture," "everlasting sorrow," "everlasting misery" "eternal hell," and words and phrases of like import occur in the Bible—not once.

The wicked are said to have eternal or everlasting life in the Bible—not once.

The righteous are said to go, at death, to heaven, in the Bible—not once.

It is declared in the Bible that the dead are conscious—not once.

It is written in the Bible that the righteous when dead praise God—not once.

Death is spoken of in the Bible as an inferior sort of life—not once.

Life is represented in the Bible as continuous and uninterrupted for all mankind—not once.

The word immortal occurs in the Bible *but once*, and is then applied to the great God alone. 1 Tim. i. 17—"The King eternal, *immortal* and invisible, the only wise God," etc.

The word immortality occurs in the Bible but five times, all in the epistles of St. Paul.

First, it is said that God alone possesses it—1 Tim. vi. 16. Second, that Christ brought it to light by the Gospel—2 Tim. i. 10. Third, that to obtain it we must earnestly seek for it—Rom. ii. 7. Fourth and Fifth, that this mortal must put it on at a future resurrection of the dead—1 Cor. xv. 53, 54.

The Bible declares of man what not only the plainest testimony of our senses confirms but what the profound researches of science have demonstrated, "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return."—Gen. iii. 19; Ps. cxlvi. 4. "The dead know not anything."—Eccl. ix. 5. "The dead praise not the Lord."—Ps. cxv. 17. "In death there is no remembrance of God."—Ps. vi. 5. That man and beast die alike, all have one breath, all go to the same place—all are of dust and all turn to dust again—Eccl. iii. 19, 20. That there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither all go—Eccl. ix. 10.

And finally that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, without which even the righteous have perished.—Acts xxiv. 15.

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—*Selected.*

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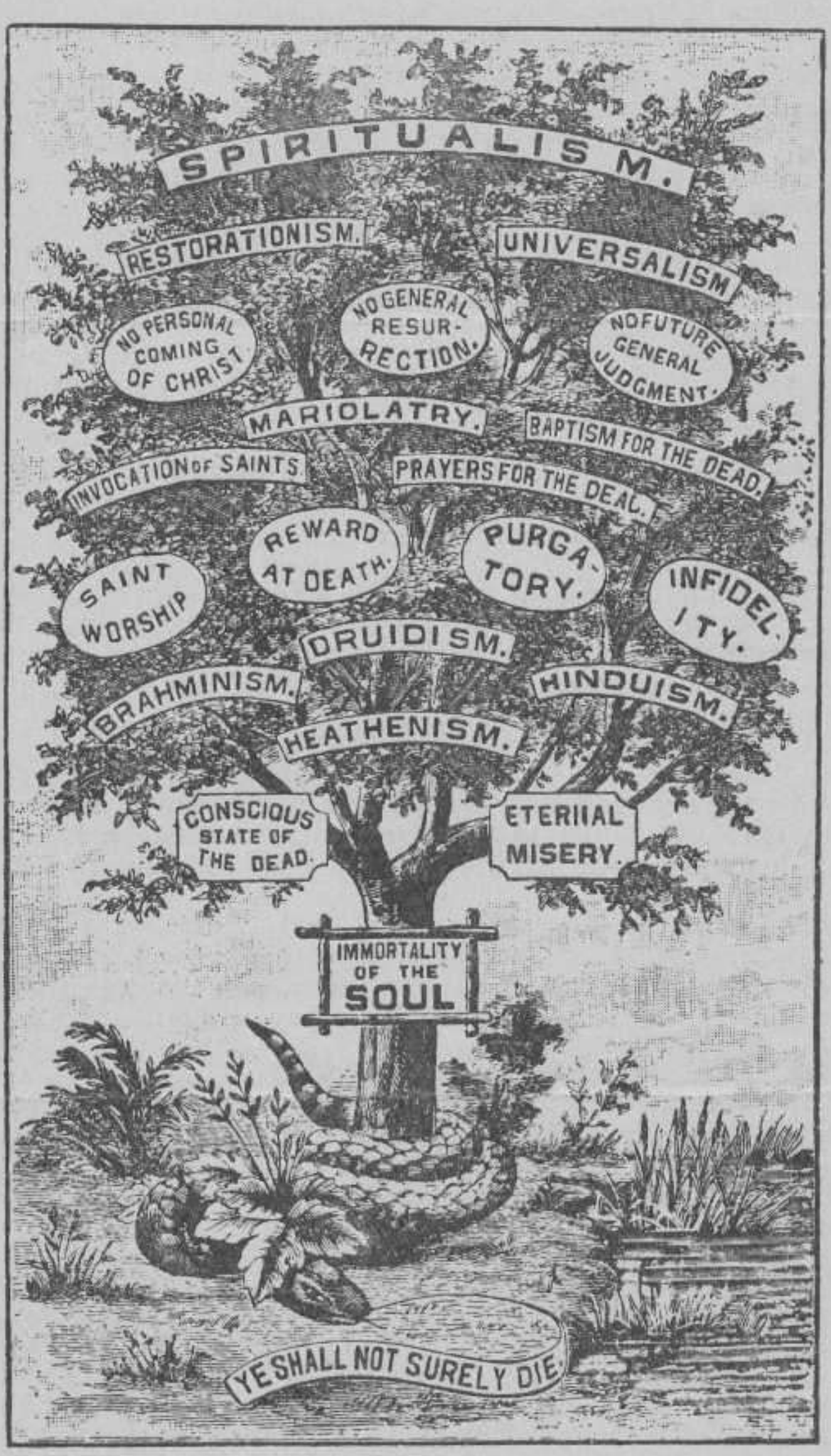

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Scripture declares that "God will destroy both soul and body in hell." The popular theory teaches that He will destroy neither one nor the other, but preserve both of them alive in unmitigated agony for ever

Scripture declares that our God is a "consuming fire." The popular theory teaches that He is only a scorching fire.

Scripture declares that the fiery indignation will devour the adversaries. The popular theory teaches that it will do no such thing, but only torture them.

Scripture teaches that "he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." The popular theory teaches that every one will abide for ever whether he does the will of God or not.

Scripture declares that if we desire immortality we must seek it by patient continuance in well-doing. The popular theory teaches that every man possesses inherent indefeasible immortality, and that what we have to seek for is, that it may prove a blessing and not a curse to us.

Scripture declares that the "wages of sin is death." The popular theory teaches that it is eternal life in misery ; in other words, that God will inflict upon impenitent sinners a punishment infinitely greater than that He has pronounced to be their due.

Scripture declares that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The popular theory teaches that eternal life is the common possession of all men, and that the gift of God through Jesus Christ is the privilege of spending it in holiness and happiness.

Scripture declares that the Son of God was "manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." The popular theory teaches that they will never be destroyed at all, but that a portion of the universe will be specially set apart for eternal exhibition of them in their fullest maturity.

Scripture declares that "he that hath the Son hath life; but he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." That "if we live after the flesh, we shall die; but if we through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live." The advocates of the popular theory say, that the life of the believers and of the unbelievers is of equal duration, and that the doctrine of eternal happiness and the doctrine of eternal misery must stand or fall together ; in other words, that if what the Scripture asserts be true, what it denies must be true also.

Rev. Samuel Minton.

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"The true faith putteth [setteth forth] the Resurrection, which we be warned to look for every hour. The heathen philosophers, denying that, did put [set forth] that the souls did ever live." "And ye, in putting them [the souls of the dead] in heaven and hell and purgatory, destroy the arguments wherewith Christ and Paul prove the Resurrection. . . . . If their souls be in heaven, tell me why they be not in as good case as the angels be; and then what cause is there of the Resurrection?"—*William Tyndale.*

"The immortality of the soul is neither argued nor affirmed in the Old Testament."—*Bishop Perowne.*

"The doctrine of the immortality of the soul, and the name, are alike unknown to the entire Bible."—*Olshausen.*

"In fact, no such doctrine is revealed to us." "The wicked are never spoken of as being *kept alive*, but as forfeiting life."—*Archbishop Whately.*

"Eternal fixity and duration belong only to those who are in accordance with God."—*Dean Alford.*

"I wish with the greatest possible emphasis to state that, in my own experience, the reception of this doctrine (Conditional Immortality) has not only not enfeebled my belief in the great doctrines of the Evangelical faith, and especially in the doctrines of Incarnation, the Atonement, and Regeneration, but has given to all these doctrines a firmer hold on my intellect, my conscience, and my heart."—*R. W. Dale, D.D.*

"Christianity treats man not as immortal, but as a candidate for immortality."—*Dr. Parker.*

"With St. Paul for our guide we shall not readily be persuaded to accept the idea that the *gospel* has propounded to us the natural immortality of all human souls as a portion of the Christian religion."—*W. E. Gladstone.*

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"My mind fails to conceive a grosser misrepresentation of language than when five or six of the strongest words which the Greek tongue possesses, signifying destroy or destruction, are explained to mean maintaining an everlasting but wretched existence. To translate black as white is as nothing to this."—*Dr. Weymouth.*

"Life to the godless must be the beginning of destruction. since nothing but God and that which pleases Him can permanently exist."—*Dr. Thomson, Archbishop of York.*

"Hope in death can only spring from the principle of Immortality, and this principle *has no root* save in Christ."—*Principal Tulloch.*

"Since I have reached and rested in the conclusion that the ultimate doom of the impenitent is *death*, and not eternal life in agony, a great black cloud seems to have rolled away from the face of God, and I see Him, not only as my loving Father, but as the Father of all His creatures."—*Professor Butler.*

"For not far short of a quarter of a century now I have lived in the belief that the view which has been designated 'Life in Christ' is the real teaching of Scripture. That view is expressed in the words, taken not metaphorically but in a straightforward manner, 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.' . . . The more I think of it, the more vain appear to me to be all attempts to establish man's immortality on a physical or metaphysical basis."—*Professor Sir G. G. Stokes, Bart.*

"The advocates of what they call 'Conditional Immortality' have done good service by exposing the baselessness of the popular doctrine of the intrinsic and endless permanence of the human soul. They have also done good service by demanding a reconsideration of the whole matter, and by protesting against a theory long dominant in the Christian pulpit, which as I believe goes far beyond the teaching of Holy Scripture."—*Professor J. Agar Beet.*

"All teaching which makes the soul immortal by virtue of a primitive essence is concealed pantheism."—*Professor E. Naville.*

"If we examine the writings of the earlier fathers, Barnabas, Clement of Rome, Hermas, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin, Theophilus of Antioch, Irenæus, and Clement of Alexandria, we find them all faithful to the apostolic doctrine of the final destruction of the wicked. The dogma of everlasting torment did not creep into the Church until she yielded to the influence of Platonic philosophy."—*E. Petavel, D.D.*

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c/o the President Rev. Hanukh Dato Lakra
or representative
Ranchi Bihar
East India.

Dear brethren in the Lord

Not before to day we heard of the exact date of your annual Conference this year. Therefore we regret very much to send you only these few lines, so much the more, as we don't know the matters that will occupy your deliberations, and we are sorry that this epistle will not reach you, before the conference has elapsed. But in this case, we hope that our paternal word will be communicated to you by the way of the Gharbhanda or in any other way.

At first we are sending you our best blessings. May every member be filled with the Holy Spirit as the gift of all gifts. May the whole church grow further unto an holy temple in the Lord. May the dearest gospel of the salvation by the Grace of our

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heavenly father through Jesus Christ the crucified and risen alone mediator more and more be announced to your poor kinsmen in the heathenism. Every Christian is destined to be a missionary and that so much the more as the old missionaries are till now are hindered to come to you and to continue their old work. [Especially if is of the most urgent necessity that all your workmen: Pastors, Teachers, Katechists and so on, be strengthened in the zeal of the house of God, like the Lord Jesus himself, or like St. Paul the apostle or like your own deceased dear missionary Dr. Nottrott, whom you have seen for yourselves working in his uninterrupted labour day and night. [We hope to send you in some time some material for a little biography for you and your people to be edificated in the spirit by the example of this great and rare man in Christ. We know that in his last nights he has often remembered the many conferences held by him with you in his years in India, and in his dreams he spoke with his pastors in the spirit of his mind like in bygone days. How he has prayed for you all, that you may stay before the throne of our God on the return of our Lord to receive reward and glory for ever. And so do we too, for we always will be helpers of your faith and joy. [Please pray for us too. [Be firm in the doctrine that you have accepted by your fathers in Christ and be not disturbed by and carried about with divers and strange doctrines. Jesus Christ your Saviour

With kindest regards and our faithful wishes for your welfare and improvement in every respect

Yours very truly

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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
19th March, 1924.

Rev. D. H. Kausch, D. D.,
Handjerystrasse 19≠20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Received 7/7 24.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

I must ackowledge receipt, with many thanks, of your letter of the 25th February, enclosing a letter from Mr. Mehl to Rev. Hanukh Lakra. I sent this to him at once. I must thank you for distributing to the various missionaries the amounts I sent by P. O. mongy order. I have had not had receipts from any of them as yet.

I thank you for your attitude on the correspondence question. Certainly no one can take objection to purely private correspondence being carried on privately, but official correspondence with the Church should go though the Advisory Board. You ask for Church news. I shall try to send you news hereafter.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
J. Lamadaz

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D. 97/24 Dear Brother Pastor Haarnack!

The same day when I got your letter of the 27. Febr. I wrote a letter to the General Conference c/o the President Hannah Lakra or representative.

Now I am sending you some material about our beloved Dr. Nothoff. I have asked Rev. E. Innes, Rec. Gentry and others to contribute some more.

We long for news from Chota Nagpur. I

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pray incessantly for you all, the protectors and families, the leaders, the single congregations, the teachers, the catechists. To day is Good Friday. May the Lord of our Salvation complete His Holy work among you and us. He himself may govern His Church in Chota Nagpur, in Assam and in the Ganges-Country.

I greet you all in the name of all your friends, especially of Rev. Mell. Yours very truly

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My dear Pastor Knak:

Herewith I am sending you another Article about Dr. Nottrott, written by Rev. Zitzlaff.

We wish, our Christians had more communication with their old missionaries by private correspondence.

We must serve material according to the state of the Church to stimulate our friends. We hope that the things are going well and Yourself and your family too. God bless you and all spiritual workers in many ways.

Yours very truly

H. Kramer

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Teurer Mr. Oldham !

Meinen Brief vom 23. Februar ds. Js. haben Sie hoffentlich erhalten. In der Frage der Rückkehr der deutschen Mission are haben wir uns demgemäss die grösste Zurückhaltung auferlegt. Nun wir aber gehört haben, dass jetzt wieder deutsche Missionare zur Rückkehr auf die Malabarküste zugelassen worden sind, werden Sie es gewiss für selbstverständlich halten, dass wir jetzt an Sie die freundliche und ergebene Bitte richten, uns mitteilen zu wollen, welche Schritte nunmehr von uns zur Erlangung unseres Zieles zu tun waren, und was Sie selbst, verehrter Herr und Freund, zu tun beabsichtigen.

Gott der Herr regiere Ihr und aller Beteiligten Walten !

Mit bester Empfehlung auch an Ihre Frau Gemahlin, Miss Gollock und Mr. Warnshuis namens der Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Ihr
aufrichtig ergebener

D. Kausch

Missionsdirektor.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ADVISORY BOARD

OF THE

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN

CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM

MEETING OF APRIL 26 AND 28, 1924.

Additional copies may be had from the Secretary, Ranchi. Any persons interested will receive the Minutes regularly, if they ask that their names be placed on the mailing list.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

[Adopted by the Bihar and Orissa Representative Council of Missions at its fifth meeting at Hazaribagh, October 21, 22, 1919. (See Resolution IV, (3)—(7) (c), pages 17—19 of the BULLETIN for April, 1920), and ratified by the National Missionary Council at its meeting in Lahore, 13—18 November, 1919].

1. "That, having regard to the dangers incidental to the early life of the autonomous Church, arising mainly from the lack of trained and experienced leadership, we record our emphatic opinion that an Advisory Board of five members, as recommended by the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to co-operate with the Commission of Inquiry of the N. M. C., is necessary.
2. "That the Board should include one Lutheran and one Anglican member.
3. "That three members of the Board should be or become resident in Chota Nagpur.
4. "That, while recognizing the undesirability of defining its sphere too rigidly, we are of opinion that the Board should exercise the following functions :—
   "(a) To be an Administrative Body in matters Educational, responsible to Government for the maintenance of an adequate Supervising Staff.
   "(b) To be a Board of Reference to the Board of Trustees in all matters relating to the disposal of the property as scheduled in the Trust Deed.
   "(c) To be a medium of communication (i) with the Christian public and Missionary Councils in all appeals for financial help, and (ii) between the autonomous Church and other Missions or Churches in all matters affecting their mutual relations.
   "(d) To be a Committee of Counsel in all congregational matters, acting in conjunction with the Central Committee [now the Church Council] of the Lutheran Church."
5. "That vacancies occuring in the Advisory Board should be filled up by co-option in consultation with the Lutheran Central Committee [now the Church Council], subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the B. & O. Council, * and in the event of a Mission agent being nominated for co-option the authorities of the body concerned shall be consulted before the name is sent up for approval to the Executive Committee of the Council."

**This last clause was added by way of amendment at the meeting of the Council in Ranchi on October 10—13, 1922.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

6. "That the Ranchi resident members be considered to be the Executive of the Board, and that their decisions be accepted or vetoed at the next full meeting of the Board after any such executive action be taken" — *from the minutes of the meeting of the Board, 24-4-20.*

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THE ADVISORY BOARD.

The Rev. J. Z. Hodge, *Chairman.*
D. M. Panna, Esq.
The Rev. E. H. Whitley,
The Rev. I. Cannaday, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN RANCHI ON APRIL 26th and 28th 1924.

The members present were: Revds. J. Z. Hodge, E. H. Whitley and I. Cannaday. Regrets for absence were sent by Messrs. Mukerji and Panna.

Visitors present were: The Rev. W. Paton, Secretary of the National Christian Council; Mr. S. K. Roy, of the Gossner High School; the Rev. O. V. Werner, Head Supervisor of Lutheran Schools; the Rev. John Topono, President of the Lutheran Church Council. Also Messrs. N. Soy and B. Minj as official visitors from the Church Council.

In this connection the matter of official visitors from the Church Council was considered. The Council had sent in a minute to the effect that the former visitors had resigned from the Council and therefore two new visitors had been appointed on the understanding that the visitors should be members of the Council. After discussion the Board decided that the Council's interpretation of the Board's resolution on the subject was right. Accordingly the new visitors were officially welcomed by the chair.

1. The Rev. J. Z. Hodge presided.

2. The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. H. Whitley.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

4. Resignation. Mr. S. C. Mukerji wrote saying that, having ceased his connection with Serampore College and having taken up the practice of law again, he regretted his inability to serve on the Board further and wished to hand in his formal resignation.

Resolution. That the resignation of Mr. Mukerji be accepted with regret and with our high appreciation of his efforts for the Board during his membership, which has been continuous from the inception of the Board in 1919. No one has shown more zeal and patience in the cause of the Autonomous Church than Mr. Mukerji. The Board wishes him every success in his new field of labour and trusts that he will maintain his interest in the Board and the Autonomous Church.

The Rev. O. V. Werner, of the American Lutheran Mission was nominated to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Mukerji's resignation and the Secretary was instructed to convey this information to all parties concerned, according to the Board's constitutional provision for such.

5. Financial Statements. Attention was drawn to the financial statement of the Board for the year 1923 which the

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Secretary had prepared and printed in the minutes of the last meeting. This action was approved.

The statement of the Board's receipts and expenditures for January, February and March, 1924, was also presented to the meeting. After scrutiny this was approved for inclusion in the minutes (See page 9).

6. RETRENCHMENTS. The report of the special Retrenchment Committee was heard. The Committee reported that about forty primary schools had been closed, some allowances had been reduced and economies effected in other ways. Full salaries, however, were being paid to all regular employees of the Board. The action of the Committee was approved.

7. BUDGET FOR 1924. The Secretary stated that a budget of $ 40,000 had been recommended to the National Lutheran Council for 1924, but that the Council had felt its inability to grant this amount and had instead tentatively agreed to pay the Advisory Board for its work and for the support of the missionary staff during 1924 only three-fourths of the amount recommended, namely $ 30,000. One half of this amount, namely $ 15,000, had been guaranteed for the first six months. The Secretary expressed the hope that with effort towards economy the work could be carried on within the tentative budget.

The thanks of the Board are to be conveyed to the National Lutheran Council for its continued generous support.

8. AUDITING. The auditors, Messrs. Spangler and Soy, appointed at the last meeting, reported that they had audited the accounts of the Secretary of the Board and found them correct with the exception of a few techinical errors which had been corrected. The report was accepted with thanks to the auditors.

9. MATTERS WITH THE TRUSTEES. The following items were reported to the Trustees' meeting by the Advisory Board members present there, in anticipation of the latter's meeting. This action was approved.

(1) That the interests of the Church be safeguarded in the proposed sale of some sal trees in the grove on the Mission compound at Rajgangpur.

(2) That the Council have the use, rent free, of all furniture and equipment needed for strictly church purposes on condition that the Council be responsible for the upkeep thereof.

(3) That a protest be made against the Government's proposal to take, under the Land Aquisition Act, a portion of the Lutheran Cemetery at Purulia for burial purposes.

(4) Certain changes in the Chainpur school house.

(5) Demolition of an old building at Kinkel.

(6) Erection of a chapel at Jojosereng.

(7) That the lease of the bungalow in Purulia, now used by the Superintendent of the Leper Asylum, be not renewed at the end of the five years period, namely, December 31st,

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1925, but that the lessees be given the option of the Oakley bungalow at Purulia.

10. MATTERS WITH THE CHURCH COUNCIL. The following items taken from the minutes of the Church Council's meetings of January 10–14 and April 10–14, 1924, were considered and acted on :—

(1) *Printing Minutes.* The Board agrees to continue to pay for the printing of the Council's minutes on the condition that the minutes be ready for the press not later than six weeks after the date of each meeting. An authorized English translation should be sent to the Secretary of the Board at the same time.

(2) *Duru Pastor's Visit.* The Secretary was instructed to forward the Council's resolution and reports connected therewith to the S. P. G. Mission.

(3) *Ranchi L. P. School.* The Council's request that the management of the School be given to the Principal of the High School has already been attended to.

(4) *Seminary Teacher.* The Council's request that the Rev. Rufus Lakra be given leave from the Seminary staff has already been given effect to.

(5) *Station Committees.* The Council's decision to join with the Board in the appointment of Station Committees to have charge of Boarding Hostels, execute repairs and have general supervision of the various stations is noted with the pleasure.

RESOLUTION, That the Board authorize the Executive to nominate the Board's members of the various Station Committees and request the Church Council to nominate its members.

(6) *Salary Scale.* The Council's request is noted. The Board cannot commit itself now to the Council's position, but it appoints the Head Supervisor and Mr. N. Soy, in consultation with two members to be appointed by the Church Council, to prepare and present to the next meeting a scale of salaries for workers from the matriculation standard down both for church and school teachers.

(7) *Scholarships.* The Board realizes the great necessity of offering scholarships to as many of the young men as possible who have been selected by the Church Council and authorizes the Executive Committee to sanction scholarships for 1924-25 up to the amount granted for the last scholastic year, provided funds permit, The Council is again requested to furnish information concerning past and present scholarship holders (See page 2 of December' 23 Minutes).

In this connection it was decided to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Werner and Soy to revise the present agreement concerning scholarships.

(8) *Pastor Sub-Warden for High School.* See item under *High School* on page 5.

(9) *Use of Motors.* The Board does not feel in a position to attempt any thing definite along this line just now.

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(10) *Rev. and Mrs. Werner.* The Board appreciates the Council's hearty welcome of these new workers to the midst of the Lutheran community.

(11) *Items for the Trustees.* See action recorded on page 2.

(12) *Gossner Memorial Stone.* The Board respectfully suggests to the Council that its special committee be instructed to take measures to preserve the inscriptions on the memorial stone in the Ranchi compound.

(13) *Contributions for Germany.* The Board is pleased to learn of the generosity of the Chota Nagpur Lutherans in taking up contributions for the distressed Lutherans of Germany.

(14) *Serampore Scholarship.* It was voted to grant a Scholarship of Rs. 25/- only to Jilo Tiga for reading in theology in the Serampore Seminary, as requested by the Council, and to make a small monthly contribution of Rs 10/- to the Seminary for contingent expenses. Had funds permitted this contribution would have been larger.

(15) *Work for Mr. Bixal Mundu.* The Board regrets that it has no work at present for Mr. Mundu.

(16) *Pay for Candidates.* The Board regrets that it cannot accede to the request of the Council in this matter.

(17) *Eleazar Toppo.* The Board confirms the interim action of the Council and Head Supervisor in appointing Candidate E. Toppo as a school teacher.

(18) *Chapel at Gumla.* The Secretary was instructed to inquire of the S. P. G. Mission its intentions concerning the erection of a chapel at Gumla.

(19) *Purulia Cemetery.* See action on page 2.

(20) *Council's President.* It was agreed, with reference to the Council's request, to retain the Rev. John Topono, the President elect of the Church Council, as an Assistant Supervisor of Schools until the next meeting of the Board, without committing itself on the question of his acting in the double capacity of Assistant Supervisor and Council President.

(21) *House for President.* It was decided to give the use of a part of *Pilgerhaus* to the Council's President as a residence, another part of it as a Church Council office and the remaining part as a stopping place for Pastors when visiting Ranchi.

(22) *Seminary Students.* It was agreed to grant scholarships to two new students from June, 1924.

(23) *Illegal Marriages.* The Secretary was instructed to give what help he could to the Council in investigating and correcting the matter of alleged illegal weddings on the part of a former Lutheran Pastor.

(24) *Leave for Rev. Luther Jojowar.* The Secretary was instructed to carry out the Council's request.

(25) *Closed Schools.* The point raised by the Council was committed to the Head Supervisor for investigation and report at the next meeting.

(26) *Visitors, to the Council.* The Board wishes to thank the Council heartily for its kind invitation to send two of

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its own members as official visitors to the Council's meetings. It was resolved to appoint the Secretary as one of the visitors and to ask the Rev. E. H. Whitley and the Rev. O. V. Werner to act alternately, as agreed between themselves, as the second visitor.

(27) *Agreement with S. P. G. Mission.* The Council's proposal will be forwarded to the S. P. G. Mission for its consideration and reply.

(28) *Pastors' Monsoon Meeting.* The Board readily agrees to the holding of this meeting and promises to pay travelling expenses of all Pastors who attend all of the sessions. The Board respectfully suggests to the Council the desirability of getting competent speakers from the outside, whose travelling expenses the Board will be willing to bear.

(29) *Ranchi Station Committee.* The Board gratefully accepts the Rev. I. Ekka as the Council's nominee on this Committee.

(30) *Pastors in Native States.* The Secretary was instructed to carry out the three requests of the Council on this subject.

11 High School Matters. The following items were agreed on :-

(1) That the Church Council be requested to nominate two members of the Managing Committee of the School to succeed the present members whose terms have expired.

(2) That the management of the L. P. School, Ranchi, had been taken over by the School as from January 1st, 1924. in accordance with the verbal request of the Board at its last meeting

(3) That Mr. Roy and the Head Supervisor be authorized to arrange for another trained teacher in the L. P. School.

(4) That Messrs. Cannaday, Roy and B. Minj be a special committee to make some adjustment in the High School and Seminary work of Mr. Minj.

(5) That, as requested by the Church Council, the Rev. I. Ekka be appointed Pastor Sub-Warden in the School from June 1st, 1924. This item is referred to the Managing Committee of the High School for approval.

12 Seminary Matters. The following items were acted on :-

(1) That the action of the staff in releasing the Rev. Rufus Lakra on January 31st from the Seminary for church work at the request of the Council be confirmed.

(2) That the Rev. J. C. Tirkey be given an increment of Rs. 5/- per month from the time he makes over charge of the religious teaching in the High School to the new Pastor Sub-Warden. The Church Council is requested to confirm this.

(3) That a limited amount of the savings on the 1924 budget, if there be such, be granted to the Seminary for the purpose of buying books for its library.

13 Medical Matters. The following items were approved :-

(1) That the Khutitoli Compounder be required to refund at the rate of Rs. 10/- per month for the bicycle recently

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bought for him at a cost of Rs. 165/- and for the fifty Rupees lent to him several years ago for buying a horse.

(2) That the petitions of several of the employees of the Ranchi hospital be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

(3) That the closing of the Lohardaga Leper Asylum on March 31st by the Secretary be approved.

(4) That the Kind offer of the Mission to Lepers, London, to reimburse the Board for expenses incurred since January 1st on the Leper Asylum and to continue the support of the untainted girl Tetri and to give a bonus of Rs. 100/- to the lame catechist Masihprakash be gratefully acknowledged and accepted.

14. HEAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT. The Head Supervisor reported on his work. The following resolutions were passed :—

(1) That a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Cannaday, Roy and Werner, be authorized to allot a definite sum to the Principal of the High School to be used in help to poor students.

(2) That in view of existing local needs the U. P. classes of the Kondra School, and the Primary School, Kahupani, may continue to receive, with effect from the 1st February, 1924 Advisory Board support as before that date.

(3) That the Head Supervisor be requested to prepare a note on the re-opening of the schools which were closed by the Advisory Board in carrying out its policy of retrenchment.

(4) That in accordance with the recommendation of the Head Supervisor, a start be made at Ranikhatanga under the direction of Mr. Raphael Kerketa with a community primary school.

15. REPORT ON GIRLS' SCHOOL. Mrs. Cannaday reported as follows :—

(1) That the G. B. S., Ranchi, is now using the new kitchens and so one more room has been set free for class purposes.

(2) That a new scale of salaries has been adopted for all U. P. and M. E. Trained teachers in Girls' Schools whereby they may receive 8 annas increment for each year of service beginning at Rs. 8/- and Rs. 9/- respectively.

(3) That the Advisory Board upon the request of the head-mistress, consented to ask the Church Council to allow a pastor to teach the Scripture lessons of the seventh and eighth classes, special request being made for the services of Pastor Christogrih, since he will no longer teach in the High School.

(4) That the question of Miss Sokey's salary be arranged between Miss Sokey and the Head mistress of the M. E. School.

(5) That in view of the fact that a very special service has been rendered to the M. E. School for girls by Mrs. Simlai, in that she took the first steps to make it an M. E. School and consented to remain as assistant until Miss Sokey, a qualified Lutheran, could take over full charge, the advisory Board records its appreciation and grants her a bonus of Rs. 50/-

(6) That in view of the generous offer made by Babu Philimon Minj Contractor to roof the open space between the

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new hostel and the new kitchens at once, but to receive only up to Rs. 600/- now and the balance of the estimate namely, about Rs. 1000/-, next January or February, the Advisory Board sanction the carrying out of this work with thanks to the contractor.

(7) That the managing Committee of the High School be asked to allow the staff of the Girls' M. E. School to join the Provident Fund on the same terms as those of the Boys M. E. Schools.

16. REPAIRS. The following items were reported and approved :—

(1) That a temporary mistry, Babu Nathaniel Mali, of Chaibassa, had been employed on Rs. 20/- per month, with travelling expenses, to carry out certain urgent repairs in different stations before the rains begin.

(2) That the Umbulbaha school house had been inspected by Messrs. Werner and Soy who strongly approved of the Board's helping in its construction as far as possible. In addition to the 150 rupees sanctioned at the last meeting, it was voted to give an additional 50 rupees.

(3) That, since the need of more hostel space for the M. E. School at Takarma is very urgent and since the local congregations are willing to bear half the cost, a sum not exceeding Rs. 400/- be granted for this purpose from Board funds.

(4). That the action of the Secretary and Head Supervisor in having necessary repairs executed in various stations be confirmed.

17. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following items were approved :—

(1) That the Secretary be instructed to bring in a plan to the next meeting showing more in detail the needs of the Mission Press and the cost of the proposed extensions and improvements.

(2) That the giving of advances for the purchase of rice to the hostels of the High School, Seminary and Guru Training School be approved. These advances will be recovered before the end of the year.

(3) That the giving of an allowance of Rs. 8/- monthly to Habil Tirkey teacher while reading in the S. P. G. Guru Training School be confirmed.

(4) That Rev. Maghan Lakra and Jaymasih Minj, new Pastors at Kinkel, be given temporary permission to live in the old bungalow there.

(5) That Rs. 200/- be given to Mr. S. K. Roy as a summer vacation allowance. This is to be regarded as a special case.

(6) That Mr. Cannaday be requested to reimburse himself in part from the 1923 savings, so that the retrenchment on his salary in 1923 will be in the same proportion as that of the regular Indian workers.

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(7) Reported that the Govindpur Central Co-operative Bank, which has just been removed to Ranchi, had, with the permission of the Ranchi Ilaka Panch, been given an office in the Panch's quarters in the Ranchi compound. This action was approved. Further reported that Mr. Werner had been elected the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Bank.

(8) A letter was read from the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies of Chota Nagpur Division, requesting the Board to continue its grant of Rs. 80/- per month to the Central Bank. It was voted to give the Bank a monthly grant of Rs. 75/- for the first nine months of 1924.

(9) Reported that Messrs. Archibald and Yunas and Miss Robertson of the Childrens' Special Service Mission, had held, with the Church Council's permission, a successful mission in Ranchi from March 28th to April 13th, Mr Yunas having previously visited several of the Lutheran boarding hostels. The thanks of the Lutheran community are due to the missioners for their inspiring meetings and effective personal work.

(10) Reported that the Rev. O. V. Werner and family had arrived in Ranchi on January 29th and that Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Spangler had left Ranchi for America on January 31st last. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Werner to the service of the Board.

18. CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were read or referred to :—

(1) From Dr. K. W. S. Kennedy—referred to the Church Council.

(2) From Rev. Frederich Holter—the Secretary was instructed to deal with Mr. Hurad concerning this.

(3) From Rev. W. Paton—referred to the Church Council.

(4) From Rev. F. W. Steinthal—no action.

(5) From Calcutta Christian Tract and Book Society—referred to the Church Council.

(6) From the Bible Society, Calcutta—referred to the Church Council.

(7) From Dr. Kausch, President of the Gossner Mission Society, Berlin. The Secretary was instructed to thank Dr. Kausch for his letter in which he affirms the principle that all official business of every kind between the Autonomous Church and the Gossner Society should be carried on through the Advisory Board. It was also ordered that a copy of the Board's minutes should be sent to Dr. Kausch regularly.

(8) From A. G. Atkins, Secretary of the India Sunday School Union, Jubbulpore. The action of the Secretary in inviting Mr. Atkins to hold an institute in Ranchi was approved.

(9) From Mr. P. Hurad—referred to the Church Council.

19. NEXT MEETING. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board in Ranchi on the 25th and 26th of July, 1924.

(Sd) J. Z. HODGE, *Chairman.*
(Sd) I. CANNADAY, *Secretary.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD FOR JANUARY—MARCH, 1924.

		Credit	*Debit*
	Opening Balance	1452-1-5	
1.	Grants to Church Council :—		
	(a) Catechists		1500- 0-0
	(b) Scholarships		525- 0-0
	(c) Boys Hostel		1590- 0-0
2.	Grants to the High School :—		
	(a) Principal's Salary		825- 0-0
	(b) Teaching Grant		1275- 0-0
	(c) Hostel „		1150- 0-0
	(d) Taxes		233- 2-6
	(e) Ranchi L. P. School Grant		276- 3-6
3.	Middle English Schools	1546-8-0	4296- 4-3
4.	Primary Schools (Boys)	8030-4-0	6049- 6-3
5.	Guru Training School	558-0-0	998-14-3
6.	Theological Seminary		1349-11-0
7.	Girls' Schools & Bible Women		7326- 9-0
8.	Medical Work	313-4-3	882- 8-0
9	Miscellaneous & Unforeseen		336 0-0
10.	Repairs & Construction		657- 6-0
11.	Provident Fund	203-9-0	407- 2-0
		12103-10-8	29678- 2-9
	N. L. C. Receipts	20588- 4-9	
		32691-15-5	29678- 2-9
	Credit Balance carr. forw.		3013-12-8
		32691-15-5	32691-15-5

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

Opening Balance	Rs.	1212- 6-9
Receipts from N. L. Council		4036-11-3
		5249- 2-0
Expenses		4724- 1-9
Credit Balance carr. forw.	Rs.	525- 0-3

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DISBURSEMENT OF THE CATECHIST GRANT JANUARY—APRIL, 1924.

	Jan.	Febr.	March.	April	Total.
1. Ranchi	76	76	76	76	304
2. Lohardaga	29	29	29	29	116
3. Gumla	20	20	20	20	80
4. Kondra	24	24	24	24	96
5. Chainpur	34	34	34	34	136
6. Kinkel	88	88	88	88	352
7. Khutitoli	45	45	45	45	180
8. Rajgangpur	32	32	32	32	128
9. Jarakudar	21	21	21	21	84
10. Karimati	31	31	31	31	124
11. Chaibassa	9(heldup)	9(heldup)	9(heldup)	9	36
12. Purulia	13	13	13	13	52
13. Singhani	13	13	13	13	52
14. Burju	34	34	34	34	136
15. Gobindpur	31(heldup)	31(heldup)	31(heldup)	31	124
16. Takarma	...	...	...	...	...
16. Koronjo	...	...	...	...	...
Total	500	500	500	500	2000

HOSTEL GRANT. (JANUARY—APRIL 1924.)

	Jan.	Febr.	March.	April.	Total.
1. Gumla	10	10	10	10	40
2. Chainpur	20	20	10	10	60
3. Singhani	...	...	10	10	20
Total	30	30	30	30	120

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS JANUARY—MAY, 1924.

	Jan.	Febr.	March.	April + May	Total
1. Patras Dungdung	20	20	20	40	100
2. Mansidh Ekka	5	5	5	10	25
3. X. Saban Herenz	5	5	5	10	25
4. Masihdas Hemrom	10	10	10	20	50
5. Naiman Tirki	5	5	5	10	25
6. Paulus Kandulna	20	20	20	40	100
7. Prabhudan Bara	20	20	20	40	100
8. Otto Barnabas Tirki	15	15	15	30	75
9. Ambrosius K. Minz	5	5	5	10	25
Total	105	105	105	210	525

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Herrn D. theol. H. Kausch, Hochwürden

Duplikat v. No. 308

Gossnersches Missionshaus, Friedenau-Berlin.

Mein lieber Herr Doktor!

Mit tiefstem Bedauern muss ich den zu frühen Tod meiner ältesten Tochter PRITIWANTI RATNAMANJARI MAIA FLORA am 19. Juni 7 Uhr früh bekanntgeben. Sie starb an Blutvergiftung. Sie hatte ein kleines Bläschen auf der Stirne, welches sie gekratzt hatte; und das verursachte Bluvergiftung. Am 17. früh reisten wir im Auto nach Ranchi, wohin ich wegen der Ausschusssitzung musste, mit meinen beiden Söhnen, die mich begleiteten. Von Ranchi wollte ich sie nach Bankipur (Patna) bringen, wo sie die Höhere Regierungsschule besuchte. Es scheint dass in dem Auto das Gift sich schneller ausbreitete; als wir etwa 10 Meilen gemacht haten, bekam sie Fieber und bei der Ankunft in Ranchi war sie ganz unruhig. Sie starb am 19. Früh 7 Uhr. Wir konnten nicht entdecken, was ihr eigentlich fehlte, bis es zu spät war. Sie war am 14. Jan. 1906 geboren und war 16 Jahre 5 Monate und 5 Tage bei uns. Sie war der leuchtendste Edelstein in unsrem Heim und frömmer als irgend eines meiner Kinder. Nach ihrem Tod lieh Herr Cannaday sein Auto um meine Frau und kleineren Kinder nach Ranchi zu holen, wo wir die Überreste unserer Tochter zur letzten Ruhe bestatteten bis zum Tage der Auferstehung, in der Hoffnung eines herrlichen ewigen Lebens. Unser Verlust ist ihr Gewinn, obschon es ein schwerer Schlag für uns war. Wir können nur sagen: „Dein Wille geschehe!" Amen.

Am folgenden Tage, dem 20., musste ich der Ausschusssitzung anwohnen. Mein Gemüt war sehr aufgeregt und mein Gedächtnis war weg, so dass ich dachte, ich würde in der Sitzung nicht viel tun können. Jedoch die meisten meiner Kollegen bemühten sich, mich durch Gottes Wort zu ermutigen und zu stärken. Sie erwähnten Pauli Auferstehungsbeweise und wiesen auf seinen Rat an die Korinther hin: „Seid fest, unbeweglich und nehmet immer zu in dem Werke des Herrn, sintemal ihr wisset, dass eure Arbeit nicht vergeblich ist in dem Herrn." So nahm ich an der Sitzung teil und sende Ihnen 2 Exemplare des Protokolls unseres Ausschusses, wie es Herr Cannaday niederschrieb.

Ich berühre nun einige Punkte, die im Protokoll offenbar nicht erwähnt sind:

1. Herr Cannaday las Artikel 15 der Verfassung vor und wies darauf hin, dass der Beirat ein Organ sei, das bestehen sollte, bis die Kirche die ganze Verantwortung für das ganze Werk übernehmen könnte. Darauf erwiderte ich, die Schaffung des Beirats sei erfolgt, weil der gegenwärtige Kirchenrat der Erfahrung ermangelte, das so grosse Werk einer so grossen Gesellschaft zu betreiben. Ueberdies sei der Beirat keine dauernde Körperschaft wie die Kirche, sondern eine mit der Aufgabe zu raten und zu helfen. Nur die Kirche sei ein Faktor von Dauer. Bezüglich der Annahme der Dienste des Beirats, sagte ich, sei es vorgesehen, dass die Verfassung geändert werden könne, aber der Entschluss der Kirche, auf Grund dessen sie ihre Selbständigkeit erklärte, sei einer, der keine wesentliche Aenderung an derselben in Betracht ziehe. Ich wies auch darauf hin, dass die Funktionen des Beirats, wie in der Verfassung beschrieben (und der Kirche durch den Bihar & Orissa Missionsrat aufgezwungen), in direktem Widerspruch zu den Hauptpunkten der Entscheidung der Kirche stehen. Ich hatte bereits darauf hingewiesen und gegen dieses Vorgehen des Bihar & Oriss Rates protestiert, ehe die Verfassung eingeführt wurde.

Der Gedanke, wie ich höre und voraussah und Ihnen davon schrieb, dass der Rat wünscht, die zurückkehrenden Missionare sollen unter ihm arbeiten. Ich habe Ihnen bereits meine Ansicht darüber mitgeteilt. Nun steht es bei Ihnen, zu erwägen, wie wir vor-

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geben sollen. Herr Hodge sagte, der Beirt in seiner gegenwärtigen Zusammensetzung sei von der Regierung anerkannt als Bürge für die Verwaltung der Regierungs-Schulbeihilfen und auch für das Eigentum, obgleich es sich in den Händen des Treuhänderrats befinde; er zweifle, dass die Regierung die Auflösung dieser Körperschaft zugeben werde, ehe die allgemeine Beschränkung von 5 Jahren vorbei sei.

2. Finanzen.-Ich fragte, ob der Beirat bereit sei, für alle Ausgaben der Kirche, einschliesslich der Unterhaltung des Eigentums (da der Beirat grosse Defizits des Treuhänderrats gedeckt hatte) aufzukommen, falls der Nat.Luth.Rat von Amerika seine Hilfe zurückziehe. Der N.L.R. sei eine zeitweilige Körperschaft um den durch den Krieg betroffenen Gesellschaften beizustehen, dessen Dasein jeden Augenblich enden könnte. Der Beirat, so bemerkte ich, sei nicht imstde gewesen, irgendwo im britischen Reich irgendwelche Mittel zu beschaffen, wie anfangs von ihm versprochen worden war. Darauf erhielt ich keine Antwort.

3. Die Frage ist nun aufgetaucht, wer der Nutzniesser des Eigentums sein sollte. Die Treuhänderratsmitglieder, die Regierungsbeamte sind, sind der Meinung, es sei die G.E.L. Mission, während die missionarischen Glieder behaupten, die Kirche könne das Eigentum geniessen und erben. Die Sache wird der Regierung vorgelegt werden, damit sie ihre Absicht in dieser Sache klarer zum Ausdruck bringe. Eigentlich gehört das Eigentum in der Tat der G.E.L.Mission. Die Kirche ist selbständig, denke ich, soweit es Gemeindeangelegenheiten betrifft, aber bezüglich des Eigentums kann das Besitzrecht der Mission nicht bestritten werden, solange nicht die Mission es der Kirche durch eine rechtmässig ausgestellte Urkunde übergibt. Ich bezweifle sehr, ob die Britische Regierung das Recht hat beschlagnahmtes Eigentum einer ausländischen religiösen Körperschaft einer andern Gesellschaft zu übertragen und ob das internationale Recht solches zuliesse. Hat der Vertrag von Versailles sich über diesen Gegenstand klarer ausgesprochen?

4. In meiner Rede führte ich Beispiele an, durch die ich nachwies, dass klare Beweise des Niedergangs geistlichen Lebens in der Kirche vorhanden seien und sagte, dass Charakter, Frömmigkeit, Wohltätigkeit und viele viel wichtigere Dinge seien als Begriffe von Körperschaft, Dienst und selbst Autorität. Ohne diese Tugenden, sagte ich, würde die Selbständigkeit ein gänzlicher Missbrauch sein. Dies sei einer der stärksten Gründe, sagte ich, wegen dessen die Rückkehr der wenigen Missionare so wünschenswert sei. Die Mitglieder liessen diesen Beweis gelten, besonders Herr Atkins nahm meine Partei. Die Antwort die ich darauf erhielt, war, dass bezweifelt werde, die Regierung würde dies als genügenden Grund ansehen, die Frage der Rückkehr anzuschneiden, jetzt da der Beirat dabei sei, um für die Angelegenheiten der Kirche Gewähr zu leisten.

Es freut mich zu hören, dass Dr.L.Larsen, der Vorsitzende des N.L.R. in Amerika nächstens Berlin besuchen wird um mehr für die Rückkehr ist. Leider muss ich sagen, dass in der Ausschusssitzung Herr Cannaday Worte äusserte, die ein Tadel von Dr.Larsen waren. Herr Cannaday sagte, der Dokt sei entschlossen, die Deutschen nach Indien zurückzubringen und bewege Himmel und Erde das zu tun; deshalb gehe er auf seine eigene Kosten und aus eigenem Antrieb nach Berlin. Er sagte auch, dass Dr.Larsen die Lage in Indien nicht kenne. Das Losungswort in Amerika sei „Lutherisch", und nicht „Autonomie" und Geld könne gesammelt werden, weil die Leute Lutheraner seien. Ich weiss nicht, wie weit die Aussagen Herrn Cannadays über Dr.Larsen der Wahrheit entsprechen oder richtig sind, aber ich

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fürchte, er hat damit das Vertrauen eines Glaubensgenossen missbraucht. Ich
will sich den Briten gegenüber loyal zeigen, was ich auch wünsche, aber wir mü
gen unsern Glauben ebenso loyal sein. Ich schreibe Ihnen das vertraulich, w
aber, dass Sie es dem Doktor (Larsen) mitteilen, der es (gefälligst) in seinem Gedächtnis bewahren
und nicht daran rühren möge, bis die Rückkehr-Frage gelöst ist, wenn er überhaupt daran
rühren will. Ich werde mich freuen, seine Stellung zu dieser sehr verwirrenden Frage
kennen zu lernen.

In den Verhandlungen kamen wir überein, eine Abordnung von zwei älteren deutschen
Missionaren einzuladen, Chota Nagpur zu besuchen. Sie werden sich erinnern, dass das
dem Vorschlag gemäss ist, den ich vorigen Dezember in Cuttak machte. Dieses Mal habe ich
Ihren und Herrn Stoschs Namen genannt, obgleich sie im Protokoll nicht erscheinen. Ich
hoffe, wenn alles gut geht, werden Sie es gütigst möglich machen, in ihrer wichtigen Mis
sion nach Indien herauszukommen.

Darf ich vielleicht darauf aufmerksam machen, dass es wirklich eine sehr feine Sache
wäre, wenn auch Dr. Larsen versuchen würde, von dem N.L.R. abgeordnet zu werden, um diese
Körperschaft in den Versammlungen zu vertreten, in denen Sie die schwebenden Fragen
hier drauusen in Indien zu erörtern haben werden. Ich bin sicher, wenn wir alle uns
bemühen, kann er nach Indien kommen. Der N.L.R. hat gegenwärtig ein grosses Recht, zu
den in Betracht kommenden Fragepunkten ausgiebig gehört zu werden und kann seine An-
sichten wohl durch seinen beglaubigten Vertreter zum Ausdruck bringen. Wollen Sie das,
bitte, in meinem Namen Dr. Larsen anheimgeben?

Bitte übermitteln Sie dem gelehrten Doktor meine freundlichsten Grüsse, wenn Sie ihn
treffen. Wir sind uns nicht unbekannt. Ich kenne ihn und besitze seine Antwort auf mein
Schreiben nach unsrer Feier des 75 jährigen Jubiläums.

Vielen Dank für die Liste der Missionare und das Bild.

Zum Schluss erlaube ich mir, Frau Kausch, Ihnen selbst, meinem alten Lehrer Pastor
Roterberg, den Missionaren Stosch u. Mehl und allen, die mich im Missionshaus kennen,
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Mit den freundlichsten Grüssen verbleibe ich, lieber Herr Doktor,

Stets der Ihre im Dienste des Herrn

P. Hurad.

P.S. Ich lege eine Photographie meiner Tochter bei, ehe sie in den Sarg gelegt wurde;
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Uebersetzung. Duplikat

Berlin-Friedenau, den 20. September 1922.
Hanns Jerystr. 19/20.

An Do. Nr 316 von Nr 317

Herrn Missionar J. Cannaday, Sekretär des Beirats der G.E.L. Mission, Ranchi.

Geehrter Herr Cannaday!

Mit Dank bescheinige ich den Empfang Ihres Briefes, datiert Ranchi den 4. Juli. Ich übergab ihn dem Kuratorium der Gossnerschen Mission, das ihn in seiner Sitzung vom 7. September besprach. Das Komitee beauftragt mich seinen aufrichtigen Dank zum Ausdruck zu bringen für die Freundlichkeit die ihn veranlasste. Ich beehre mich in Erwiderung darauf nicht meine Ansichten allein, sondern die des Komitees zu überreichen.

1) Ihre erste Frage ist: Wie stellen Sie sich zu der autonomen Kirche? Die autonome Kirche war das Ziel, auf welches alle Bemühungen der deutschen Missionsarbeit hinstrebten. Es mag Ihnen bekannt sein, dass nur einige Monate vor Kriegsausbruch das Problem in unsrer jährlichen Konferenz behandelt wurde, welche Schritte zur Verselbständigung der luth. Kirche in Chota Nagpur zu unternehmen seien. Unsre Entschliessungen wurden den eingebornen Christen bekannt gegeben. Der Geist, in dem wir 1919 die Nachricht aufnahmen, dass die Christen in Chota Nagpur für Autonomie sich entschieden haben, war der Geist grosser Freude und Dankbarkeit. Aus diesen Tatsachen werden Sie ersehen, dass wir nichts tun werden, das die kirchliche Selbständigkeit untergräbt. Wir würden sonst unsre eigene Arbeit zunichte machen.

Selbständigkeit im tieferen Sinne des Wortes ist jedoch unsres Erachtens immer noch das Ziel, nach dem wir zu streben haben. Um diese völlige Selbständigkeit für die lutherische Kirche in Chota Nagpur zu ermöglichen, halten wir es für das Beste, wenn einige jener früheren Missionare wieder nach Indien hinauskommen könnten. Sie könnten der selbständigen Kirche am besten helfen, auf der Bahn fortzuschreiten, auf der sie mehr als 70 Jahre der Selbständigkeit zuschritt. Wir glauben nicht, dass Sie es unrecht oder unfreundlich finden werden, wenn wir sagen, dass die volle Selbständigkeit noch nicht erreicht ist. Die Tatsache an sich, dass nach Ansicht der Regierung sowohl als auch nach der Meinung unsrer eingebornen Gemeinden und anderer protestantischen Missionen die „autonome Kirche" noch eines Beirats bedarf, beweist es.

Die paar Missionare, welche hinauskommen, sollten Glieder der selbständigen Kirche sein; sie sollten, entsprechend ihren Fähigkeiten, geeignete Arbeit erhalten. Sie sollten nicht Mitglieder des Kirchenrats oder Beirats sein, weil sie deutsche Missionare sind, sollten aber in beide wählbar sein.

2) Wie stellen Sie sich zum Beirat? Wir sind der Meinung, dass der Beirat noch für einige Zeit ein sehr nützlicher Teil des ganzen Systems ist als Verbindungsglied zwischen der selbständigen Kirche und der Regierung sowohl als auch zwischen der selbständigen Kirche und andern Missionen sowie dem christlichen Publicum. Der Artikel 15 der Verfassung ist in allen seinen Beziehungen sehr gut formuliert; wir können ihn unterschreiben.

Es ist eine der Angelegenheiten des Beirats, die (Mission) Kirche wirtschaftlich

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zu unterhalten. Das ist eine Verantwortung, welche zu übernehmen die heimatliche Leitung wegen des geringen Wertes der deutschen Währung in der nächsten Zeit ganz ausserstande wäre.

3) Bezüglich des Vorschlags, zwei Missionare sollten nach Chota Nagpur kommen und die ganze Lage erst sorgfältig erkunden sollen, bemerken wir, dass für den Anfang nur zwei oder höchstens drei deutsche Missionare gesandt werden können. Sie sollten mit der Absicht hinausgehen auf dem Missionsfeld zu bleiben, falls sie Verhältnisse finden, die es ihnen möglich machen, ihre Arbeit zu tun.

Die ersten Pioniere deutscher Missionsarbeit nach dem Kriege werden eine schwere Aufgabe haben, die ein gut Teil mehr Selbstverleugnung und Leidensbereitschaft erfordert, als es früher der Fall war. Ich führe nur die Tatsache an, dass Deutsche in Indien in einer Athmosphäre zu atmen haben werden, die durch die Presse systematisch mit Hass und Verachtung gegen alles, das aus Deutschland kommt, erfüllt ist. Wir wissen dass wir mindestens einem betrechtlichen Teil der englischen Beamten und in Indien wohnenden Engländer unwillkommen sind.

Kurz, die ganze Frage der Rückkehr deutscher Missionare nach Indien, wenn man sie vom Standpunkt des Wohlergehens der deutschen Missionare aus betrachtet, wäre verneinend zu beantworten. Wenn die Sache vor die indische Oeffentlichkeit und vor die eingeborne Kirche gebracht wird, so wäre es gut, wenn vom vorneherein klar gemacht würde, dass jene Missionare nicht kommen, weil sie erwarten, in Indien werde es ihnen besser gehen als zu Hause. Im Gegenteil, sie wissen, dass sie den Weg betrechlicher Mühsal einschlagen. Es würde ihnen viel bequemer sein, die Sachen gehen zu lassen, wie es der Fall ist, und eine Verantwortung abzulehnen, da sie ja die englische Regierung und englische Missionen übernommen haben. Wenn sie bereit sind, in Chota Nagpur wieder die Tätigkeit aufzunehmen, so lassen sie sich leiten von dem, was sie von dem guten Hirten gelernt haben.

Deutsche Missionare die wieder hinauskommen, haben keine Lust, nur ein Zierrat der selbständigen Kirche zu sein. Sie kommen um das geistliche Leben, besonders in den Führern der Gemeinden zu stärken. Die Erziehung der nächsten Generation von Pastoren sollte ihnen anvertraut werden, d.h. einer von ihnen sollte die Aufsicht über das theologische Seminar haben.

Es ist klar, dass deutsche Missionare keine Arbeit anfangen können, wenn sie als „feindliche Missionare" angesehen werden, wie es 1915 war. Wir hoffen, dass die öffentliche Meinung in diesem Punkt sich geändert hat oder ändern wird und sind gewiss, dass christliche Freunde Einfluss genug besitzen werden, den Geist nationaler Gehässigkeit und Verleumdung zu bekämpfen.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen an alle Mitglieder des Beirats

Ihr aufrichtiger

D. H. Kamph

Direktor der heimatlichen Leitung der Gossn. Mission.

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Govindpur PO. Jariagarh, den 6. Juli 1922.

Herrn D. theol. H. Kausch, Hochwürden

Duplikat von No 308

Gossnersches Missionshaus, Friedenau-Berlin.

Mein lieber Herr Doktor!

Mit tiefstem Bedauern muss ich den zu frühen Tod meiner ältesten Tochter PRITIWANTI RATNAMANJARI MARIA FLORA am 19. Juni 7 Uhr früh bekanntgeben. Sie starb an Blutvergiftung. Sie hatte ein kleines Bläschen auf der Stirne, welches sie gekratzt hatte; und das verursachte Blutvergiftung. Am 17. früh reisten wir im Auto nach Ranchi, wohin ich wegen der Ausschusssitzung musste, mit meinen beiden Söhnen, die mich begleiteten. Von Ranchi wollte ich sie nach Bankipur (Patna) bringen, wo sie die Höhere Regierungsschule besuchte. Es scheint dass in dem Auto das Gift sich schneller ausbreitete; als wir etwa 10 Meilen gemacht hatten, bekam sie Fieber und bei der Ankunft in Ranchi war sie ganz unruhig. Sie starb am 19. Früh 7 Uhr. Wir konnten nicht entdecken, was ihr eigentlich fehlte, bis es zu spät war. Sie war am 14. Jan. 1906 geboren und war 16 Jahre 5 Monate und 5 Tage bei uns. Sie war der leuchtendste Edelstein in unsrem Heim und frömmer als irgend eines meiner Kinder. Nach ihrem Tod lieh Herr Cannaday sein Auto um meine Frau und kleineren Kinder nach Ranchi zu Holen, wo wir die Überreste unserer Tochter zur letzten Ruhe bestatteten, bis zum Tage der Auferstehung, in der Hoffnung eines herrlichen ewigen Lebens. Unser Verlust ist ihr Gewinn, obschon es ein schwerer Schlag für uns war. Wir können nur sagen: „Dein Wille geschehe!" Amen.

Am folgenden Tage, dem 20., musste ich der Ausschusssitzung anwohnen. Mein Gemüt war sehr aufgeregt und mein Gedächtnis war weg, so dass ich dachte, ich würde in der Sitzung nicht viel tun können. Jedoch die meisten meiner Kollegen bemühten sich, mich durch Gottes Wort zu ermutigen und zu stärken. Sie erwähnten Pauli Auferstehungsbeweise und wiesen auf seinen Rat an die Korinther hin: „Seid fest, unbeweglich und nehmet immer zu in dem Werke des Herrn, sintemal ihr wisset, dass eure Arbeit nicht vergeblich ist in dem Herrn." So nahm ich an der Sitzung teil und sende Ihnen 2 Exemplare des Protokolls unseres Ausschusses, wie es Herr Cannaday niederschrieb.

Ich berühre nun einige Punkte, die im Protokoll offenbar nicht erwähnt sind:

1. Herr Cannaday las Artikel 15 der Verfassung vor und wies darauf hin, dass der Beirat ein Organ sei, das bestehen sollte, bis die Kirche die ganze Verantwortung für das ganze Werk übernehmen könnte. Darauf erwiderte ich, die Schaffung des Beirats sei erfolgt, weil der gegenwärtige Kirchenrat der Erfahrung ermangelte, das so grosse Werk einer so grossen Gesellschaft zu betreiben. Ueberdies sei der Beirat keine dauernde Körperschaft wie die Kirche, sondern eine mit der Aufgabe zu raten und zu helfen. Nur die Kirche sei ein Faktor von Dauer. Bezüglich der Annahme der Dienste des Beirats, sagte ich, sei es vorgesehen, dass die Verfassung geändert werden könne, aber der Entschluss der Kirche, auf Grund dessen sie ihre Selbständigkeit erklärte, sei einer, der keine wesentliche Aenderung an derselben in Betracht ziehe. Ich wies auch darauf hin, dass die Funktionen des Beirats, wie in der Verfassung beschrieben (und der Kirche durch den Bihar & Orissa Missionsrat aufgezwungen), in direktem Widerspruch zu den Haupttunkten der Entscheidung der Kirche stehen. Ich hatte bereits darauf hingewiesen und gegen dieses Vorgehen des Bihar & Orissa Rates protestiert, ehe die Verfassung eingeführt wurde.

Der Gedanke, wie ich höre und voraussah und Ihnen davon schrieb, besteht, dass der Beirat wünscht, die zurückkehrenden Missionare sollen unter ihm arbeiten. Ich habe Ihnen bereits meine Ansicht darüber mitgeteilt. Nun steht es bei Ihnen, zu erwägen, wie wir vor-

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geben sollen. Herr Hodge sagte, der Beirat in seiner gegenwärtigen Zusammensetzung sei von der Regierung anerkannt als Bürge für die Verwaltung der Regierungs-Schulbeihilfen und auch für das Eigentum, obgleich es sich in den Händen des Treuhänderrats befinde; er zweifle dass die Regierung die Auflösung dieser Körperschaft zugeben werde, ehe die allgemeine Beschränkung von 5 Jahren vorbei sei.

2. Finanzen.-Ich fragte, ob der Beirat bereit sei, für alle Ausgaben der Kirche, einschliesslich der Unterhaltung des Eigentums (da der Beirat grosse Defizits des Treuhänderrats gedeckt hatte) aufzukommen, falls der Nat. Luth. Rat von Amerika seine Hilfe zurückziehe. Der N.L.R. sei eine zeitweilige Körperschaft um den durch den Krieg betroffenen Gesellschaften beizusteben, dessen Dasein jeden Augenblich enden könnte. Der Beirat, so bemerkte ich, sei nicht imstande gewesen, irgendwo im britischen Reich irgendwelche Mittel zu beschaffen, wie anfangs von ihm versprochen worden war. Darauf erhielt ich keine Antwort.

3. Die Frage ist nun aufgetaucht, wer der Nutzniesser des Eigentums sein sollte. Die Treuhänderratsmitglieder, die Regierungsbeamte sind, sind der Meinung, es sei die G.E.L. Mission, während die missionarischen Mitglieder behaupten, die Kirche könne das Eigentum geniessen und erben. Die Sache wird der Regierung vorgelegt werden, damit sie ihre Absicht in dieser Sache klarer zum Ausdruck bringe. Eigentlich gehört das Eigentum in der Tat der G.E.L. Mission. Die Kirche ist selbständig, denke ich, soweit es Gemeindeangelegenheiten betrifft, aber bezüglich des Eigentums kann das Besitzrecht der Mission nicht bestritten werden, solange nicht die Mission es der Kirche durch eine rechtmässig ausgestellte Urkunde übergibt. Ich bezweifle sehr, ob die Britische Regierung das Recht hat beschlagnahmtes Eigentum einer ausländischen religiösen Körperschaft einer andern Gesellschaft zu überthagen und ob das internationale Recht solches zuliesse. Hat der Vertrag von Versailles sich über diesen Gegenstand klarer ausgesprochen?

4. In meiner Rede führte ich Beispiele an, durch die ich nachwies, dass klare Beweise des Niedergangs geistlichen Lebens in der Kirche vorhanden seien und sagte, dass Charakter, Frömmigkeit, Wohltätigkeit und Liebe viel wichtigere Dinge seien als Begriffe von Führerschaft, Dienst und selbst Autonomie. Ohne diese Tugenden, sagte ich, würde die Selbständigkeit ein gänzlicher Misserfolg sein. Dies sei einer der stärksten Gründe, sagte ich, wegen dessen die Rückkehr der wenigen Missionare so wünschenswert sei. Die Mitglieder liessen diesen Beweis gelten, besonders Herr Atkins nahm meine Partei. Die Antwort, die ich darauf erhielt, war, dass bezweifelt werde, die Regierung würde dies als genügenden Grund ansehen, die Frage der Rückkehr anzuschneiden, jetzt da der Beirat dasei um für die Angelegenheiten der Kirche Gewähr zu leisten.

Es freut mich zu hören, dass Dr. L. Larsen, der Vorsitzende des N.L.R. in Amerika nächstens Berlin besuchen wird und sehr für die Rückkehr ist. Leider muss ich sagen, dass in der Ausschussitzung Herr Cannaday Worte äusserte, die ein Tadel von Dr. Larsen waren. Herr Cannaday sagte, der Doktor sei entschlossen, die Deutschen nach Indien zurückzubringen und bewege Himmel und Erde, das zu tun; deshalb gehe er auf seine eigene Kosten und aus eigenem Antrieb nach Berlin. Er sagte auch, dass Dr. Larsen die Lage in Indien nicht kenne. Das Losungswort in Amerika sei „Lutherisch", und nicht „Autonomie", und Geld könne gesammelt werden, weil die Leute Lutheraner seien. Ich weiss nicht, wie weit die Aussagen Herrn Cannadays über Dr. Larsen der Wahrheit entsprechen oder richtig sind, aber ich

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fürchte, er hat damit das Vertrauen eines Glaubensgenossen missbraucht. Ich denke er will sich den Briten gegenüber loyal zeigen, was ich auch wünsche, aber wir müssen gegen unsern Glauben ebenso loyal sein. Ich schreibe N Ihnen das vertraulich, wünsche gefälligst
aber, dass Sie es dem Doktor (Larsen) mitteilen, der es in seinem Gedachtnis bewahren und nicht daran rühren möge, bis die Rückkehr-Frage gelöst ist, wenn er überhaupt daran rühren will. Ich werde mich freuen, seine Stellung zu dieser sehr verwirrenden Frage kennen zu lernen.

In den Verhandlungen kamen wir überein, eine Abordnung von zwei älteren deutschen Missionaren einzuladen, Chota Nagpur zu besuchen. Sie werden sich erinnern, dass das dem Vorschlag gemass ist, den ich vorigen Dezember in Cuttak machte. Dieses Mal habe ich Ihren und Herrn Stoschs Namen genannt, obgleich sie im Protokoll nicht erscheinen. Ich hoffe, wenn alles gut geht, werden Sie es gütigst möglich machen, in ihrem wichtigen Mission nach Indien herauszukommen.

Darf ich vielleicht darauf aufmerksam machen, dass es wirklich eine sehr feine Sache wäre, wenn auch Dr. Larsen versuchen würde, von dem N.L.R. abgeordnet zu werden, um diese Körperschaft in den Versammlungen zu vertreten, in denen Sie die schwebenden Fragen hier drauusen in Indien zu erörtern haben werden. Ich bin sicher, wenn wir alle uns bemühen, kann er nach Indien kommen. Der N.L.R. hat gegenwärtig ein grosses Recht, zu den in Betracht kommenden pragepunkten ausgiebig gehört zu werden und kann seine Ansichten wohl durch seinen beglaubigten Vertreter zum Ausdruck bringen. Wollen Sie das, bitte, in meinem Namen Dr. Larsen anheimgeben?

Bitte übermitteln Sie dem gelehrten Doktor meine freundlichsten Grüsse, wenn Sie ihn treffen. Wir sind uns nicht unbekannt. Ich kenne ihn und besitze seine Antwort auf mein Schreiben nach unsrer Feier des 75 jährigen Jubiläums.

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Ranchi, Bihar, Indien, den 4. Juli 1922.

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Lieber Herr Missionsdirektor,

Einliegend erhalten Sie eine Abschrift des Berichts des Sonder-Ausschusses, der eingesetzt worden ist, um die Frage der Rückkehr gewisser früherer Missionare nach Chota Nagpur zu erwagen. Da der Bericht ziemlich vollständig ist und Sie bereits mit dem Gegenstand vertraut sind, so denke ich, dass Sie keine besonderen Schwierigkeiten haben werden, ihn zu verstehen. Ich bin jedoch von dem Beirat, der diesen Bericht und seine Empfehlungen formell angenommen hat, beauftragt, Ihnen bezüglich einiger Seiten der ganzen Frage zu schreiben.

Während der Beirat, in Uebereinstimmung mit den erleuchtetsten christlichen Anschauungen der heutigen Zeit, sich zu den umfassenden Grundsätzen christlicher Freiheit und des Rechts aller christlichen Völker, an dem Werk der Welt-Evangelisation teilzunehmen, bekennt, und während er überzeugt ist, dass ein natürliches Verlangen nach der Rückkehr einiger der früheren deutschen Missionare in ihre Arbeit besteht und dass dies hier in Chota Nagpur in manchen Beziehungen ein Vorteil für die junge selbständige Kirche wäre, so fühlt er doch andrerseits, dass gewisse Bedenken bestehen, die beseitigt werden sollten, ehe irgend welche neue und bestimmtere Schritte unternommen werden. Der Rat wünscht in freundlicher, christlicher Weise mit ihnen in Verbindung zu treten und bittet Sie, diese Angelegenheiten unter Gebet in Erwägung zu ziehen.

Kurz, der Beirat möchte von Ihnen eine umfassende und massgebende Darlegung Ihrer Anschauungen im allgemeinen und besonders Auskunft über Ihre Stellung zu den hauptsächlich in Betracht kommenden beiden Körperschaften haben. Ich habe mich deshalb im Auftrag des Rates bei Ihnen zu erkundigen:

1. Wie ist Ihre Stellung zu der selbständigen Kirche? Ich nehme an, Sie wissen bereits, dass die Erhaltung der lutherischen Kirche als selbständige Körperschaft ohne jede Beeintrachtigung die erste und wichtigste Angelegenheit des Beirats ist. Die lutherischen Christen haben selber feierlich die Selbständigkeit erwählt und halten konsequent an ihr fest; auch erklären sie noch, dass Selbständigkeit ihr Ziel in der kirchlichen Organisation sei. Der Nationale Missionsrat, der Rat von Bihar u. Orissa und der ~~Beirat~~ von jenen Räten eingesetzte und von der Regierung anerkannte Beirat haben alle die Selbständigkeit als Regierungsform für die Gossnersche Luth. Kirche förmlich und klar anerkannt. Die Missionskonferenz von Guntur hat sich heilig verpflichtet, die Selbständigkeit der Kirche in allem ihrem Verkehr mit derselben zu respektieren und ich brauche Sie wohl kaum daran zu erinnern, dass es die Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission der Vereinigten Luth. Kirche in Amerika ist, welche bisher die lutherischen Missionare stellte, um hier zu wohnen und die Tätigkeit des Beirats fortzuführen, sowie dass ein grosser Teil der aus Amerika kommenden finanziellen Unterstützung (etwa 100 000 Rupies jährlich) von den Gemeinden der Ver. Luth. Kirche in Amerika beigesteuert wird, deren Missionare von Guntur nach diesem Werk sehen.

2. Wie ist Ihre Stellung zum Beirat? Vieles, das oben erwähnt wurde, trifft auch hier zu. Ich muss jedoch Ihre besondere Aufmerksamkeit auf die Tatsache richten, dass gerade wie die Selbständigkeit ein anerkannter und grundlegender Teil des ~~hiesigen Planes~~ hiesigen Systems ist, so auch der Beirat ein anerkannter und notwendiger Teil des ~~Planes~~ Systems, wenigstens für die

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nächste Zukunft, ist. In Artikel 15 der Verfassung der Gossnerschen Luth.Kirche (sieh einl.Exemplar) werden Sie diesen Zusammenhang voll und klar dargestelltfinden. In der Besprechungen des Sonder-Ausschusses, dessen Bericht beiliegt, wurde diese Tatsache herausgestellt und hervorgehoben, nämlich dass der Beirat ein wesentlicher Teil des ganzen Planes einer selbständigen luth.Kirche sei. Ich möchte ferner auf die Tatsache hinweisen, dass eigentlich alle in Betracht kommenden Körperschaften, sowohl in Indien als auch in Amerika, gewissenhaft diese Einrichtung respektieren und alle ihre Briefe nicht direkt an die selbständige Kirche, sondern durch den Beirat an die Kirche richten, da der Rat als Mittelglied der Verbindung mit allen Stellen ausserhalb für die selbständige Kirche eingesetzt und von der Regierung bestätigt worden ist.

Obiges sind die Hauptpunkte, bezüglich derer der Beirat Ihre offene Meinungsäusserung haben möchte. Mit der politischen Seite der Frage haben wir es nicht in erster Linie zu tun (das ist Sache der Regierung), obschon auch das eine Sache ist, die der Beirat nicht übersehen darf, da er der Regierung für die ihr anvertraute Leitung verantwortlich ist.

Zum Schluss braucht nur gesagt zu werden, dass die grosse Frage der Rückkehr einiger früherer Missionare natürlich noch verschiedene andere, weniger wichtige Dinge in sich schliesst; aber diese können, wie wir glauben, ruhig aufgeschoben werden, bis die einleitenden Schritte getan sind und wir die Absicht der Regierung klarer kennen. Der Wink, dass eine kleine Abordnung früherer Missionare erst hinauskomme und die ganze Lage sorgfältig in Augenschein nehme, ehe bestimmte Schritte unternommen werden, ist von Herrn Oldham selber, aber er wurde von dem Sonder-Ausschuss und von dem Beirat gebilligt, als das Beste, das ~~unter den Umständen~~ in dem Falle zu tun wäre.

Mit freundlichen christlichen Grüssen von allen Mitgliedern des Beirats bin ich

in seinen Namen

Ihr sehr aufrichtiger

J. Cannaday

Sekretär des Beirats der G.E.L.Kirche, Ranchi.

Verhandlungsbericht des Sonderausschusses, der vom Beirat und andern Körperschaften eingesetzt wurde um die Frage der Rückkehr früherer deutscher Missionare nach Chota Nagpur zu erwägen.

Der Ausschuss trat im Büro des Sekretärs des Beirats in Ranchi am 20.Juni 1922 zusammen.

Anwesend waren: Missionar J.Z.Hodge und Pastor S.K.Tarafdar von den Bihar u.Orissa Vertreterrat; die Herren P.Murad und D.M.Panna, M.L.C. von der Gossnerschen Kirchenrat, Missionar H.R.Spangler von der Guntur-Mission und Missionar J.Cannaday vom Beirat. Missionar Herbert Anderson, ein Mitglied des Treuhänderrats und Missionar A.G.Atkins, Sekretär des Bihar u.Orissa Rates waren eingeladen, als Gäste anwesend zu sein.

1. Missionar J.Z.Hodge wurde zum Vorsitzenden der Versammlung bestimmt.
2. Die Verhandlungen wurden mit Gebet von Missionar A.G.Atkins begonnen.
3. Missionar J.Cannaday wurde zum Schriftführer bestimmt.
4. Da die beiden ordnungsmässig bestimmten Vertreter des Beirats, Dr.S.K.Datta und Prof.C.C. [illegible]

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und Professor S.C.Mukerji, mitgeteilt hatten, es sei ihnen wegen unvermeidlicher Umstände nicht möglich, an der Versammlung teilzunehmen, wurde der Sekretär beauftragt, das tiefe Bedauer der Versammlung zu Protokoll zu nehmen, dass diese zwei Vertreter fehlten.

5. Da die Versammlung hörte, dass die älteste Tochter des Herrn P.Hurad am Tage vorher gestorben sei, wurde beschlossen, Herrn Hurad die tiefste Teilnahme der anwesenden Mitglieder und Gäste mit ihm und seiner Frau in ihrer grossen Trauer auszusprechen.

6. Nach einigen einleitenden Worten ersuchte der Vorsitzende den Schriftführer, die Beschlüsse, Briefe und anderen Schriftstücke vorzulesen, welche den Verhandlungsgegenstand und die verschiedenen Sachen, die er in sich schliesse, darlegen. Der Schriftführer verlas folgende Brief von Herrn Oldham an die Missionsleitung in Berlin: Protokoll und Beschlüsse der jährlichen Generalkonferenz der Gossnerschen Luth.Kirche (siehe nächsten Punkt); Art.15de Verfassung der Gossnerschen Luth.Kirche(der die Beziehungen der Kirche zum Beirat darlegt); und einen Brief des Sekretärs des Beirats an den Metropolitan in Calcutta. Der Schriftführer berührte auch kurz verschiedene andere Sachen, wie den Besuch von Herrn Oldham in der Versammlung des Bihar u.Orissa Rates in Cuttak, die Beschlüsse des Internationalen Missionsrates in Lake Mohonk, Briefe vom Nationalen Luth.Rat in Amerika, einen Brief vom Sekretär des Nationalen Missionsrats in Calcutta u.A.m.

7. Die Beschlüsse der jährlichen Generalkonferenz der Gossnerschen E.L. Kirche werden zwecks Kenntnisnahme vollständig protokolliert, wie folgt:

Es wird beschlossen, dass diese Konferenz, indem sie im vollsten Masse für die Bemühungen des Beirats, des Treuhänderrats, des Bihar u.Orissa Missionsrats, des Nationalen Missionsrats, der Amerikanischen Luth.Mission in Guntur und des Nationalen Luth.Rates von Amerika, das Werk der früheren deutschen Mission in Chota Nagpur u.Assam zu erhalten, ihren Dank zum Ausdruck bringt, die Empfindung hat, dass es sei für die bestmögliche Förderung der Kirche in sittlicher, geistlicher und materieller Hinsicht wesentlich,

A. dass durch den Beirat bei den in Frage kommenden Stellen bestimmte Schritte unternommen werden, die Rückkehr der deutschen Missionare, sobald es angängig ist, zu erwirken;

B. dass hier freudiger und dankbarer Annahme der Bedingungen des Kuratoriums in Berlin die Konferenz die Namen folgender Personen empfiehlt und im Hinblick darauf, dass ihnen erlaubt werde ihre Arbeit in Chota Nagpur und Assam wieder aufzunehmen, bittet, dass die indische Regierung und die Regierung Seiner Majestät darum angegangen werden:

1) Missionar D.Dr.Nottrott 2) Missionar Joh.Stosch, 3)Missionar CHR.Schmidt, 4)Missionar E.Wüse, 5)Missionar A.John, 6)Missionar F.Gratsch, 7)Missionar M.Diller. Auch die folgenden Missions-Arbeiterinnen: Schwester M.Vorkötter, 2)Frl.I.Palm und 3) Frl.L.Hahn;

C. dass die Wünsche und Gefühle der Kirche durch den Beirat der Leitung der Gossnerschen Mission in Berlin mitgeteilt werden mit der Bitte, die in den Regierungsmemoranden verordneten Bedingungen zu erfüllen, indem sie die Bewerbungsformulare für die unter B genannten Missionare ausfüllen lasse.

8. Auf die Bitte des Vorsitzenden machte dann Herr P.Hurad verschiedene Angaben, die die Anschauungen der Kirche darlegten; auch Herr D.M.Panna trug seine Meinung über die Frage vo

Im Anschluss an das obige fand eine ausführliche, freimütige Besprechung der Frage in allen ihren Beziehungen statt, an der sich alle Anwesenden beteiligten.

10 Die Versammlung fasste dann einmütig folgenden Beschluss:

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Nach einer ausgiebigen Besprechung der verwirrenden Fragen, welche die Bitte des Luth. Kirchenrats um Rücksendung gewisser namhaft gemachter deutscher Missionare nach Chota Nagpur in sich schliesst, beschliesst dieser Ausschuss,

dass er, indem er das Gewicht der Gründe anerkennt, dass die Rückkehr der erwähnten Missionare eine grosse geistliche Hilfe für die Kirche bedeuten würde, ~~anerkennt~~, die Empfindung hat, die Zeit sei noch nicht vorhanden, mit dieser Bitte die Regierung von Bihar u. Orissa zu belästigen. Er empfiehlt dem Beirat, die Erörterungen über diesen Gegenstand fortzusetzen:

1) indem er auf brieflichem Wege mit der Berliner Gesellschaft in Verbindung trete;

2) indem er sich mit Dr. Larsen, dem Vorsitzenden des Nationalen LuthARates von Amerika in Verbindung setze, der demnächst Berlin besuchen werde;

3) indem er, die Billigung der Regierung vorausgesetzt, Vorkehrungen treffe, dass eine Abordnung von zwei älteren deutschen Missionaren Chota Nagpur besuche, die Lage im Lichte der veränderten Verhältnisse studiere und mit den andern in Betracht kommenden Körperschaften die in Frage kommenden verwaltungstechnischen und finanziellen Verwicklungen erörtere, ehe eine endgiltige Entscheidung betreffs der Rückkehr deutscher Missionare getroffen werde.

11. Die Versammlung wurde dann mit einem von Pastor S.K. Tarafdar gesprochenen Gebet geschlossen.

Gez. J.Z. Hodge, Vorsitzender.
J. Cannaday, Schriftführer.

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MINUTES

THE first meeting of the International Missionary Council was held at the Lake Mohonk Mountain House, Mohonk Lake, Ulster County, New York. The first session was on Saturday, October 1, 1921, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

1. **Opening of the Meeting.** On motion of Dr Karl Fries, seconded by Dr Ritson, Dr John R. Mott was asked to preside over the meeting until it could be formally organized.

Dr Mott took the chair and called upon the meeting to sing the hymn 'All People that on Earth do dwell.' Dr Mott then made a brief historical statement, beginning with the appointment of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, with instructions to take steps to bring about the formation of a permanent international missionary organization. In accordance with the plans proposed by the Missionary Conference held in Crans, Switzerland, June 22–28, 1920, the delegates present, appointed by the various national missionary organizations, have come together to complete the organization of the International Missionary Council, and to take counsel together regarding the most pressing problems of missionary work throughout the world, especially from an international point of view.

The Council united in prayer, led by Dr Watson.

2. **Action of National Missionary Organizations.** Mr Oldham presented a Memorandum of the actions taken by the National Missionary Organizations and Missionary Societies with reference to the Constitution of the International Missionary Committee (now designated 'Council') prepared by the Conference at Crans, June 1920. (See Minute 33.) It was voted that this Memorandum be received and referred with all correspondence on the subject to the Committee on the Constitution, to be hereafter appointed, for consideration and report.

3. **Members Present.** Mr Oldham presented the list of delegates elected by the National Missionary Organizations, as follows:

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AUSTRALASIA

Rev. John W. Burton, M.A., Secretary of the United Missionary Council.

CHINA

Rev. D. Willard Lyon, D.D., representing the China Continuation Committee, Secretary Foreign Department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations.

Rev. Yu Yue Tsu, Ph.D., representing the China Continuation Committee, Professor of Sociology and Lecturer in Comparative Religion in St. John's University, General Secretary of the Chinese Christian Students' Association.

William Hung, Esq., M.A., representing the China Continuation Committee, Chinese Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FINLAND

Probst Matti Tarkkanen, Mission Director of the Finnish Missionary Society (Suomen Lähetysseura), Chairman of the Finnish National Missionary Committee.

FRANCE

M. le pasteur Daniel Couve, Directeur-adjoint of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society (Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris).

GREAT BRITAIN

Rev. R. Forgan, D.D., Vice-Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland.

The Rt. Rev. George Lanchester King, D.D., General Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Rev. Frank Lenwood, M.A., Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society.

Miss Florence Mackenzie, M.A., Principal of the United Free Church of Scotland Women's Missionary College, Edinburgh.

Kenneth Maclennan, Esq., Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.

Thomas S. Penny, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Western Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society.

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Rev. John H. Ritson, D.D., Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.

Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bt., M.P., President of the Church Missionary Society.

Rev. C. Mollan Williams, M.A., Editorial Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

INDIA

Dr S. K. Datta, B.A., representing the National Missionary Council of India, Burma and Ceylon, Associate National Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Associations of India and Ceylon, Editor of *Young Men of India.*

Rev. Charles B. Hill, B.D., representing the National Missionary Council of India, Burma and Ceylon; Principal, Methodist Boys' High School, Baroda Camp, Bombay Presidency.

Dr Ma Saw Sa, F.R.C.S., representing the National Missionary Council of India, Burma and Ceylon, Head of the Lady Dufferin Hospital, Rangoon, Burma.

JAPAN

Rev. Hiromichi Kozaki, representing the Japan Continuation Committee, formerly President of Doshisha University.

Rev. Bishop Kogoro Uzaki, representing the Japan Continuation Committee, Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church, President of the Federation of Japanese Churches.

Rev. S. H. Wainright, D.D., representing the Japan Continuation Committee, General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society of Japan.

THE NETHERLANDS

Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam, formerly Missionary Consul in Batavia, Dutch Indies.

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Miss Belle H. Bennett, LL.D., President, Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mrs William Boyd, M.A., President, Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America.

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Rev. Arthur Judson Brown, D.D., LL.D., Administrative Foreign Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Rev. S. H. Chester, D.D., Secretary of Foreign Correspondence, Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Rev. Stephen J. Corey, LL.D., Vice-President and Secretary, Foreign Department of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Rev. James Endicott, D.D., General Secretary, Foreign Missions, The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Canada.

Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D., Foreign Secretary, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, D.D., LL.D., Chairman, Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Principal of Knox College, Toronto.

The Rev. Canon Sydney Gould, D.C.L., General Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Rev. W. Douglas Mackenzie, D.D., LL.D., President of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Missionary Preparation of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., LL.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D.D., Home Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Mrs Henry W. Peabody, Chairman of the Special Committee of the Joint Committee on Union Colleges for Women of the Orient, recently Chairman of the Foreign Department, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

The Hon. Newton W. Rowell, LL.D., K.C., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, Member of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, Canada.

Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of

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North America, Secretary of Missions of the Moravian Church in America.

Fennell P. Turner, Esq., B.A., Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

John Wilson Wood, Esq., D.C.L., Executive Secretary of the Department of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Norway

Albert Lunde, Esq., Chairman, Norwegian China Mission (affiliated with China Inland Mission).

Rev. John Stenc, President of the Bible School, Norwegian Missionary Society, Trondhjem, Norway.

South Africa

Professor J. du Plessis, B.D., Professor in the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

J. C. Gibson, Esq., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the South Africa General Mission, Member of the Executive Committee of Fourth South African General Conference, 1912.

Sweden

Dr Karl Fries, General Secretary of the World's Committee of the World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations.

Nath. Högman, Esq., Secretary of the Swedish Mission in China (Svenska Missionen i Kina).

Switzerland

M. le pasteur Abel de Meuron, Secretary of the Mission Romande (Mission Suisse Romande).

Missionsinspektor Oettli, Mission Inspector of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society (Evangelische Missionsgesellschaft zu Basel).

Co-opted Members

Rev. J. E. K. Aggrey, D.D., Professor at Livingstone College, North Carolina; Member of the Educational Commission to Africa, 1920–21.

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D. A. Hunter, Esq., F.R.G.S., Missionary of the United Free Church of Scotland Foreign Mission, Editor of the *Christian Express*, Lovedale, South Africa.

Rev. S. G. Inman, D.D., General Secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America.

T. Jesse Jones, Esq., Ph.D., Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Chairman of the Educational Commission to Africa, 1920–21.

Robert R. Moton, Esq., LL.D., Principal, The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Alabama, U.S.A.

Rev. C. R. Watson, D.D., President of the American University at Cairo, Honorary Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Rev. A. W. Wilkie, B.D., Secretary of the Scottish Mission in the Gold Coast, Africa.

Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., F.R.G.S., Editor of the *Moslem World*, Lecturer in the United Presbyterian Church Theological Seminary, Cairo.

Ex-Officio Members

Miss G. A. Gollock, Associate Editor of the *International Review of Missions*, Secretary of the British Board of Study for the Preparation of Missionaries.

John R. Mott, Esq., LL.D., Chairman of the International Missionary Council, Chairman of the World's Student Christian Federation.

J. H. Oldham, Esq., M.A., Joint Secretary of the International Missionary Council, Editor of the *International Review of Missions*.

Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, Joint Secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Mr Oldham stated that delegates had expected to be present from the Dansk Missionsraad and the Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo, but that circumstances had prevented them from coming.

It was voted that the delegates appointed by the national missionary organizations and the co-opted and ex-officio members, named above, be accepted as constituting the membership of this meeting of the International Missionary Council, and that any questions relating to the personnel of the Council be referred for

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consideration and report to the Committee on the Constitution, to be hereafter appointed.

4. **Organization and Programme.** Upon recommendation of the Committee of Reference, it was agreed

(1) That the appointment of Dr Mott as Chairman and Mr Oldham and Mr Warnshuis as Secretaries be confirmed for the period of this meeting.

(2) That Mr Galen M. Fisher, Dr P. de Benoit, and Rev. F. W. Bible be appointed Recording Secretaries for this meeting of the Council, with permission to take part in discussion but without vote.

(3) That the following daily time-table be adopted for this meeting of the Council :

Breakfast	7.30–9 a.m.
Morning Prayers	9.15 a.m.
Meeting	9.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m.
(In the course of the meeting a suitable period is to be devoted to intercession.)	
Dinner	1 p.m.
Free Time (available for committee meetings when required)	2–4 p.m.
Tea	4 p.m.
Meeting	4.30–6.15 p.m.
Supper	6.30 p.m.
Meeting	8–9.30 p.m.

(4) That Rev. Lauritz Larsen, D.D., President of the National Lutheran Council, be invited to attend this meeting of the Council as a visitor.

(5) That Mr C. H. Fahs, in consultation with the officers, be responsible for publicity while the Council is in session and that no information regarding its proceedings be given out during these days excepting through this channel.

5. **Rules of Procedure.** The following Rules of Procedure were adopted :

(1) Speakers shall be permitted to use the language of their choice, but speeches in any language other than English shall be translated, preferably by a summary at the close of each speech, but sentence by sentence if the speaker so desires.

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(2) In all discussion all speeches shall be limited not to exceed seven minutes, excepting as otherwise arranged by the Business Committee.

(3) A Business Committee shall be appointed with the following duties:

(*a*) The Business Committee shall have general charge of the programme of the meeting. It shall decide the time to be allowed to each subject and to speakers invited to open the discussions.

(*b*) All recommendations, excepting those prepared by sub-committees appointed at this meeting, and all new matter introduced by individual members, to be voted upon by the International Missionary Council, shall be submitted to the Business Committee before presentation to the Council. All such resolutions must be submitted in writing.

(*c*) All questions of detail which are likely to involve explanations and needlessly occupy the time of the Council, may at the discretion of the Chairman be referred to the Business Committee.

(*d*) The Business Committee shall deal with questions as to the verbal form of resolutions. When such questions arise which in the judgment of the Chairman can be adjusted by the Business Committee, they shall be referred at once to that Committee without any motion.

(*e*) The Business Committee shall read the daily minutes and, after making any necessary corrections, approve them. It is understood that all resolutions will be submitted to the Council in writing and will be voted upon by the whole Council.

(*f*) The Business Committee shall act if and when required as a Nominating Committee.

6. **Committees.** Mr Oldham explained the functions of eight Committees to serve during this meeting, and it was agreed to appoint the following committees, the Chairman and Secretaries of the Council to be ex-officio members of all committees, and the conveners to have discretion to invite other persons to sit with their committees for consultation.

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(1) *Business :*

Dr John H. Ritson (Convener).
Mrs William Boyd.
Rev. S. J. Corey.
Dr Paul de Schweinitz.
Dr Karl Fries.
Dr Alfred Gandier.
Miss G. A. Gollock.
Thomas S. Penny.

(2) *Constitution and Finance :*

Dr Frank Mason North (Convener).
Rev. John W. Burton.
Rev. Daniel Couve.
Dr R. Forgan.
Dr J. H. Franklin.
J. C. Gibson.
Bishop King.
Rev. Frank Lenwood.
Miss Florence Mackenzie.
Kenneth Maclennan.
Dr C. H. Patton.
Mrs Henry W. Peabody.
Hon. N. W. Rowell.
Fennell P. Turner.
Dr Charles R. Watson.
Bishop Kogoro Uzaki.

(3) *International Review of Missions :*

Rev. Canon S. Gould (Convener).
Mrs William Boyd.
Dr S. H. Chester.
Miss G. A. Gollock.
Dr W. D. Mackenzie.
Kenneth Maclennan.
Fennell P. Turner.
Rev. C. M. Williams.
Dr John W. Wood.

(4) *Christian Literature in the Mission Field :*

Dr C. H. Patton (Convener).
Miss Belle H. Bennett.
Rev. A. de Meuron.
Prof. J. du Plessis.
Dr James Endicott.
Rev. Chas. B. Hill.
Dr S. G. Inman.
Dr D. Willard Lyon.
Kenneth Maclennan.
Mrs Henry W. Peabody.
Dr S. H. Wainright.
Dr John H. Ritson.
Rev. A. W. Wilkie.

(5) *Near East and Work for Moslems :*

Dr Chas. R. Watson (Convener).
Dr J. E. K. Aggrey.
Dr A. J. Brown.
Dr W. I. Chamberlain.
Rev. Daniel Couve.
Prof. J. du Plessis.
Miss G. A. Gollock.
Rev. W. Oettli.
Dr C. H. Patton.
Baron C. W. van Boetzelaer.
Sir Robert Williams.
Dr S. M. Zwemer.

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(6) *Missionary Problems in the Far East:*

Dr John R. Mott (Convener).
Dr A. J. Brown.
Rev. John W. Burton.
Dr James Endicott.
Dr J. H. Franklin.
William Hung.
Rev. H. Kozaki.
Dr D. Willard Lyon.
Albert Lunde.
Dr Frank Mason North.
Dr John H. Ritson.
Probst Matti Tarkkanen.
Dr Yu Yue Tsu.
Dr S. H. Wainright.
Sir Robert Williams.
Bishop Kogoro Uzaki.

(7) *Relations of Church and Mission:*

Bishop Kogoro Uzaki (Convener).
Dr J. E. K. Aggrey.
Dr A. J. Brown.
Dr S. K. Datta.
Dr J. H. Franklin.
Rev. Canon S. Gould.
Rev. C. B. Hill.
Nath. Högman.
William Hung.
Bishop King.
Rev. H. Kozaki.
Rev. Frank Lenwood.
Dr D. Willard Lyon.
Dr Ma Saw Sa.
Dr Yu Yue Tsu.
Dr S. H. Wainright.

(8) *Restrictions on Missionary Work:*

Baron C. W. van Boetzelaer (Convener).
Dr A. J. Brown.
Rev. Daniel Couve.
Dr S. K. Datta.
Dr R. Forgan.
Rev. Canon Gould.
D. A. Hunter.
Rev. Frank Lenwood.
Rev. A. de Meuron.
Rev. W. Oettli.
Mrs Henry W. Peabody
Prof. J. du Plessis.
Rev. John Stene.
Fennell P. Turner.
Dr Chas. R. Watson.
Sir Robert Williams.
Dr Luther B. Wolf.

Dr Lauritz Larsen to be invited to attend the meetings of this Committee.

7. **The Relations of Church and Mission.** A paper on this subject had been prepared for this meeting by Dr A. J. Brown, and was presented in printed form, having been mailed in advance to all the delegates. (See *International Review of Missions*, October 1921, p. 478.) The discussion was opened by Dr Brown and was participated in by Mr Warnshuis, Mr Kozaki, Dr Zwemer and Professor du Plessis.

A period of intercession was led by Sir Robert Williams.

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Second Session, October 1, 4.30–6.15 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer.

8. **The Relations of Church and Mission** (*continued*). The discussion of this subject was continued, being participated in by Dr Chester, Dr Forgan, Dr Inman, Sir Robert Williams, Mr Wilkie, Dr Jones, Dr Franklin, Pastor Couve, Dr Wolf, Dr Aggrey, Dr North and Dr Datta.

Third Session, October 1, 8–9.30 *p.m.*

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Rev. C. Mollan Williams.

9. **Financial Statements.** The audited financial statements of the International Missionary Council for the year ending March 31, 1921, were presented by Mr Warnshuis. These financial statements were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Finance.

The audited financial statements of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ending September 30, 1920, were also presented by Mr Warnshuis. These financial statements were referred to the Committee on the *International Review of Missions*.

10. **Reports of Executive Officers.** The reports of the Executive Officers, Mr Oldham, Mr Warnshuis and Miss Gollock, were presented in printed form by Mr Warnshuis. These reports were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Finance.

11. **Christian Literature in the Mission Field.** A report on the progress that has been made in the development of Christian Literature in the Mission Field since the last meeting of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference was presented in typewritten form by Mr Warnshuis. This report was referred to the Committee on Christian Literature in the Mission Field.

12. **The Relations of Church and Mission.** The discussion of this topic was continued, being participated in by Mrs Peabody, Canon Gould, M. de Meuron, Mr Hill, Mr Rowell, Mr Lenwood, Dr Moton and Dr Tsu. (For the report of the Committee on this subject, see Minute No. 48.)

Sunday, October 2

There were no business sessions of the International Missionary Council. The members attended divine service at 11 o'clock, when a sermon was preached by Dr Mackenzie from the text, Heb. xii. 1, 2.

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At 4.30 in the afternoon the Council united in a service of intercession led by Mr Lenwood.

Fourth Session, October 3, 9.45 *a.m.*–12.45 *p.m.*

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn and by prayer led by Missionsinspektor Oettli.

13. **Christian Education in the Mission Field.** This subject was introduced by Mr Oldham, to whom it had been assigned by the Conference at Crans as a subject of special study. The discussion was participated in by Dr Mackenzie, Mr Rowell, Dr Tsu, Mr Burton, Dr Wainright, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr North, Mr Fisher, Dr Watson, Dr Moton, and at the close was summarized by Dr Mott and Mr Oldham.

It was agreed that it be referred to the Committee on the Constitution to consider whether it is desirable to constitute an international committee to study the subject of Christian Education in the Mission Field, and if so, on what lines it could best be constituted.

In the course of the forenoon a period of intercession was led by Dr de Benoit.

Fifth Session, October 3, 4.30–6.15 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer.

By invitation Mrs A. W. Wilkie was present as a member of the Africa Educational Commission.

14. **Report of the Africa Educational Commission.** The report of the Africa Educational Commission was presented by its Chairman, Dr Thomas Jesse Jones. The recommendations of the Commission, in typewritten form, were laid before the Council. The subject was discussed by Mr Wilkie, Mrs Wilkie, Miss Bennett, Dr Moton, Dr Wolf, Mr Oldham, Dr Wood, Dr Aggrey, Dr Chester, Mrs Peabody, Professor du Plessis, Sir Robert Williams, Mr Williams, Missionsinspektor Oettli, Dr Mackenzie, Dr Zwemer, Dr Wolf and Mr Gibson.

The session was closed with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Mr Lenwood.

Sixth Session, October 3, 8–9.30 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer.

15. **Labour in British East Africa.** Mr Oldham reported that during the past year, on the initiative of missionaries in East

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Africa and the missionary societies in Great Britain, an influential approach had been made to Lord Milner, Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the heads of religious bodies, with the support of members of the two Houses of Parliament, heads of universities and others occupying prominent positions in public life, with reference to unsatisfactory labour conditions in East Africa; and that on Lord Milner's resignation the matter was again taken up with his successor. The chief grounds of disquiet were the issue by the government of Kenya Colony of a circular instructing officers of government, including native chiefs and headmen, to assist and encourage natives to seek work on farms and plantations, which instructions, it was feared, would in existing conditions result in practical compulsion of labour for private employers; and the passing in the same colony and also in Uganda and Zanzibar of ordinances making natives liable for two months' paid labour on government work unless they could show that they had already worked for three months for an employer. The representations made by the missionary societies and others were sympathetically received by the government, and a new dispatch (Cmd. 1509) applicable to Kenya Colony, Uganda and Zanzibar has been issued in which two important principles are laid down.

(1) In regard to voluntary labour for private employers, it is laid down that 'beyond taking steps to place at the disposal of natives any information which they may possess as to where labour is required, and at the disposal of employers information as to sources of labour available for voluntary recruitment, the government officials will in future take no part in recruiting labour for private employment'; the disinterested and impartial position of officers of government in regard to both employers of labour and native labourers being thus made clear and unambiguous.

(2) In regard to compulsory paid work for government, it is laid down that it is the declared policy of the government to avoid recourse to compulsory labour for government purposes except when this is absolutely necessary for essential services; that while in order to meet emergencies the legislation empowering the government to obtain compulsory labour must remain on the statute book, the purposes for which such compulsory labour may be required (apart from the provision of paid porters for government servants on tour or for the transport of urgent government stores) must be specified in the ordinance; and that authority to utilize the powers conferred by the ordinance must in each instance be previously

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obtained from the Secretary of State. The necessity of previous reference to the Secretary of State, who is responsible to Parliament, appears to be an entirely adequate safeguard.

The Council expressed its cordial appreciation of the report.

16. **Conditions in Portuguese Africa.** Mr Warnshuis made a statement regarding labour conditions and hindrances to missionary work in Portuguese Africa. The subject was discussed by Baron van Boetzelaer, M. de Meuron, Professor du Plessis, Dr Wolf and Mr Penny. (See Minute No. 52.)

17. **Missionary Freedom in Mandated Territories.** Mr Oldham reminded the Council of action taken by the Foreign Missions Conference in North America and the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland to secure the inclusion of clauses guaranteeing religious toleration and missionary freedom in the mandates given to the Powers to whom the ex-German and ex-Turkish territories were assigned under the Versailles Treaty, and submitted the following articles which appear in the draft mandates:

Draft Mandate for Mesopotamia and Palestine (Class 'A')

ARTICLE 15

The mandatory will see that complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship, subject only to the maintenance of public order and morals, is ensured to all. No discrimination of any kind shall be made between the inhabitants of Palestine on the ground of race, religion or language. No person shall be excluded from Palestine on the sole ground of his religious belief.

The right of each community to maintain its own schools for the education of its own members in its own language (while conforming to such educational requirements of a general nature as the Administration may impose) shall not be denied or impaired.

ARTICLE 16

The mandatory shall be responsible for exercising such supervision over religious or eleemosynary bodies of all faiths in Palestine as may be required for the maintenance of public order and good government. Subject to such supervision, no measures shall be taken in Palestine to obstruct or interfere with the enterprise of such

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bodies or to discriminate against any representative or member of them on the ground of his religion or nationality.

Draft Mandate for East Africa (Class 'B')

ARTICLE 7

The mandatory shall secure to all nationals of States Members of the League of Nations the same rights as are enjoyed in the territory by his own nationals in respect to entry into and residence in the territory, the protection afforded to their person and property, the acquisition of property, movable and immovable, and the exercise of their profession or trade, subject only to the requirements of public order, and on condition of compliance with the local law.

Further, the mandatory shall ensure to all nationals of States Members of the League of Nations, on the same footing as to his own nationals, freedom of transit and navigation, and complete economic, commercial and industrial equality; provided that the mandatory shall be free to organize essential public works and services on such terms and conditions as he thinks just.

Concessions for the development of the natural resources of the territory shall be granted by the mandatory without distinction on grounds of nationality between the nationals of all States Members of the League of Nations, but on such conditions as will maintain intact the authority of the local government.

The rights conferred by this article extend equally to companies and associations organized in accordance with the law of any of the Members of the League of Nations, subject only to the requirements of public order, and on condition of compliance with the local law.

ARTICLE 8

The mandatory shall ensure complete freedom of conscience, and the free exercise of all forms of worship which are consonant with public order and morality.

Missionaries of all such religions shall be free to enter the territory and to travel and reside therein, to acquire and possess property, to erect religious buildings and to open schools throughout the territory.

The mandatory shall, however, have the right to exercise such control as may be necessary for the maintenance of public order and good government and to take all measures required for such control.

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Draft Mandate for Togoland and Cameroons (Class 'B')

ARTICLE 6

(As Article 7 of the Draft Mandate for East Africa.)

ARTICLE 7

Subject to the provisions of any local law for the maintenance of public order and public morals, the mandatory shall ensure in the territory freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship, and shall allow all missionaries, nationals of any State, Member of the League of Nations, to enter into, travel and reside in the territory for the purpose of prosecuting their calling.

The Class 'C' Mandates (South-West Africa, Samoa, etc.) contain a clause identical with that of the draft mandates for Togoland and Cameroons.

18. **Religious Freedom in Egypt.** Mr Oldham reported that the question of religious and missionary freedom under the proposed new constitution had been engaging the attention of the missions in that country; that conferences on the subject had taken place with Dr Charles R. Watson during his visit to London in Sept. 1920; that representations had been made by the United Presbyterian Mission to the Department of State at Washington; and that at the suggestion of the missions working in Egypt the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland had invited Canon W. H. T. Gairdner to come to London from Cairo to assist in presenting the matter to the British Government. Conferences were held with some of those interested in the negotiations regarding the new constitution, and a communication was sent to the Foreign Office asking that a clause guaranteeing to all complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship should be included in any Treaty which might be arranged between Great Britain and Egypt, and calling attention to the fact that to ensure that the guarantee should be effective in practice it was desirable that the organic law of Egypt should include provisions dealing specifically with such matters as the following:

(*a*) That no one shall be subject to any civil disability on the ground of religion or of a change in his religion, if the change is made after attainment of years of discretion.

(*b*) Provision by the promulgation of a civil code for marriage to meet the needs of spouses who differ in religion and who can-

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not agree upon an ecclesiastical tribunal to which to bring their disputes, and of those who desire to be married civilly.

(*c*) Provision by the promulgation of a civil code of inheritance to deal with cases where the testator and heir, or where the several heirs, differ in religion.

(*d*) That no judgment shall in future be executed by the government that contravenes the foregoing provisions.

(*e*) That there shall be no discrimination on the ground of religion or nationality in regard to the taxation, or exemption from taxation, of property designated and used for religious and charitable purposes.

The Council united in prayer led by Dr Zwemer.

19. **Alien Missionaries in India.** Mr Oldham reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of State for India stating that the following addition had been made to the Memorandum laying down the conditions under which missionaries of alien nationality are at present admitted into India :

Memorandum A. '10. *Exceptional conditions under which missionaries of former enemy nationality may be admitted to India.* —It should be understood that the Government of India have adopted a strict policy of excluding persons of former enemy nationality from India for a period of five years after the war irrespective of their individual occupations.

'In the event, however, of representations being made by the authorities of a recognized society, and supported by the Conference (i.e. The Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, or the Foreign Missions Conference of North America), to the effect that the full enforcement in the case of the missionaries employed by such society of the prohibition against individuals of former enemy nationality would result in the loss of, or grave injury to, any mission now being conducted in India by such society by reason of the impossibility of securing the requisite number of missionaries to fill the posts made vacant by the exclusion of former enemy nationals, then the Government of India, if they are satisfied that these representations are well grounded, will have no objection to considering and dealing with exceptional applications for the introduction of individuals of former enemy nationality, for missionary work, subject to the following conditions :

'i. The official head in India of the mission in which it is desired to introduce any such individual must be a British subject ;

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'ii. The conditions of Memorandum A must be complied with;

'iii. In particular the good faith of the individual whom it is desired to admit must be guaranteed in the manner prescribed in Memorandum A 5 (IV.) (*b*) by the Conference;

'iv. The authorities of the society will transmit to the India Office through the Conference the application of each such individual on a prescribed form together with the guarantee prescribed in (iii) above;

'v. It is understood that only a limited number of applications will be made, that they will be confined to cases of genuine necessity from the point of view of the mission, and will normally be made on behalf of missionaries who have previously worked in India;

'vi. The India Office will transmit each application to the Government of India, which will consider each case on its merits having special regard to the previous record of the applicant;

'vii. In the event of the Government of India being able to relax their general rule of excluding all former enemy nationals in favour of a missionary applying in the manner prescribed above, they will communicate their decision by telegraph and the necessary facilities for the journey of such missionary to India will thereupon be granted.'

20. **Restrictions in South Africa.** Brief statements regarding restrictions with reference to the admission of alien missionaries into South Africa were made by Mr Oldham and Professor du Plessis. The subject was discussed by Mr Turner.

21. **German Missions in New Guinea.** Mr Burton reported the action of the United Missionary Council in Australia in approaching the Australian Government with regard to German missions in New Guinea, which had resulted in permission being given for the German missionaries to remain for a period of seven years, after which period the question would be reconsidered. The subject was discussed by Canon Gould and Dr Forgan.

22. **Restrictions in French Africa.** Pastor Couve made a statement regarding restrictions on missions in French Africa. (See Minute No. 53.)

Seventh Session, October 4, 9.45 *a.m.*–12.45 *p.m.*

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by the recitation in unison of the Apostles' Creed, and with prayer led by the Chairman.

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23. Dr Mackenzie's Sermon. With reference to the request that had been made for the publication of the sermon preached by Dr Mackenzie on Sunday, upon recommendation of the Business Committee, it was agreed not to issue the sermon as an official publication of the Council, lest an embarrassing precedent be set, but to express the hope that it might be printed in some other way.

The Chairman requested Dr Ritson to take the chair.

24. International Co-operation. A paper on this subject had been prepared for this meeting by Dr Mott, and was presented in printed form, having been mailed in advance to all the delegates. (See *International Review of Missions*, January 1922.) The discussion was introduced by Dr Mott and continued by Bishop King, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Inman, Dr Fries, Mrs Peabody, Mr Maclennan, Dr Wainright, Dr Corey, Dr Forgan, Dr Patton, Dr Wolf, Mr Burton, Dr North, Dr Brown, Dr Endicott, Dr Chester, Dr Ritson, Mr Tarkkanen, Canon Gould, Dr Larsen, and Dr Mackenzie.

A period of intercession was led by Miss Mackenzie.

Eighth Session, October 4, 4.30–6.15 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

25. The Call and Preparation of Missionaries. A paper on this subject had been prepared for this meeting by Miss Gollock, and was presented in printed form, having been mailed in advance to all the delegates. The discussion was opened by Miss Gollock and was participated in by Dr Gandier, Miss Bennett, Dr Corey, Miss Mackenzie, Mr Hunter, Dr Zwemer, Dr Lyon, Dr Mackenzie.

26. The 'International Review of Missions.' The report of the Committee on the *International Review of Missions* was presented by its Chairman, Canon Gould. It was resolved:

(1) That the warm gratitude of the Council be expressed to Mr J. H. Oldham and Miss G. A. Gollock, the editors, and to Mr Kenneth Maclennan, the business manager, of the *International Review of Missions*, for the very great service to the missionary cause throughout the world which they have rendered in the establishment and steady development of that periodical, whose high quality and immense value are universally recognized.

(2) That the audited accounts for the year ending September 30, 1920, be accepted and approved, as follows:

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For Year ending September 30, 1920

Expenditure

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Advertising	26 18 3	
Books and Magazines	6 5 1	
Carriage and Postage on Review	170 10 5	
Commission on Sales	156 13 6	
Contributors' Fees	69 7 8	
Miscellaneous	14 9 3	
Miscellaneous Postages	19 15 7½	
Printing of the Review	887 1 2	
Rent, Rates, etc.	42 14 6	
Salaries	320 0 0	
Stationery	75 12 6	
Travelling Expenses	8 15 2	
	1798 3 1½	
Expenditure at New York Office—		
Clerical Help	£ s. d. 254 19 6	
Postages on Review	124 2 11	
Stationery	207 15 7	
	586 18 0	
		2385 1 1½
Add—		
Sums written off:		
Interest on Capital (4 per cent.)	141 9 0	
Proportion of Preliminary Expenses (10 per cent. of £767 4s. 11½d.)	76 14 6	
Proportion of Books and Magazines	4 12 6	
Proportion of Office Furnishings	6 3 0	
		228 19 0
		2614 0 1½

Revenue

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscription Sales		1818 6 5½	
Cash Sales		12 1 9	
Reprints		0 4 3	
World Missionary Conference Publications		45 9 4	
		1876 1 9½	
Less—			
Subscriptions in advance	157 17 10		
Book Debts at Sept. 30, 1919	3 0 0	160 17 10	
			1715 3 11½
Proceeds of Advertisements			77 19 10
Interest on Deposit Account			7 11 10
Donation from Committee of Reference and Council ($1864)			476 11 10
Loss for year carried to Balance Sheet			336 12 8
			2614 0 1½

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Balance Sheet as at September 30, 1920

Assets

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Office Furniture		4 1 8
Books		13 10 4
Sundry Debtors		449 0 0
Balance in Bank Account	81 1 1	
Cash on Hand	22 7 6	
		103 8 7
Preliminary Expenses—		
Balance per last Balance Sheet	153 19 6	
Less Amount written off	76 14 6	
		77 5 0
Profit and Loss Account—		
Balance per last Balance Sheet	3901 9 9	
Loss for year	336 12 8	
		4238 2 5
		4885 8 0

Liabilities

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital, consisting of Advances from—		
Continuation Committee World Missionary Conference, 1910		3536 1 5½
Reserve Fund		822 1 0
Subscriptions received in Advance		157 17 10
Sundry Creditors		369 7 8½
		4885 8 0

(3) That the assets and liabilities of the Review as at that date be taken over by the International Missionary Council.

(4) That the sum at debit of the Capital Account be written off as at September 30, 1920.

(5) That the balance of cash in bank and in hand as at September 30, 1920, be carried forward to the credit of the Income Account.

(6) That Mr J. H. Oldham and Miss G. A. Gollock be joint editors.

(7) That Mr A. L. Warnshuis be business manager.

(8) That the Council recognize with thankfulness the successful maintenance of the Review during the years of war, and in particular the high appreciation it has won from scholars, missionary leaders, missionaries on the field, and thoughtful students in every land.

(9) That, whereas the Review does not reach, as yet, a sufficiently large proportion of the constituency which it is designed to serve, the members of the Council undertake to extend its circulation by every means in their power.

(10) That the Council invite mission boards to follow the example of several British Committees who, either through a block grant or by private benevolence, have arranged that in every mission station a copy of the *International Review of Missions* should be at the disposal of the missionaries.

(11) That Mission Boards be requested to accord to the Editors, as opportunities may arise, the privilege of placing before their members the value of the Review.

(12) That the publicity campaign initiated in connexion with the issue of the Double Number at the beginning of the Eleventh Volume be vigorously prosecuted, and that the Business Committee of the Review be asked to sanction the necessary expenditure.

(13) That an Advisory Business Committee of six be constituted, the members to be appointed by the Chairman of the Council.

The session was closed with the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

Ninth Session, October 5, 9.45 *a.m.*–12.45 *p.m.*

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Dr Fries.

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27. **Christian Literature in the Mission Field.** The report of the Committee on Christian Literature in the Mission Field was presented by Mr Warnshuis. The discussion of the subject was participated in by Dr Patton, Chairman of the Committee, Dr Ritson, Dr Mott, Mr Hung, Dr Wainright, Mr Maclennan, Dr Wood, Mr Wilkie, Dr Aggrey, Mr Bible, Canon Gould, Dr Endicott, Dr Franklin and Dr Chester. The following resolutions were adopted:

(1) That the Council express its appreciation of the contributions made by missionary societies in setting aside missionaries for literary work and in supporting mission presses and various forms of literary work, and they express the earnest hope that these efforts will be fully maintained. At the same time the Committee feel that much urgently necessary Literature can be produced and distributed effectively only by co-operation between different missionary societies, and this Committee therefore would emphasize the importance of the hearty support on the part of all foreign missionary boards and societies of co-operative plans for Christian Literature.

(2) That the Council express hearty appreciation also of the work done by the Tract and Literature Societies. It is desired that these united plans of the foreign missionary societies may not hamper but rather increase the usefulness of these societies. The method of co-operating with the Tract and Literature Societies in the field and with the missions in their literature projects is a matter that should be dealt with by the central literature councils in each field.

(3) That direct relationships be maintained between the literature agencies in the field and the Literature Committees of the British and North American Foreign Missionary Conferences, and others that may be appointed by other similar organizations.

(4) That the Field Organizations in Japan, Korea, China, India, the Near East and Africa be advised to send their statements of program and their financial budgets for co-operative work to the Literature Committees in Europe and America. At the present time such committees are organized only in Great Britain and America, and it is therefore suggested to these two committees that they consult together and reach a conclusion as to the askings of the Field Organizations and the total amount which should be sought in a given year and also as to

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how this sum should be divided between the British and American Committees.

(5) That it is unnecessary to appoint an International Committee on Literature but the meetings of the Council should serve for purposes of consultation regarding co-operative plans for carrying forward the world-wide task of developing a Christian Literature on the Mission Field.

(6) That the secretaries of the Council be instructed to confer with the national missionary organizations not already participating regarding the ways and means by which they may share in the united promotion of Christian Literature on the Mission Field.

(7) That in order to promote the more effective production and circulation of literature adapted to the needs and temper of the people, it is urged that each Field Organization be made as representative as possible of the churches of the country.

(8) That the Committee in North America be encouraged to carry forward its Survey of Literature for Moslems; and that the Committee in Great Britain be encouraged to carry forward its Survey of Literature in Africa.

(9) That the secretaries of the Council be instructed to prepare a report to be presented to the next meeting of the Council reviewing the progress made in all the foreign mission fields in the production and use of Christian Literature and that for this purpose reports should be sent to Mr A. L. Warnshuis.

(10) In connexion with these recommendations regarding the development of Christian Literature on the Mission Field, the Council reaffirms its statement that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the missionary societies and boards (or the churches they represent) and the churches in the mission field.

28. **The Relations of Church and Mission** (*continued*). The report of the Committee on the Relations of Church and Mission was presented by its Chairman, Bishop Uzaki. The report was discussed by Canon Gould, Dr North, Mr Oldham, Dr Brown, Mr Hill, Professor du Plessis, Sir Robert Williams, Mr Hunter, Dr Endicott, Dr Wolf, Dr Forgan and Dr Aggrey.

The recommendations were referred back to the Committee with instructions to incorporate the various changes and suggestions that had been made. (See Minute No. 48.)

A period of united intercession was led by Dr Patton.

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Tenth Session, October 5, 4.30–6.15 p.m.

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by the Chairman.

29. **Missionary Problems in the Far East.** The report of the Committee was presented for the Chairman by Dr Ritson. The report was discussed by Dr Zwemer, Mr Oldham, Canon Gould, Dr Fries, Dr Brown, Mr Lenwood, Dr Endicott, Dr Mackenzie, Dr de Schweinitz and Dr Franklin. The recommendations were considered *seriatim*, and referred back to the Committee. (See Minute No. 44.)

30. **The Near East and Work for Moslems.** The report of the Committee on the Near East and Work for Moslems was presented by its Chairman, Dr Watson. The recommendations were considered *seriatim*, and were discussed by Bishop King, Mr Oldham, Mr Maclennan, Mr Turner, Canon Gould, Dr Brown, Dr North, Dr Watson, Dr Mott, Dr Zwemer, Miss Gollock, Dr Patton and Dr Watson.

The recommendations were referred back to the Committee. (See Minute No. 49.)

31. **Opium Traffic.** A statement concerning the traffic in opium and its derivative drugs was presented in typewritten form by Mr Warnshuis, of which the following is a summary:

1. The Opium Convention of The Hague, 1912, is the basis for all international legislation and action for the suppression of illegal trade in opium and its derivative drugs. The Convention was ratified by only a few of the nations before the outbreak of the war.

2. Under agreements with European powers, China stopped the growing of poppy by her own people, and the importation of opium was progressively limited until on March 31, 1917, it was completely prohibited. Since that date all trade in opium and its derivative drugs is illegal in China.

3. The smuggling of morphia into China has increased five-fold within a decade. In a statement by Dr Wu Lien-teh, a government expert who is in a position to give authoritative information, it is shown that the amount brought into the country in 1911 was 5½ tons. In 1914 it was 14 tons and it increased to 22½ tons in 1917. It appeared that most of this morphia was manufactured in Great Britain and sold to Japanese agents, who brought it into China. Upon representations by the Missionary Societies in Great Britain, the British Government enacted restrictions on the exportation of morphia which effectively reduced the amount sent out from that country, although it was still possible to send it in postal parcels which passed through the United States 'in bond.' These restrictions, however, have resulted only in increasing the business of manufacturers of morphia in Philadelphia, Newark and New York. This is proven by the labels on the packages seized by the Chinese Customs. The business has continued to increase, and the amount entering China in 1919 was not less than 28 tons. In 1920, by executive action of the United States Government, the passing of parcels containing morphia and other drugs 'in bond' through the United States was stopped. An important bill is now before Congress intended to prohibit

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the exportation from the United States of opium and all its derivative drugs for other than medicinal purposes. Measures, such as these, are most important, but it is apparent that the illicit trade in these drugs can be effectively controlled only by international action which will limit the growing of poppy to such an extent as to provide only for the legitimate medicinal needs of the world.

4. The Treaty of Versailles has provided for the ratification of The Hague Convention by all the powers signing that Treaty. The League of Nations and the Netherlands Government are inviting all other nations to ratify the Opium Convention as soon as possible. The control of Opium Traffic, which under the Hague Convention had been entrusted to Holland, by the request of that Government, has now been transferred to the League of Nations, which has appointed a Commission to carry out this duty. This Commission met in May 1921, and has adopted the principle of limiting the growing of poppy as the most effective means of restricting the trade in opium. It also recommended the appointment of experts to report on the amount of opium needed annually by the world for medicinal purposes. At the meeting in June 1921, the Council of the League decided to invite Governments, already parties to The Hague Convention, to adopt measures to make the articles of that Convention effective in preventing contraband trade in opium and other dangerous drugs. It is expected that further important action will be taken by the Assembly of the League at its meeting in September 1921.

The suppression of illicit trade in these drugs is one of immense difficulty, both because the smuggling of them is comparatively easy and because it is enormously profitable.

The trade is recognized as both illegal and immoral in Great Britain, United States, Japan and China, the countries most concerned in the trade and in which the foreign missionary agencies of the Protestant churches are most active. It seems, therefore, right and important that the foreign missionary agencies should lead in enlisting the whole-hearted and energetic support of the Christian Churches in securing and enforcing the anti-opium legislation that is needed.

The problem varies somewhat in the different countries. In Great Britain, it is a question of enforcing the legislation governing the manufacture and exportation of these drugs, and of limiting the growing of poppy in India, and of providing other sources of revenue for the government in India and in the crown colonies of Hong-Kong and the Straits Settlements. In the United States the task is that of restricting the manufacture and trade in these drugs and prohibiting their export. In Japan it is a question of preventing the growing of poppy, and the illicit trade in opium and its drugs should be effectively stopped. With reference to all countries, it is urgent that the Christian forces should support strongly the efforts of the League of Nations in securing the necessary legislation and the effective enforcement of it in all parts of the world, for the prohibition of all illicit opium trade.

It should be noted that the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain in June 1921 appointed a committee on the subject.

The following two resolutions were adopted:

(1) That the International Missionary Council address communications to the National Missionary Organizations in Great Britain, the United States, Japan, China and India, suggesting that they give special attention to this problem of the traffic in opium and its derivative drugs. While recognizing that the problem varies in the different countries so that each national missionary organization must be left free to employ such methods

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as are adapted to the situation in its own country, it is recommended that these organizations undertake to enlist the full support of the Christian churches in securing the enactment and enforcement of adequate legislation prohibiting the trade in these drugs and limiting the growing of poppy to the amount needed by the world for medicinal purposes.

(2) That the secretaries of the Council keep themselves informed concerning the actions of the League of Nations with reference to the Opium Trade, and that they transmit such information to the National Missionary Organizations.

The session was closed with the benediction pronounced by Canon Gould.

Eleventh Session, October 5, 8–10 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer led by Dr Mackenzie.

32. **Restrictions on Missionary Work.** The report of the Committee was presented by its chairman, Baron van Boetzelaer. The report was discussed by Mr Lenwood, Mr Oldham, Dr Patton, Dr Mackenzie, Mr Maclennan, Canon Gould, Dr Endicott, Dr Brown, Mr Wilkie, Mr Hill, Dr Ritson, Dr Fries, M. Couve, Mr Turner, Mr Hung, Professor du Plessis, Dr Wood, Dr Mott, Mr Burton, Missionsinspektor Oettli, Mr Penny, Bishop King, Sir Robert Williams, and Dr Aggrey.

The report was referred back to the Committee. (See Minute No. 50.)

Twelfth Session, October 6, 9.45 *a.m.*–12.45 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer by Bishop Uzaki.

33. **Constitution.** The report of the Committee on the Constitution and Finance was presented by its chairman, Dr North. It was discussed by Dr Zwemer, Mr Tarkkanen, Canon Gould, Mr Oldham, Sir Robert Williams, Dr Endicott, Dr Patton, Dr Brown, Mr Turner, Dr Wolf, Mr Burton, Dr Ritson, Dr Gandier, Dr de Schweinitz, Dr Watson, Mr Gibson, Mr Maclennan, Dr Lyon, Baron van Boetzelaer, Dr Franklin, M. de Meuron, and Bishop King. The recommendations were considered *seriatim*, and the following minute with reference to the organization and constitution of the International Missionary Council was adopted:

Whereas, at the International Missionary Conference held at Crans, Switzerland, June 22–28, 1920, a minute looking to

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the organization of an International Missionary Committee was adopted as follows:

'21. **International Missionary Committee.** On report of the Business Committee a Minute with reference to the formation of an international missionary committee was unanimously adopted as follows:

'1. This conference recommends to the national missionary organizations[1] the establishment of an International Missionary Committee on the following basis:

(1) The Committee shall be established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the missionary societies and boards and the churches in the mission field.

(2) The Committee shall be constituted by the national missionary organizations in the different countries which shall be entitled to send representatives as follows:

Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada)	20
Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	14
Australasia	2
South Africa	2
German Missions-ausschuss	6
France	4
Dutch Committee of Advice	2
Swedish General Missionary Conference	2
Switzerland	2
Norway	2
Danish Missionary Council	1
National Joint Missions Committee of Finland ..	1
Belgium	1

Japan Continuation Committee	3
China Continuation Committee	3
Indian National Missionary Council	3

In countries where there is no representative organization the Committee of Reference referred to later shall have power to determine the means by which representation shall be effected.

Where the number of representatives from national missionary organizations in Europe and North America exceed two, not more than two-thirds of the number of representatives shall be executive officers of missionary societies or boards.

Two out of the three representatives each from Japan, China and India shall be nationals of these countries.

The Committee of Reference referred to later shall have power to nominate co-opted members not exceeding eight from countries and mission fields not otherwise represented, including Africa and the Near East.

Members of the Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed, the length of term of office and the method of appointment to be determined in each country by the national missionary organization.

It is understood that the Committee will function internationally, and that the

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[1] The term 'national missionary organization' is used to describe the interdenominational conferences or committees in which in different countries the missionary societies are united for common consultation and co-operation. It should be noted, however, that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is international, including the mission boards both of the United States and Canada.

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national sections of the Committee will not take action as national groups though they may be called together by the officers for purposes of consultation if this should seem necessary.

(3) The functions of the Committee shall be the following :

(*a*) To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries and to make the results available for all missionary societies and missions.

(*b*) To help to co-ordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations in the different countries and of the societies they represent and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary questions.

(*c*) Through common consultation to help to unite Christian public opinion in support of freedom of conscience and religion and of missionary liberty.

(*d*) To help to unite the Christian forces of the world in seeking justice in international and inter-racial relations, especially where politically weaker people are involved.

(*e*) To be responsible for the publication of the *International Review of Missions* and such other publications as in the judgment of the Committee may contribute to the study of missionary questions.

(*f*) To call another world missionary conference if and when this should be desirable.

(4) The Committee shall ordinarily meet every second year, but a special meeting of the Committee may be called or the regular meeting postponed if the Committee of Reference, after consulting with the co-operating missionary organizations, are satisfied that this is desirable.

(5) The Committee shall have power to appoint officers to carry out the functions assigned to it.

(6) The Committee shall appoint a Committee of Reference to act for it in the intervals between its meetings with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership.

(7) The Committee shall prepare an annual budget, which shall be submitted to the national missionary organizations of the sending countries for approval and towards which they will be asked to contribute in a proportion to be agreed upon and corresponding generally to the total income received at home by the missionary societies co-operating in the national missionary organizations.

(8) The conclusions of the Committee shall be reported to the national missionary organizations for their approval, and no independent action shall be taken or pronouncement made by the Committee except in matters of urgency and only when the representatives of the co-operating national missionary organizations are confident that the action or pronouncement will commend itself to the organizations they represent.

(9) It is recognized that the successful working of the International Missionary Committee is entirely dependent on the gift from God of the spirit of fellowship, mutual understanding and desire to co-operate.

'II. This conference recommends to the national missionary organizations that they approve of the following being asked to act as a special committee to make preparations for the first meeting of the International Committee and to act until that committee has met :

Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D.
Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Pasteur D. Couve
Dr Karl Fries
Rev. Principal Gandier, D.D.
Zendingsdirektor J. W. Gunning, D.D.
Mr F. H. Hawkins
Rev. Bishop Hennig, D.D.
Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
Rev. J. H. Ritson, D.D.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D.
Robert E. Speer, D.D.
Rt. Rev. Bishop of Winchester,

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with the Chairman, Secretaries and Acting Treasurer named in the following paragraph.

'III. The conference recommends to the national missionary organizations that subject to final ratification by the International Missionary Committee they approve of the appointment of Dr John R. Mott as Chairman and Mr J. H. Oldham as Secretary of the international committee and of an approach being made to the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, D.D., to become Mr Oldham's colleague in the secretariat, and to Mr James M. Speers to serve as Acting Treasurer.

'IV. The conference recommends that the first meeting of the International Missionary Committee should be held in North America in the year 1921.

'V. It is understood that the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions will continue its present functions until the above plan has received the general approval of the national missionary organizations in the different countries, when it will transfer its responsibilities to the International Missionary Committee or the special committee named in paragraph II. above.

'VI. That the Foreign Missions Conference in North America and the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain be thanked for underwriting the budget for international missionary co-operation for the present year in the proportion of seven-tenths and three-tenths respectively. That the national missionary organizations on the Continent be approached with a view to their making a proportionate contribution if they so desire, and that the officers of the International Missionary Committee be asked to submit at its first meeting a statement regarding the distribution of the budget between the different countries represented on the committee.

'VII. That the national missionary organizations be asked to provide for the expenses of their representatives in attending the meeting of the International Missionary Committee, and that it be remitted to the officers in consultation with the Committee of Reference and Counsel in America and the Standing Committee in Great Britain to raise a special fund to assist in meeting the expenses of Oriental delegates and of representatives from countries which find it difficult to meet the entire expense involved.

'VIII. That arrangements connected with the taking over of the funds of the Emergency Committee and the opening of a bank account be left in the hands of the British members of the special committee with powers.'

Whereas, the foregoing minute was submitted to the national missionary organizations therein referred to, and they approved of the same, including the appointment of a special committee to make preparations for the meeting of the International Missionary Council, and, in accordance with the provision of Section II of this minute, the special committee called the first meeting of the International Missionary Council at Lake Mohonk, New York, October 1–6, 1921.

Whereas, the special committee on preparation for the first meeting of the International Missionary Council has submitted a report from which it appears that the following national missionary organizations have approved the establishment of the International Missionary Committee (now designated 'Council') as provided for in Section I of the Crans Minute, either by ex-

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pressed resolution or by appointing members to attend the first meeting of the International Missionary Council as provided for in said section, namely,

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America.
The Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.
The United Missionary Council of Australia.
The 'Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris.'
The 'Commissie van Advies' in the Netherlands.
The 'Allmänna Svenska Missionskonferensens Arbetskomite.'
The missionary societies in Switzerland.
The 'Norske Missionersfälleskomite.'
The 'Dansk Missionsraad.'
The National Missionary Committee in Finland.
The 'Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.'

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the following persons are officially and legally appointed and duly constituted as the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, as provided for in said Minute:

Rev. John W. Burton, Rev. D. Willard Lyon, D.D., Rev. Yu Yue Tsu, Ph.D., William Hung, Probst Matti Tarkkanen, M. le pasteur Daniel Couve, Rev. R. Forgan, D.D., Rt. Rev. George L. King, D.D., Rev. Frank Lenwood, Miss Florence Mackenzie, Kenneth Maclennan, Thomas S. Penny, Rev. John H. Ritson, D.D., Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bt., Rev. C. Mollan Williams, Dr S. K. Datta, Rev. Charles B. Hill, Dr Ma Saw Sa, Rev. Hiromichi Kozaki, Rev. Bishop Kogoro Uzaki, Rev. S. H. Wainright, D.D., Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam, Miss Belle H. Bennett, LL.D., Mrs William Boyd, Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D., Rev. S. H. Chester, D.D., Rev. S. J. Corey, LL.D., Rev. James Endicott, D.D., Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D., Rev. Alfred Gandier, D.D., Rev. Canon S. Gould, D.C.L., Rev. W. D. Mackenzie, D.D., Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., Rev. C. H. Patton, D.D., Mrs Henry W. Peabody, Hon. Newton W. Rowell, LL.D., Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., Fennell P. Turner, Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D., John W. Wood, D.C.L., Albert Lunde, Rev. John Stenc, Professor J. du Plessis, J. C. Gibson, Dr Karl Fries, Nath. Högman, M. le pasteur Abel de Meuron,

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Missionsinspektor W. Oettli, Rev. J. E. K. Aggrey, D.D., D. A. Hunter, Rev. S. G. Inman, D.D., T. Jesse Jones, Ph.D., Robert R. Moton, LL.D., Rev. C. R. Watson, D.D., Rev. A. W. Wilkie, Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D.D., Miss G. A. Gollock, John R. Mott, LL.D., J. H. Oldham and Rev. A. L. Warnshuis.

Resolved, further, that the following constitution based upon the plan of organization submitted to the national missionary organizations by the Conference held at Crans, and approved by these national missionary organizations, be adopted and be submitted for final approval to the national missionary organizations:

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

I. Preamble

The Council is established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the missionary societies and boards, or the churches which they represent, and the churches in the mission field.

It is recognized that the successful working of the International Missionary Council is entirely dependent on the gift from God of the spirit of fellowship, mutual understanding and desire to co-operate.

II. Membership

The Council is constituted by the national missionary organizations[1] in the different countries. Except as may be determined otherwise by subsequent action of the Council, representation shall be as follows:

Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada)	20
Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland	14
United Missionary Council of Australia	2

[1] The term 'national missionary organization' is used to describe the interdenominational conferences or committees in which in different sending countries the missionary societies are united for common consultation and co-operation. It should be noted, however, that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is international, including the mission boards both of the United States and Canada.

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New Zealand	1
South Africa	2
Deutsche Evangelische Missions-ausschuss ..	6
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris ..	4
Commissie van Advies (The Netherlands) ..	2
Allmänna Svenska Missionskonferensen ..	2
Missionary Societies of Switzerland	2
Norske Missionersfälleskomite	2
Dansk Missionsraad	2
National Joint Missions Committee of Finland	1
Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo	1
Japan Continuation Committee	3
China Continuation Committee	3
National Missionary Council of India, Burma and Ceylon	3

In countries where there is no representative organization the Committee of the Council, provided for later, shall determine the method of representation.

Two out of the three representatives each from Japan, China and India shall be nationals of these countries.

The Committee of the Council, provided for later, shall have power to nominate for each meeting co-opted members not exceeding ten in all from countries and mission fields not otherwise represented, including Africa, the Near East and Latin America, who shall for each meeting have the same rights and privileges as other members.

National missionary organizations may appoint substitutes to attend any meeting of the Council in place of regular members, and each such substitute shall have during the meeting all the privileges of a member of the Council.

Co-operation shall be sought with other national missionary organizations which may come into existence, or with missionary agencies of Christian communions not at present participating in the International Missionary Council, whenever conditions make such co-operation possible.

Members of the Council shall hold office until their successors are appointed, the length of term of office and the method of appointment to be determined in each country by the national missionary organization.

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III. Functions

The functions of the Council shall be the following:

(1) To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries, and to make the results available for all missionary societies and missions.

(2) To help to co-ordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations of the different countries and of the societies they represent, and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary matters.

(3) Through common consultation to help to unite Christian public opinion in support of freedom of conscience and religion and of missionary liberty.

(4) To help to unite the Christian forces of the world in seeking justice in international and inter-racial relations.

(5) To be responsible for the publication of the *International Review of Missions* and such other publications as in the judgment of the Council may contribute to the study of missionary questions.

(6) To call a world missionary conference if and when this should be deemed desirable.

IV. Officers

The Council shall have power to appoint officers to carry out functions assigned to it. These officers shall be elected at each regular meeting of the Council to serve until and through the next regular meeting. They shall be members, ex officio, of the Council. The countries from which they come shall be allowed their full representation in addition to such officials. The officers of the Council shall act in consultation with the Committee of the Council, hereafter referred to, in all emergencies arising during the intervals between meetings of the Council.

V. The Committee of the Council

The Council shall appoint at each regular meeting a Committee of twelve members, to be called 'the Committee of the Council,' to act for it in the intervals between its meetings, with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership. The officers of the Council shall be members, ex officio, of the Committee, and shall serve as the officers of the Committee of the Council.

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The Committee of the Council shall, as occasion may require, consult with the several national missionary organizations during the intervals between the meetings of the Council, in regard to the work entrusted to the Committee.

The Committee of the Council shall meet at the call of the officers of the Council, or upon request of a majority of the members of the Committee (sent to the chairman or secretaries in writing), or upon the request of three or more national missionary organizations. Five members of the Committee other than the officers shall constitute a quorum, provided, however, that these represent three different countries or national organizations and that at least one of them is a representative of a country outside the continent in which the meeting is held.

No action shall be taken or pronouncement made by the Committee of the Council except in matters of urgency and when the Committee is confident that the action or pronouncement will commend itself to the several national missionary organizations.

VI. Expenses

The Council or the Committee of the Council shall prepare annual budgets two years in advance, which shall be submitted to the national missionary organizations of the sending countries for approval and toward which they will be invited to contribute in a proportion to be recommended by resolution of the Council.

VII. Meetings and Procedure

The Council shall ordinarily meet every second year, but a special meeting of the Council may be called or the regular meeting postponed if the Committee of the Council, after consulting with the national missionary organizations, is satisfied that this is desirable.

It is understood that the Council will function internationally, and that the members of the Council in any one country will not take action as a national group though they may be called together by the officers of the International Missionary Council for purposes of consultation if this should seem necessary.

The minutes of the Council and of the Committee of the Council shall be transmitted to the national missionary organizations, thus affording them opportunity to express their opinion with reference to the same.

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VIII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any future meeting of the Council subject to the approval of the constituent national organizations.

After the singing of a hymn, the Council united in prayer led by Dr Ritson.

34. **Appointment of Officers.** It was voted that the International Missionary Council hereby elect Dr John R. Mott as Chairman, and Mr. J. H. Oldham and the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis as Secretaries, and Mr James M. Speers as Treasurer.

35. **Transfer of Responsibilities of Continuation Committee.** Mr Oldham reported that the following resolution had been adopted by the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, 1910:

> 'Whereas among the duties assigned to the Continuation Committee by the World Missionary Conference was "to confer with the societies and boards as to the best method of working towards the formation of a permanent international missionary committee," and
>
> 'Whereas a representative international missionary conference held at Crans from June 22–28, 1920, has unanimously approved of a plan for an international missionary committee to be submitted to the national missionary organizations in the different countries,
>
> 'The members of the Continuation Committee hereby agree to transfer their responsibilities, including the *International Review of Missions*, with the funds at their disposal, to the new international missionary committee if and when this is duly constituted.'

The Council resolved that in view of the transfer by vote of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference of the functions, work and properties of this Committee to the International Missionary Council, the Council hereby accepts and authorizes its officers to receive on its behalf such properties and work as have been or are to be handed over.

36. **Transfer of Responsibilities of Emergency Committee.** The Council resolved that when the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions shall transfer by vote to the International Mis-

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sionary Council its functions, work and properties, the officers of the Council are authorized to receive on behalf of the Council such properties and work as have been or are to be handed over.

37. **Committee Organization.** The following resolution was adopted :

Recognizing that the activities of the Council and consequently its methods of procedure and the forms of its organization can only be worked out in the light of experience, consideration of the question of Committee organization is postponed to the next meeting of the Council.

38. **Relations with National Missionary Organizations.** The following resolutions were adopted :

(1) Whereas with a view to simplifying interdenominational missionary organization and the avoidance of duplicate committees in the same field, it is provided in the constitution that the members of the International Missionary Council in any one country shall not meet separately as a national group,

And whereas the officers of the International Missionary Council have consequently no means of contact with the missionary boards collectively in any country except through the national missionary organization,

The International Missionary Council requests the national missionary organizations in the sending countries, which have not yet made such provision, to consider whether they can so relate the Chairman and Secretaries of the International Missionary Council to the national missionary organizations and to such of its sub-committees or special committees as may seem advisable, that they will be regularly invited to attend meetings, receive minutes and all papers issued to the committees, and have liberty to place subjects on the agenda with the consent of the Chairman and Secretary of the committees concerned.

(2) In order that the Secretaries of the International Missionary Council may be able to carry out effectively in relation to the different co-operating countries the tasks entrusted to them, the International Missionary Council requests the national missionary organizations to consider the possibility of assigning to the Secretaries of the International Missionary Council secretarial responsibilities to themselves or to certain of their sub-committees or special committees in respect to those specified matters in which the national missionary organization in agree-

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ment with the International Missionary Council may desire them to take initiative.

39. **Attitude to Ecclesiastical and Doctrinal Questions.** The following resolution was adopted:

Recognizing that the International Missionary Council has been brought into being as representing the national missionary organizations of the various countries, for the purpose of investigation and co-operation within the appropriate sphere of these organizations, and, therefore, is not to be considered as representing Churches or ecclesiastical organizations as such, the Council adopts the following declaration as governing its own deliberations and as conditioning its relation to conferences of a missionary character:

No decision shall be sought from the Council, and no statement shall be issued by it on any matter involving an ecclesiastical or doctrinal question, on which the members of the Council or the bodies constituting the Council may differ among themselves.

40. **Application for Membership.** A letter was submitted from Rev. Mota Sobrinho, Secretary of the Portuguese Evangelical Alliance, asking that in view of the large responsibilities of Portugal as a colonial Power the Alliance should be represented on the Council. It was referred to the officers to make further inquiry and to the Committee of the Council to consider the advisability of including a representative of the Portuguese Evangelical Alliance among the co-opted members.

41. **Finance.** The following resolutions covering the subject of finance were adopted:

(1) That the proportion in which national missionary organizations shall be invited to contribute to the budget of the International Missionary Council correspond generally to the aggregate income for foreign missions, as defined in Section (10), p. 44, received at home by the missionary societies co-operating in the national missionary organizations.

(2) That the audited Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31, 1921, be approved as follows:

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Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending March 31, 1921

Income

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. Funds on hand at March 31, 1920, applicable to Continuation Committee World Missionary Conference, 1910				53	2	2
II. Contribution received from North America for year ending March 31, 1920	1700	17	0			
Contributions received from Great Britain, North America and the Continent for year from April 1, 1920, to March 31, 1921	3191	10	7			
				4892	7	7
III. Balance of contribution due from North America for year to March 31, 1921				1534	2	2
				6479	11	11

Expenditure

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. Funds overdrawn in last year's accounts and now repaid to Co-operative Finance						
				84	14	9½
II. *Administration Expenses*—	£	s.	d.			
Salaries	2158	5	3			
General Office Expenses, including printing, stationery and postages	480	7	8½			
Rent and Taxes	602	11	9			
				3241	4	8½
III. *Travelling Expenses*—						
Secretary's Travelling Expenses	466	18	4			
Expenses of meetings at Crans	£ 182	s. 17	d. 1			
Less—						
Contributions received for travelling expenses	119	3	10	63	13	3
				530	11	7
IV. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York, for two years to March 31, 1920	400	0	0			
For year to March 31, 1921	300	0	0			
				700	0	0
V. Printing 'Missionary Situation after the War,' less sales				25	3	8
VI. *Funds as at March* 31, 1921—						
Cash on hand	251	2	5			
Add—						
Sundry debtors	112	12	7			
Balance of contributions due from North America	1534	2	2			
				1897	17	2
				6479	11	11

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CO-OPERATING MISSIONS (INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL)

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1921

Funds	£	s.	d.
Balance as per Income and Expenditure Account, being Funds at this date	1897	17	2
	1897	17	2

Assets	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Debtors—						
North American Contributions to March 31, 1921	1534	2	2			
Sundries	112	12	7			
				1646	14	9
Funds in Hands of Treasurer of British Conference				251	2	5
				1897	17	2

LONDON, *May* 20, 1921.—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & Co.,
Chartered Accountants

(3) That it be remitted to the officers to determine the most convenient method of keeping the Council's accounts, to open bank accounts, to arrange the method of their operation and to arrange for an annual audit.

(4) That the fiscal year of the International Missionary Council correspond with the calendar year.

(5) That the following budgets for the remainder of the year 1921 and for the years 1922 and 1923 be adopted :

	April 1, 1921– Dec. 31, 1921.	Jan. 1, 1922– Dec. 31, 1922.	Jan. 1, 1923– Dec. 31, 1923.
Salaries : Secretaries, editors and assistants	£1720	£2330	£2330
Stenographers	418	625	625
Share in Expense Business Office	90	120	120
Other Assistance	35	80	80
Rent of offices, furniture, telephone, cleaning, caretaking, etc. ..	600	800	800
Travel of Secretaries	1150	1150	1150
Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.	225	300	300
Chairman's Office	225	300	300
Contingencies	25	50	50
Committee Travel	150	150	150
	£4638	£5905	£5905

(6) That the national missionary organizations and the missionary societies shall not be responsible for any expenses not previously sanctioned by them.

(7) That, if necessary, the Committee of the Council be authorized to redistribute the sums specified in the budgets for the various items, provided the total amount of the budgets be not increased.

(8) While it is expected that the foregoing budget will be sufficient for the full program of the Council, and since in a period of two years unforeseen developments may occur requiring additional expenditure, it is understood that such emergencies may be met by special funds which the Committee of the Council may be able to secure from private sources. If the objects to be sought involve permanent or recurring expense, the approval of the national organizations shall be secured before such work is undertaken, even if special funds are available for its support.

(9) That the Committee of the Council be authorized to devise ways and means to raise additional funds for extraordinary expenditure in connexion with the next meeting of the Council.

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(10) It is recommended that the basis on which the national missionary organizations shall be invited to make contributions to the budget shall be the average (as shown in the last three published accounts) of the income received at home for foreign missions, expended during each year as covered by the budget or supplementary budgets, exclusive of sums spent on work among peoples professing the Christian religion, and exclusive of abnormal expenditure on property.

(11) That for convenience in apportioning the budget on a *pro rata* basis the income as defined above be converted into sterling, at the current rate of exchange.

(12) That the several national organizations be invited to contribute such a proportionate fraction of the average income as ascertained above as may be required to meet each year's budget; all contributions to be paid in sterling in London.

(13) That at the end of each year any adjustments required by movements of exchange during the year shall be made by the Treasurer.

(14) That the national missionary organizations be invited to pay in the course of each quarter one-fourth of their contribution to each annual budget, if not paid annually in advance.

(15) That it be referred to the officers to devise ways and means of raising the capital sum of £1000 required as working capital for carrying on the *International Review of Missions*.

(16) That separate accounts be kept for the *International Review of Missions*.

42. **Preparation of By-Laws.** It was agreed to refer to the Committee of the Council the preparation of by-laws and rules of procedure for meetings of the Council.

43. **Negotiations with Governments.** With reference to a procedure to be observed in approaches to governments, the following statement was adopted:

The Council submits to the national missionary organizations the following considerations bearing on the method of dealing with questions involving reference to governments:

(1) The best approach to any government in most instances is through its own nationals.

(2) In the great majority of instances the questions taken up with the government on behalf of missionary work have an inter-

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national bearing, and it is advantageous that other national groups should be informed of references of matters by a national organization to its own government.

(3) It is desirable, therefore, that where circumstances permit information of any contemplated reference to government by any national organization should be sent to the secretaries of the International Missionary Council, in order that the secretaries may transmit any information in their possession regarding the matter and on any relations that other national organizations may seem to have with the proposed action; and that the secretaries of the International Missionary Council should be informed of the results obtained.

(4) In some instances, particularly where joint action is required, it may be thought desirable by one or more national organizations to entrust to officers of the International Missionary Council, in view of their international relationships, initiative in regard to a particular matter under the direction of the national missionary organization or organizations concerned.

44. **Missionary Problems in the Far East.** The Committee on Missionary Problems in the Far East, by Dr Lyon, for the Chairman, presented its revised report.

45. **Friendly Ministry to Far Eastern Peoples.** The following resolution was adopted:

Recognizing the peculiar obligation resting upon Christians everywhere to lead the way in forming friendships and rendering service that shall transcend national and racial limitations; and believing that the present international situation accentuates the need of such a ministry, the Council recommends that the national organizations here represented attempt to find ways of rendering a more cordial and helpful service to visitors from the Far East and to facilitate visits to the Far Eastern countries of Christian educators, scientists and men and women eminent in other walks of life to promote the spirit of international brotherhood and co-operation and to render any aid in their power toward the progress of Christianity in those countries.

46. **Conferences in the Far East.** The Council adopted the following two resolutions:

(1) The Council looks with favour on its Chairman, and such of its other members as may be available, accepting the invitation

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of the Japan Continuation Committee to co-operate in holding a Christian Workers' Conference during the spring of 1922.

(2) The Council regards with sympathetic interest and great hope the plans now on foot for holding the China Christian Conference in May of 1922, and recommends through the national organizations here represented that the boards co-operate in any way in their power in responding to the requests of the Committee of Arrangements of this Conference.

47. **Conference on the Limitation of Armaments and the Problems of the Pacific.** The Council adopted the following resolution :

> The Council contemplates with deep thankfulness and solicitude the assembling of the international conference at Washington. The momentous issues to be considered will profoundly affect the peace and well-being of many peoples. Our earnest prayer to God is that such wisdom may be given to the delegates that their deliberations may result in the discovery and acceptance of formulæ that shall be the political equivalent of those principles of brotherhood taught by Jesus Christ, which principles we believe command the assent of a vast and increasing number among all nations.
>
> We cannot doubt that, should the Conference lead to conclusions significant for justice and peace in the world, the international Christian brotherhood represented in the Council would with new hope and confidence set itself to promote these objects among all men everywhere. For such high enterprise we, assembled from among the missionary forces of many peoples, for ourselves and, so far as we may, for those whom we represent, make solemn pledge of the highest service which in Christ's name we can render.

In the course of the morning a period of intercession was led by Bishop King.

Thirteenth Session, October 6, 4–6.15 *p.m.*

The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Pastor Couve.

48. **The Relations of Church and Mission.** The Committee on the Relations of Church and Mission, by its Chairman, Bishop Uzaki, presented its revised report. The Council unanimously adopted the following Minute :

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It has long been generally accepted that the establishment of an indigenous Church is a primary aim of foreign missions, and that this aim implies the development of responsibility and leadership in the Church in the mission field. It has been brought home to the Council in an extended discussion that notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made to carry out this aim, the Christian movement in a large part of the mission field, and in particular in India and China, labours under a serious disadvantage on account of the foreign character which it bears in the eyes of the people—a disadvantage which can be overcome only in the degree that the main leadership and direction of the Christian movement passes into native hands. A number of important issues were raised in the course of the discussion, and the Council decided to refer these questions for consideration to the mission boards and societies and through them, if so desired, to the missions and churches in the mission field, and to transmit this minute for information to the representative interdenominational missionary organizations in the mission field.

In referring these questions the Council recognizes:

(*a*) That there are differences in the policy and practice of the several Churches, and that allowance needs to be made for such differences in interpreting the meaning and language of the questions submitted.

(*b*) That mission work is at many different stages of development, and that conditions vary widely in different mission fields, and sometimes even within the same field.

(*c*) That the question of transferring responsibility to the indigenous Church is engaging the earnest attention of missionaries, and that considerable advance in this direction has been made in recent years.

(*d*) That some of the suggested steps presuppose the existence of a strong indigenous Church and capable native leadership, and that in many parts of the mission field, for example in portions of the African Continent, such leadership is not yet available.

(*e*) That in areas where missionaries outnumber pastors and educated laymen the procedure suggested in Section (1), p. 48, if put into effect, might produce precisely the opposite result to that desired, and thus thwart or hinder the realization of the end in view.

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(*f*) That in Japan and in parts of Latin America the autonomy of many of the Christian bodies has been brought about by establishing their ecclesiastical independence of foreign mission agencies, which work as auxiliaries of the indigenous Churches.

(*g*) That no uniform solution, applicable to conditions in all fields, is possible.

The following are the questions which have emerged in the discussions of the International Missionary Council :

(1) Whether, with a view to minimizing the disadvantage referred to above, and promoting native leadership, it is desirable in certain fields that foreign missionaries should be related to and serve under the direction of the constituted ecclesiastical authorities of the country to which they are sent, and that they should have the same ecclesiastical status as that of corresponding indigenous workers.

(2) Whether it would be more in harmony with the spirit of brotherly co-operation and of aiding in rightly serving the Church of the country that all questions affecting the program of Christianity should be discussed by natives and foreigners meeting together as representatives of the Church, rather than that such matters should be determined by a mission council or other body composed exclusively or preponderantly of foreigners; and hence, where it is not possible on the grounds stated above, or for other reasons, to transfer the direction of all Christian activities to the indigenous Church, how best an opportunity may be given to the native Church of expressing its mind in regard to missionary policies falling at present within the purview of the mission body.

(3) How far the principle that Christianity can succeed only as an indigenous movement carries with it the corollary that the Churches of the country should be consulted with regard to the number and qualifications of the missionaries required by them.

(4) Whether all funds from abroad other than the salaries and allowances of missionaries and funds for property requiring to be dealt with in special ways should be administered by joint boards representing both the Churches of the country and the contributing constituencies abroad.

(5) How far the transfer of the control of funds should be

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made dependent on the degree of present and progressive self-support of the Church in the mission field.

(6) In what ways new missionaries in fields where there are educated native leaders can best be given the advantage of the experience and counsel of such leaders, and in particular

(*a*) How such native leadership can best be related to the determination of policy and direction of work in language and training schools for missionaries in the mission field.

(*b*) How missionaries can most effectively be associated for guidance with native leaders during the first year or more of their active service.

(7) How mission boards may co-operate further with the Churches of the country in finding and training indigenous leaders, and especially in providing those who have proved their capacity for leadership in the work of the Church with opportunities to equip themselves in the best possible way for greater responsibilities.

(8) What further steps can be taken to associate natives of the country in the management of educational, medical and other institutions.

(9) In view of the fact that men and women do not as yet have equal ecclesiastical status in all communions and that there is not yet available a very large number of educated women leaders in the different countries, how the principles involved in the foregoing inquiries can best be applied to women's work.

49. **The Near East and Work for Moslems.** The Committee on the Near East and Work for Moslems, by its Chairman, Dr Watson, presented its revised report. It was resolved :

(1) That, in view of the desire of many missionary leaders, missions and boards for a fresh study of the situation as regards work for Moslems, the International Missionary Council request Dr Mott to take under renewed consideration the plans formulated by the Edinburgh Continuation Committee but the realization of which was prevented by the war, looking toward holding a series of missionary conferences in the Near East, North Africa and the Middle East, for the purpose of studying the co-ordination of the missionary activities of agencies working in these areas, and that the International Missionary Council urge Dr Mott to carry out

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these plans if the way is found open after consultation with the agencies related to these areas.

(2) That, in view of the suggestion of Dr S. M. Zwemer, the Chairman of the Committee appointed at Lucknow to arrange for a Third General Conference of Workers among Moslems, that the plans for this conference might be merged into those for the holding of the series of conferences previously referred to, the International Missionary Council express itself in favour of merging the proposed Third General Conference of Workers among Moslems with the proposed conferences to be held by Dr Mott in the Near East, if these be held, and suggest to this end that the best features of the former be incorporated, so far as practicable, in the programmes of the latter, and that representation of the Committee charged with arrangements for the Third General Conference be provided for in the organization of committees having charge of the proposed regional and general conferences for the Near East.

(3) That the national missionary organizations concerned be invited to appoint the following to co-operate with Dr Mott in arranging for conferences in the Near and Middle East :

Dr North, Dr Patton, Dr Speer (Foreign Missions Conference of North America) ; Dr Ritson, Sir Robert Williams (Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland) ; M. Couve (France). That the Lucknow Continuation Committee be represented by their Convener, Dr S. M. Zwemer : that the officers of the International Missionary Council be members of the Committee, ex officio, and that Dr Mott be appointed Convener : and that the Committee be empowered, in conference with the national missionary bodies concerned, to co-opt others as additional members of the Committee, as needed.

(4) That the special Committee on Conferences in the Near and Middle East be requested to examine into restrictions, whether actual or impending, upon missionary liberty by governments in Moslem areas, and that it be invited to place the information thus gathered at the disposal of the officers of the International Missionary Council.

50. **Restrictions on Missionary Work.** The Committee on

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Restrictions on Missionary Work, by its Chairman, Baron van Boetzelaer, presented its revised report.

51. **Restrictions upon German Missions.** The Council adopted the following Minute:

(1) Believing that the exclusion of German missionaries from many fields inflicts deep injury upon the spiritual life of Germany by preventing the expression of vital spiritual forces, weakens the bonds of international spiritual fellowship, deprives non-Christian peoples of help otherwise available and retards the development of abiding friendship between the nations, and further that the continuance of the restrictions referred to endangers the principle of religious liberty which is a vital interest of the Christian Church, the International Missionary Council places its conviction on record that the wounds caused by the war cannot be fully healed until the way is opened for German missionaries to resume foreign missionary work.

(2) The Council resolves:

That this Council, while thankful for the success of friends of missions in securing the return of German missionaries to certain areas, is conscious that as regards far larger areas there is need for the strongest and most persistent effort to obtain the withdrawal or modification of the ordinances by which German missionaries are excluded, and therefore refers to the national missionary organizations and societies of the countries whose governments are excluding missionaries on the grounds of nationality, to discover what further steps may be taken to secure the return of individual German missionaries and of German missionary organizations to their old fields at the earliest possible date, having regard in all cases to the political necessities of each particular field.

(3) That inasmuch as since 1914 there have been radical alterations in the political systems of many countries and in the degree of freedom now recognized to be the right of the indigenous Churches, the Council believes that the object defined in the previous section can only be accomplished if the returning missionaries are ready to work in harmony with the local governments and with the new spirit which increasingly characterizes the relations of missionaries from abroad with the Christian Church of each country.

(4) That where German mission fields, in order to meet the

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emergencies created by the war, have been occupied by non-German missions, this occupation should be regarded as provisional and that the ultimate solution should be reached by friendly conference between the original society, the occupying society and the representatives of the local Church.

(5) That in view of public attacks on German missions this Council puts it on record that to the best of its information the exclusion of German missionaries from allied territory was due to general political considerations. Further, that this Council, though not occupying the position of a court of inquiry, has at its service a great mass of information as to the countries where German missionaries were at work, and reviewing that information is convinced that speaking generally German Protestant missionaries working under the flags of other nations were not guilty of acts of disloyalty or of attempts to excite disloyalty among the people of the country, and that, if anywhere there were exceptions, these were not in accordance with the policy of German missionary societies.

(6) That this Council, conscious again and again of the loss caused by the absence of German missionary representatives, and remembering how long and unselfishly the Christians of Germany have laboured for the evangelization of the world, and how thoroughly they have promoted the education and training of their Christian communities in the field, expresses its prayerful sympathy with them as they suffer under the curtailment of their missionary activities, together with its hope that at the next meeting the Council will have the advantage of that missionary experience and power of Christian personality upon which international missionary councils have depended so much in the past.

52. **Conditions in Portuguese Africa.** The Council adopted the following minute with reference to conditions in Portuguese Africa :

(1) That in the opinion of the Council it would be of great advantage in establishing satisfactory relations with governments, if the missions working in Angola and Mozambique respectively should form united representative committees as has been done in other fields, and that this opinion should be communicated to the Boards having work in Portuguese Africa.

(2) That the attention of all missionary societies working in Portuguese Africa be called to the essential importance of arranging that all missionaries spend at least nine months or a year in

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Portugal to learn the language, to secure government certificates for teaching, and to become acquainted with the Portuguese people, their ideas, customs and colonial policies.

(3) That a letter should be written by the secretaries in the name of the Council to the Governor of Angola expressing the willingness of the missionary forces to co-operate with the government in matters affecting the welfare of the natives.

(4) That the secretaries be authorized to communicate in a similar sense with the authorities in Mozambique and Lisbon, if and when this should seem desirable, and to be in consultation with the national missionary organizations and boards concerned to take such other action as may seem wise to safeguard missionary freedom and to further the welfare of the natives.

53. **Conditions in French Colonies.** The Council adopted the following minute with reference to restrictions on missionary work at present in force in several French Colonies, protectorates and mandated territories.

(1) That the missionary organizations already at work in these territories should do their utmost to maintain and enlarge their operations and should join with the Paris Missionary Society in endeavouring to secure the removal of these restrictions.

(2) That inasmuch as under present conditions applications from new societies to enter the territory may hamper the efforts of the Paris Missionary Society to secure the removal of the restrictions, societies which are not at present working in territory under French control and may desire to enter this field should be informed of these difficulties.

(3) That even when the situation becomes more favourable, the attention of all societies purposing to enter territory under French control should be called to the importance of approaching the Paris Missionary Society through their own national missionary organization with a view to securing unity of action in the evangelization of the unoccupied area.

(4) That Dr Mott, the Chairman of the Council, be asked in consultation and with the Committee of Reference and Counsel to make such approach as may seem desirable to the French authorities with a view to the removal of the prohibition of the use of the native language in the mission schools of Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons and of the restrictions hampering missionary work.

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54. **Religious Freedom and Toleration.** It was agreed to refer to the Committee of the Council the consideration of finding a place at the next meeting of the International Missionary Council for a discussion of the general principle of religious freedom and toleration in its bearing on missionary work.

55. **Committee of the Council.** On the nomination of the Committee on the Constitution, the following were elected as the Committee of the Council to serve until the next regular meeting of the Council: Pastor Couve, Baron van Boetzelaer, Bishop King, Sir Robert Williams, Dr Ritson, Dr Forgan, Mr Rowell, Mrs Peabody, Dr Brown, Dr Franklin, Dr North, Dr Watson.

It was also agreed that Mr Maclennan, Secretary of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, and Mr Turner, Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, should receive the papers of the Committee of the Council and be invited to be present, without vote, at the meetings of the Committee.

56. **Responsibilities of the Officers.** The Committee on the Constitution presented a statement regarding the responsibilities of the officers of the Council. It was discussed by Dr Aggrey, Mr Oldham, Sir Robert Williams, Dr Mott, Dr North, Dr Ritson. The statement was approved by the Council, as follows:

The Council entrusts to their officers the following responsibilities as provided for in greater detail in other resolutions of the Council, or if not so dealt with named in this minute. It is expected in view of the wide range of service indicated in this statement that the officers will exercise entire freedom in determining the priority of tasks and the method of dealing with them.

(1) The Council approves of the visit of the Chairman of the Council to China and Japan for the purpose of conferring with the China Continuation Committee and the Japan Continuation Committee, and of co-operating in their Christian Conferences, and requests him to convey to these Committees and Conferences the greetings and sympathy of this Council.

(2) The Council approves of the Chairman devoting part of his time to conducting conferences in the Near East and requests him to convey to the Conferences when they meet the interest and sympathy of the Council.

(3) The Council approves of the visit of its Secretary, Mr Oldham, to India for the purpose of conferring with the National Missionary Council and the Provincial Representative Councils

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of Missions, and requests him to convey to these bodies the greetings and sympathy of the Council.

(4) The representatives of South Africa present at the meeting, having urged that a visit be paid to South Africa by one of the officers of the Council in the near future, the Council in the event of an invitation being received from South Africa by the officers, approves of their giving such invitation sympathetic consideration and responding to it if, in their view, their other duties make it possible.

(5) The Council asks Mr Warnshuis to give to the National Committees on Christian Literature help as they may desire in co-ordinating plans for the production and distribution of Christian literature in the mission field.

(6) In view of the vital questions opened up by the discussions on Education at this meeting, the Council requests its Secretary, Mr Oldham, to pursue further the investigations urged upon him by the Conference at Crans, of the present position of Christian Education in the mission field, especially in relation to the rapid extension of state systems of education; and that the officers of the Council be asked to consider the practicability of a wider distribution of the papers prepared by Professor Monroe, Sir Michael E. Sadler and Mr Oldham for the purpose of stimulating thought upon this subject and of keeping the subject before missionary boards and societies.

(7) The Council asks its officers to give special attention to questions affecting missionary freedom, to call the attention, when necessary, of national missionary organizations to matters which seem to require action, and to serve the national missionary organizations as they may be desired in seeking to bring about the removal of restrictions and securing the recognition of missionary liberties.

(8) The Council in accordance with resolutions already passed asks the officers to take the action indicated in regard to labour conditions in Portuguese Africa, and the Opium Traffic, and authorizes them when desired to render assistance as their time and strength may permit to the national missionary organizations in dealing with moral questions of a similar character affecting the progress of Christianity in the mission field.

(9) The International Missionary Meeting at Crans, having included among the tasks to be assigned to the Council the study

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of the attitude and policy of the Missionary Movement in relation to the growth of industrialism in Asia and other mission fields, and the social problems of human welfare arising therefrom, the Council asks its officers to get into touch with groups and individuals in different countries who are interested in the subject, to ascertain as far as their time and strength permit the extent and character of efforts that are being made to deal with these matters and to make a report to the Council at its next meeting.

(10) The Council asks its officers to undertake a study of the questions involved in racial relationships as these bear on missionary work, to get into touch with groups and individuals in different countries engaged in the study of the subject, and to make a report to the Council at its next meeting.

(11) In particular the Council asks its officers to submit a report at its next meeting on the relation of the Negro community in America and West Indies to missionary work in the African Continent, seeking conference and collaboration to this end with the Committee already appointed to consider this subject by the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

(12) The Council requests its officers to avail themselves of opportunities of presenting statements of the work and interests of the Council to the national missionary organizations and to the missionary societies and boards.

57. **Time and Place of Next Meeting.** After some discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held some time between July and October 1923, and that the meeting be held in Europe, the place to be decided by the Committee of the Council.

58. **Length of Meeting.** It was agreed to refer to the Committee of the Council to consider whether, in view of the great expenditure of time and money involved in attending the meetings of the Council, of the broad range of interests, of the experience of this year, it would be advisable to allow not less than ten days for the meeting of the Council.

59. **The Missionary and Public Questions.** A paper on the Missionary and Public Questions had been prepared for this meeting by Dr Watson, and was presented in printed form, having been mailed in advance to all the delegates. (See *International Review of Missions*, October 1921, p. 467.) The subject was presented by Dr Watson in a brief address.

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The session was closed with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Mr Oldham.

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The session was opened with the singing of a hymn and with prayer led by Sir Robert Williams.

60. **Minutes.** The Business Committee, by its chairman, Dr Ritson, reported that the minutes up to the eleventh session had been verified and approved, subject to editorial changes. It was agreed that Dr Ritson, Mr Oldham and Mr Warnshuis be authorized to verify and approve the minutes not submitted to the Business Committee, with power to make the necessary editorial changes.

61. **Publicity.** On report of the Business Committee it was agreed that plans for publicity with reference to this meeting of the Council should include :

(*a*) Articles prepared by Mr Fahs.

(*b*) Minutes to be furnished to all members of the Council and to all missionary societies and boards.

(*c*) A report of the meeting to be published in the *International Review of Missions*.

62. **Resolutions of Thanks.** The Council adopted the following resolutions of thanks :

(1) That the thanks of the International Missionary Council be given to Mr and Mrs E. E. Olcott, whose delightful hospitality on the Hudson River Day Line steamer has done so much to promote the fellowship and solidarity of the Council.

(2) That the thanks of the Council be expressed to the group of secretaries, Messrs. Fisher, de Benoit, Bible, Barber, Fahs and Stockwell, and other workers, who have by day and by night served the Council so faithfully and so effectively facilitated its work.

(3) That the thanks of the International Missionary Council be expressed to the unnamed donors of America whose generous gifts have helped so greatly in meeting the expenses of its gathering and in ensuring such a representative attendance.

(4) That the International Missionary Council records its gratitude to Mr and Mrs Daniel Smiley for their gracious welcome to Lake Mohonk Mountain House, and for their generous arrangements which have made possible its meeting in this truly home-

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like hotel, so intimately associated with the great ideals and spirit central to the International Missionary Council.

63. **Adjournment.** The Council united in a period of intercession led by Dr Watson. The Chairman then declared the first meeting of the International Missionary Council adjourned.

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