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Jan'y 26, 1928.

Dear Mr Stosch,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th December. It was disappointing of course, but not surprizing. You are doing the best you can and we all must be patient.

We have just finished a long series of meetings--the Church Council, Advisory Board, Trustees, B&O CC, etc. etc. A few of the results of one meeting or another are:-

Mr Panna is my successor as Secy of the Trustees.

Mr Soy is nominated (to the local Govt) as my successor as Hd Supervisor.

Mr. Prehn is Church Council Treasurer and takes over finances. The Advisory Board has been dissolved with effect from Feby 20. The Church work is reorganized into 5 Departments--the Church, the Education, the Property, the Finance and the Women's Work Departments.

Each Department has a Head as follows--in the above order: Rev. J. Topono, Rev. J. Lakra, Rev. A. John, Rev. M. Prehn, Miss Heintze.

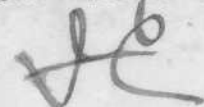
We closed the year with unpaid salaries, etc., to the extent of Rs. 5500/- in round figures. These back salaries will be paid out of 1928 receipts. The N. L. Council sent us an additional gift of Rs. 2711/- by telegraph and yesterday Rs. 5434/- came from the Council by telegraph. The first money was for 1927 and the latter was for 1928. In spite of the first additional gift our unpaid bills amounted to about Rs. 5500/-. The situation looks very gloomy now, but God will provide somehow, if our faith is strong enough. We are negotiating with the District Inspector of Schools with a view towards making all the Primary Schools over to the District Board, in case funds in 1928 are not sufficient.

Mr. Prehn was well received in the Christian Council and has been put on the Executive Committee. Mr. John and Miss Heintze are also members of the Council (co-opted) or on committees: so also is Mr. Joel Lakra who has been made Principal of the High School.

Enclosed please find a copy of the annual report of the A. B. to the B&O CC; also a programme, also a copy of a Govt of India letter which is very important. It is the beginning of the end.

Our plans for the journey home are just the same. We send our kindest regards and Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,



Berlin-Wannsee

Dec. 20th, 1927

Dear Mr. Cannaday

When I received your letter informing me that you need about 10,000 Rs before the end of this year, I asked our treasurer if the money was ready. He said he had spent all his money for the equipment and passage of the missionaries sent out. But as we had published a general appeal in the ~~clearest~~ official church papers and in our mission papers in particular, there was some hope that the money would come in. Though the appeal was not a failure we made anew the experience how difficult it is to collect money in Germany now.

I was hoping from week to week
and cannot say what it means to me
that I have to write to you now
that we cannot send the money
this year. I am in correspondence
about the matter with Dr. Morehead.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J. Stodd.

Berlin-Wannsee

December 20th, 1927

Dear Mrs. Cannaday

Many thanks for your letter informing me that you will come to Berlin a few days earlier. We shall be delighted to put you up and show you around in Berlin and Potsdam. I hope I hear from you again, but it may be advisable to tell you now, that the best way to come to Wannsee from Berlin is from "Wannsee Bahnhof".

With kindest regards from my wife and myself

Yours sincerely
O Stosch.

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Dec. 7, 1927.

Rev. Lic. J. Stosch,
Berlin Wanssee,
Germany.

Dear Mr Stosch,

Enclosed please find three enclosures--(1) Copy of statement on finances by the A. B. Secy. (2) Copy of letter to the Ilaka Chairmen re November payments. (3) Copy of extract from the minutes of a recent meeting of the Church Council's Executive. The Executive has requested me to forward these to you and to make whatever comments I think are necessary. I forward the statements with great pleasure.

I think that it is not necessary for me to make any extended comments. We all know that, however great our hardships are here, you are doing the best you can in Germany to support the work. The Autonomous Church must more and more learn to bear with patience the yoke of self-support along with self-government. However, my deep sympathy goes out at this time to the poor workers who have been deprived (temporarily, we hope) of their November salaries and who, if the situation does not change, will not receive anything for December also. We found it necessary to pay full salaries here in Ranchi, as the workers have nothing else to depend on, and we also paid the M. E. Schools in full and the Elementary Training School, in order not to get into trouble with Government about the grants. Whether we can do this for December also remains to be seen. It looks very doubtful just now. However, we walk by faith, not by sight.

The chief point, I take it, in the Executive's resolution is that the Berlin Board be requested to let the Council know without delay how much it can contribute in 1928. Without this information, I am afraid the Council cannot frame any satisfactory policy and much distress and loss may ensue.

It may interest you to know that Mr. S. K. Roy has resigned with effect from January 1, 1928, to become acting Principal of St. Paul's (SPG) High School. The big question now is, who shall be Principal of Gossner's High School.

Also it will be pleasing to you to learn that yesterday I received a wire from Mr Prehn at Madras saying that they would arrive in Ranchi on the 9th--day after tomorrow.

This brings our kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL'S
EXECUTIVE, HELD ON DEC. 2nd, 1927, CONCERNING THE FINAN-
CIAL CONDITION OF THE WORK.

The A. B. Secretary reported that the income from the two Boards (N. L. C. & Berlin Board) was to date Rs. 37,375 less than what it was in the previous year (1926). It was the hope of the N. L. Council that the deficit would be made up by the Berlin Board. Also reported that the N. L. C. will contribute in 1928 only one-third of its original allowance, that is to say, it will give us only about Rs. 33,000.

In view of this gloomy and serious financial forecast of 1928 the A. B. Secretary pertinently queried what the Council was going to do regarding this situation, seeing that, in view of the early dissolution of the Advisory Board, the whole burden of running the work would devolve on the Council. Should the Council close all the Primary Schools? Should the grant to the Ilakas be stopped? The Council in Church deed does not like to see the great work of the Gossner, so generously supported during these years of distress, by the N. L. Council, fall like a house of cards. The Executive agreed that the Gossner Board is the only organization to which the Gossner Church could look with any claim for help. Therefore it desires that the contributing public of Germany be informed, if felt necessary, that the prosperous work of the Gossner Mission may have to be closed down or at least seriously crippled by curtailment, unless sufficient funds be forthcoming from the Gossner Board.

It was then resolved by the Executive that--

- (a) The Gossner Board be urged to make an especial attempt to meet the financial demand of the Gossner Church to keep its work intact, and to furnish the Council at an early date a definite statement of figures which will enable the Council to make up its budget for 1928.
- (b) A copy of the "Financial Facts" prepared by the A. B. Secretary and a copy of his circular letter to Ilaka Chairmen be sent to the Gossner Board for its information and guidance.

FINANCIAL FACTS--PRESENTED ADV BOARD SECRETARY.

1. Rs. 37,375/ less received todate from the National Lutheran Council and the Berlin Board than received in 1926.
2. Rs. 3375/ still unpaid on November, 1927, salaries (nothing at all paid to the mandli workers and primary school teachers outside Ranchi).
3. Amount in hand now even less than what was available for the November payments.
4. The Church Council generously allowed its unspent balance of Rs. 769/- to be used for the November payments, but there will be no such boon as this for December.
5. All that can be expected from the National Lutheran Council in 1928 is \$12,333, or about Rs. 33,000 (as the rate of exchange is very low now).
6. The average annual-expenditure for running the work has been (not including the missionaries' support) about Rs. 80,000/. This means about Rs. 47,000 over and above the Natl Luth. Council's contribution in 1928.
7. If the Church Council is not to have an adequate budget in 1928, then it would appear that it is absolutely necessary to close down some of the work, and the easiest thing, in a sense, to close down is the Primary Schools. But if the Schools are to be closed, then at least three months' notice should be given. The Church Council should carefully consider this matter before January 1, 1928.

I. Cannaday,
Secy, Adv. Board.

No. 1872-87

Ranch i.

Dec. 1, 1927.

Rev.
Chairman

Ilaka.

Dear Pastor,

With great regret I write to say that our funds are so short that we cannot pay anything now on the Ilaka grants for Primary school teachers and mandli workers for November. This course was decided on after consultation with the CC Executive. It is very painful to us not to be able to send any money for the teachers, pracharaks and others in the out-stations, as we know that they will suffer hardships, but we cannot send what we do not have. Also, please understand that we still have hope that something additional for 1927 will be sent to us from Germany or America. If any extra money comes, we shall at once pay the Nov. Ilaka grants as far as possible.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. J. J. J.

Secretary, Adv. Board.

24th Oct. 1927.

Rev. J. Stosch,
Berlin-Wansee,
Germany.

My dear Mr Stosch,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 12th September, enclosing copy of your letter to the Church Council. The Council and we all are rejoiced to learn that you will be sending out Mr and Mrs Prehn and daughter and Miss Heintze early in December. The Council accepted all your suggestions as to the disposition of the new missionaries except that the exact work of Mr Prehn is held in abeyance until he arrives. (The Council is to meet again in January--1st part, I take it) We shall see to their housing.

We intend to hold the next meeting of the Advisory Board (minutes of the recent meeting will reach you shortly) at the middle of January and then jointly with the Council recommend to the B&O CC that the Board be dissolved and its powers and functions made over to the Church Council. The Christian Council will meet in Ranchi early in February, I understand. At the same time some new arrangement must be made for the work of the Trustees. I am to consult the Dy Commr shortly on the subject.

Very many thanks from us both for your kind invitation to be your guests when we shall be in Berlin next spring. Our plan now is to leave Ranchi about March 1st and go to Alexandria via Bombay, Basra, Bagdad, Beirut and Jerusalem and sail from Alexandria April 3rd for Italy, then go on to Berlin stopping at a few places on the way up. Our dates for Berlin are: April 23-27.

And now about finances. The Council and the Board gave deep consideration to this ~~matter~~, but humanly speaking could find no way out. Finally a resolution was passed instructing me to lay the situation before the Berlin Board and requesting it to give us such aid as will enable us to close the accounts of the year without a debit balance, having paid all obligations. As far as we can make it out now we shall need about Rs. 10,000/ to see us through the year in addition to the small amount still due from the N. L. Council. As you will see in the minutes, this appeal is addressed entirely to the Berlin Board which means that we now definitely recognize you as our responsible body in the Home land. The N. L. Council was never anything but a temporary body and will soon withdraw its entire support. Your Board is to be and is now the Home Board of the Gossner Church. I shall be exceedingly grateful if you will kindly give this matter immediate and most prayerful attention and let me know, if possible, by cable what if anything and to what extent your Board can and will help us before the end of this year. The only alternative that we see now is to close the year with many obligations unmet. We are

often in prayer about this matter and I am sure you and your co-members of the Board are too. We know that even in the midst of the many difficulties now surrounding you, you will not leave a stone unturned to meet our needs.

Mr John and the Dillers (with whom we have had a delightful visit) are all well and doing well. I have no doubt that they keep you fully informed of all that is going on.

Recently Mr Paton wrote me of his visit to Berlin and his talk with you. I shall be happy when he comes to India next January, for I believe that he will push the matter of the property. It is badly lagging now, and I see no hope of getting the Trustees wound up any ways soon. If Paton had been in India, it might have been different. However, Government is very ponderous and it takes a lot of pushing to get any thing through it.

In Ranchi all goes on smoothly, but all are waiting anxiously for the coming of the new missionaries and the subsequent events.

This brings to you our best regards as usual.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature, possibly 'JH', in dark ink, located below the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

Berlin-Wannsee

12th September,
1927

My dear Mr. Cannaday

I am enclosing a copy
of my letter to the Church Council.
It informs you of what we in-
tend to do. Miss Heintze will be
a good help to Mrs Cannaday.
I am so sorry we could not
send her earlier to take Mrs.
Cannaday of the burden.

I thank you for your infor-
mation about the Govindpur meeting.
From Mrs Cannaday I had some
nice papers, they will be trans-
lated and printed in our Magazine.
The Literature Committee, Phila-

Delphia at Mrs Cannaday's
request sent just now some of
her writings and promised to
send more. May I thank Mrs
Cannaday in this letter to you
for all her kindness? I gather
you will go by Palestine and Germany
to America. I hope you will stop
here, we shall be very glad to put
you up.

About finances I had a corres-
pondence with Dr. Morehead. You
have probably heard of it from
Dr. Morehead. There is very little
hope that we can send money
to Chota Nagpur before the end
of this year.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch.

Berlin-Wannsee, 12th September 1927.

To The Church Council G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi (Behar)

Dear Brethren,

I write to-day to inform you, that the Curatorium of Gossner's Mission hope to send in November the Rev. M. Prehn, Mrs. Prehn, Barbara Prehn (13 years old) and Miss F. Heintze. They will probably reach Ranchi in the beginning of December. We suggest that Mr. Prehn should be stationed in Ranchi as a general Missionary. We hope the theological Seminary will be reopened ~~again~~ and think Mr. Prehn and Mr. Yuel Lakra should be on the teaching staff. Miss F. Heintze is coming to Ranchi to take over Mrs. Canaday's work when Mr. and Mrs. Canaday leave Ranchi for their furlough. We request the Church Council to see to their accommodation.

In January I was asked by the Curatorium to succeed D. Kausch. Knowing that I am not fully qualified for this post and that my health is not strong enough I hesitated to accept this honour, hoping that some better and younger man could be found. After D. Kausch's death the Curatorium renewed their request and I felt that I had to obey. For certain reasons I shall have my residence in Berlin-Wannsee where I am and shall be in charge of a parish receiving my pay from the Church and not from the Mission. Arrangements have been made that I can give a considerable part of my time to Gossner's Mission. In October we intend to appoint a second Inspector to our Mission, the Rev. Lokies, son of our late Missionary Ch. Lokies.

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The Home Committee of Gossner's Mission have to make great efforts to hold their own. During the war and the time after the war many of our friends ceased to make their contributions to foreign Mission work. Genergally speaking the annual contributions for Mission work are now one third only of the amount given before the war.

Our success in regaining our old friends and winning new friends depends greatly on our reports given in our Magazine. It is therefore essential that the Church Council through their secretary regularly report on Mission Work in Chota Nagpur. We cannot ask our friends to pay for what they do not know.

May our Common Lord guide us and bless us!

Jisu Sahay!

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

May 30, 1927.

F.
Revd Herrn Zernick,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Brother Zernick,

Enclosed please find two copies of a resolution passed by the General Conference of the Gossner Church and by the Church Council concerning the death of Dr. Kausch. It has taken nearly a month for me to get this resolution so as to forward. I shall thank you very much if you will kindly give one copy to Mrs Kausch. Also, may I direct your attention to a resolution of the Advisory Board on the death of Dr Kausch. It is found on page 13, item 17, (4), of the minutes dated April 19, 20, 1927, of which several copies have already been sent to you. Kindly call Mrs Kausch's attention to this resolution also, and oblige.

As you know, the National Lutheran Council reduced its appropriation to our work here for this year. The Council did this, it would appear, in the hope and belief that the Gossner Berlin Board would make up to us the loss. In March I sent you a cable concerning this matter and you replied that you would send details later by letter, but so far I have had no letter. Perhaps you will send the letter later on. However, I must acknowledge with many thanks receipt of Rs. 3236-6 per Rev. A. John. Mr John said at the time that you intended to send a similar amount later on. I trust that you will be able to do so, as we have now begun to experience a shortage of funds. That is to say, there is not enough money in hand to pay the salaries and expenses of June with. Another cheque from the Natl Luth. Council is not due till the 3rd quarter (July-Sept). So far the Council has sent us the payments for the first two quarters, and each time the cheque sent in dollars was sold for the sum of Rs. 16,922.

As you know Mr Diller and family have arrived, but they have not come to Ranchi, so I have not seen them.

With kindest regards and best Christian greetings, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Mrs Cannaday is away at the hills in South India with her people. This is my second hot season here and I am pretty tired sometimes. However, on the whole I enjoy splendid health. This brings my kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

JS

May 30, 1927.

Dear Mr Stosch,

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Yesterday (Sunday) I was at Govindpur to attend the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the baptism of the first Mundas. It was a great event--many thousands being present. The Memorial Stone or Cross is quite handsome and substantial and neatly done. I did not expect to find such nice work. It was done by a Munda near Khunti and the granite was taken from a quarry near Khunti. I shall enclose a copy of the programme.

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Berlin - Wannsee

22nd March, 1947

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I quite understand that the present situation is trying to you, it is trying to everybody concerned. The financial position in Germany was bad last year, contributions to Mission work amount only to one third of the prewar contributions. Gossmers' Mission got only one fifth of what we had been used to. This is not strange if you consider that Gossmers had 'no work' these 10 years.

Now when Dr. Kamach resigned in December for the 1st of April

and we began to make fresh efforts to rearrange our work there came from other quarters the suggestion we should enter into negotiations with the other Berlin Mission Society with the end in view that both Societies should cooperate in their home work (not in their respective Mission fields). We have to go through this and are still having conferences. This handicaps our activities at present.

Kindly keep this Confidential.

I hope confidently we shall recover and take up our responsibilities. I saw Mr. Morehead's letter you mention. Of course the American Board is right, but in my

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opinion they begin to make
their reductions one year
too early.

You wish to know the
names of the Missionaries
coming this year to Chota Nag-
pur. The Dillers have probably
arrived. After the rains we
hope to send Miss F. Heintze
for school work, one lady
Missionary for Evangelistic
work (Bible women) and
the Prehus for Ranchi.

I am enclosing a letter
for Mrs. Cannaday.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch.

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RETRENCHMENT INEVITABLE.

CANNADAY.

Sent 11-3-27

March 30, 1927.

Revd Herrn Zernick,
Handjerystrasse 1/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Brother Zernick,

Very many thanks for your cablegram of the
25th March reading--UNABLE TO GIVE FIGURES. EXPLANATION BY LETTER.

When I sent you a cablegram about the 12th March asking you how much the Board would give this year towards our budget, I did not write to you about it because Mr John said he would write to you and explain the matter. However, before I sent the cablegram I wrote to Mr Stosch and told him that, very likely after consulting with Mr John and Rev. John Topono, President of the Church Council, I would send a cablegram to the Berlin Board.

We are sorry that you cannot give us exact figures now, but we understand the difficulties which confront you. We shall now await patiently your letter which, we trust, will be full and explicit, so that we shall be able to know just what we can do and cannot do this year. I called an informal meeting of the members of the Advisory Board and the Church Council who happened to be present in Ranchi the middle of this month and laid the whole financial situation before them. It was then decided that, in the absence of any information from the Berlin Board, the question of retrenchments for 1927 should be postponed till the meeting of the Board on April 19th. I sincerely trust that your letter of explanation will arrive in due season before the meeting takes place; otherwise we shall be unable to come to a decision.

I think that Mr John has been keeping you fully informed as to our situation--financial and otherwise. I should like to add only one word of advice: If you cannot make up to us this year the deficit caused by the cut in the appropriations of the Natl Lutheran Council, namely, about Rs. 35,000, then I suggest that you appeal to the Council to increase their appropriation to our work for this year, in order that, if possible, we can carry on the work now established without making any retrenchments.

This brings to you and all brethren there our heartiest Christian greetings.

Yours very sincerely,



1st Nov. 1926.

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

Dear Dr Kausch,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 28th
Sept(No. D. 230).

I note your inquiry about bungalows--which bungalow are ready for occupancy by returned missionaries. At present the bungalow at Kinkel and one at Gumla are vacant; also Singhani. The bungalow at Rajgangpur and Chakradharpur will be vacant very shortly, and the one at Chainpur in 1927, my recollection is. At Burju, Govindpur, Takarna and Koronjo and also at Lohardaga the bungalows are used for school purposes. Two ends of the Khutitoli bungalow are rented to school inspectors. In Ranchi the Red House (where the Werners live) will be vacant after Jan'y 1st, as the Werners have been recalled to Rajahmundry from Jan'y 1st, 1927.

Now as to bungalows, the Advisory Board desires me to say that the burden of getting bungalows for the new missionaries is on the Board and the Board very much desires that you should not let the question of bungalows in any way hinder you from sending out more missionaries. When we hear definitely that such and such missionaries are coming, then we can make some arrangements for them. The Board is very anxious to hear from you how many missionaries are being sent out, who they are and when they will arrive. I shall appreciate very much an answer to this particular point, as the present state of uncertainty is very awkward. As far as we can see, there is now no political hindrance to German missionaries' coming to India. We are ready and waiting for them. If it is lack of funds that causes you to hesitate, then I think you should appeal to the National Lutheran Council for help. The amount hitherto given for the support of Werners may now be go for the support of a German missionary. It is really very necessary that some German missionaries should come without delay, as the Werners leave Jan'y 1st, 1927, and our furlough also has been sanctioned for 1927, but we have been asked to stay on here for another year. But everything ought to be made over to the German brethren in 1927. We Americans feel now that our staying on here is a real hindrance to the German brethren--it will keep them from getting all their rights and privileges. We Americans ought to go away just as soon as possible, but we do not want to run away and leave things without making them over to the German brethren. Then, of course, the Church Council must have a large say in all arrangements for the

future. It is the Church Council that will be the ruling and controlling body in the future. The Advisory Board may be abolished in a few months. When the Advisory Board is abolished then we Americans will have no status here; we are not members of the Autonomous Church at all.

To-day I received a long letter from Dr Morehead on the situation--financial and otherwise. He also sent me a copy of his letter to you, dated September 29th. With the exception of a few minor points we all here agree with Dr Morehead's statements to you. We think that he has set forth the situation very well indeed. Of course we hope that the financial help of the Natl Lutheran Council will continue, but you can see that it cannot continue very much longer. The Council has been most generous in its aid to this work, and I am very glad to read in Dr Morehead's letter that this is a gift--not a loan!

The Advisory Board has just finished its meetings, but the minutes will not be printed until after the next meeting, set for November 23rd. Both the Church Council and Advisory Board have passed votes of thanks to the Berlin Board for its generous help sent out recently. And now the Natl Lutheran Council has sent an additional \$2,000.00--this is most generous! However, we shall go on economising and cutting down expenses, in order to close the year with a good credit balance. We shall need it all--every pie--next year, I feel sure.

Just to-day came the news of the death of Mr John's son Gerhardt. What a blow this is! We deeply sympathise with poor Mr John away off in lonely Kinkel and we pray that our gracious Heavenly Father will comfort and strengthen him with His grace.

With our kindest regards and best wishes and with the earnest hope that we shall hear soon that some additional missionaries are actually coming out, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Kuratorium

der

Gossner'schen Missionsgesellschaft

D. 230.

Engl.-Nr.

Berlin-Friedenau, den 28. Sept. 1926.

Handjerystr. 19/20

Telefon: Pfalzburg 2175

To

The Advisory Board

of

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

c/o. Rev. I. C a n n a d a y ,

R a n c h i , Bihar

Brit. East India.

Dear Brethren in Christ, dear Mr. Cannaday,

In your kind letter Ranchi June 2, 1926 you have asked for four more missionaries this year to live in out-stations, and sometimes afterwards Mrs. Cannaday has desired also some missionary-ladies to work under the female youth. We are very glad to hear about these intentions.

But before we can undertake any further steps in that direction we beg to inform us which stations are in the condition now to lodge European missionaries and ladies. We have heard that some bangalows are robbed out and that other ones have been used for other purposes. Besides we cannot conceal that it would be difficult for us to fulfil all wishes coming to us from India under these present circumstances. Therefore we are very thankful for all personal and financial help done by the Americans to the congregations and we hope very earnestly that it will be continued without restrictions for the next future.

With all kind regards and loving prayers for you all and our common sake

Yours very truly

K u r a t o r i u m

of the

Gossner missionary Society.

D. H. Rauph

Sept 8, 1926.

Rev. D. H. O. Kausch,
Kuzatorium der Gossnerischen
Missionsgesellschaft,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr Kausch,

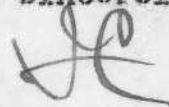
Very many thanks for your letter No. 29/25,
dated August 16th, 1926, intimating that you are sending, care
of Mr John, the equivalent of \$2,500 for the general treasury
of our work here. I note with much pleasure that you expect to
send the other half of the \$5,000 requested of you by cable and
letter during the first part of 1927.

It is needless to say that this help is badly needed and
is most gratefully received, and it is a sign of the help which
we hope you will be able to render in increasing amounts hereaf-
ter. When the Church Council and Advisory Board meet again in
October, I am sure they will pass appropriate resolutions of
thanks for this gift.

As you have already been informed, permission will be giv-
en for Mr John to live and work at Kinkel. It is true that he is
subject to certain restrictions, but we all feel that these will
be removed before long, especially when you send out some more
missionaries under the new "recognition." Mr John says he will
give me a translation of your letter to him about other matters.

With kindest Christian greetings from us all, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Kuratorium

der

Gossner'schen Missionsgesellschaft

Tag.-Nr. 29/26.

August 16, 1926.

Berlin-Friedenau, den.....

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Rev. I. C a n n a d a y ,

The Advisory Board of the Gossner
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Chotanagpur and Assam,

R a n c h i - Bihar, British East India

Dear Mr. Cannaday, dear brother in the Lord,

Your cable of the July 19th was for us in some way a little surprise, and because a big sum was urged we had to consult our Board. Especially the expression „No Restrictions“ was not quite clear for us. In the meantime we had your explanation of July 21th. Because the present financial circumstances in Germany, especially among our friends are very heavy, it is impossible for us to send the full grant of five thousand dollars at once. Therefore we have sent at present the half of that sum, i.e. 2 500 Dollars in the form of a check, c/o. the Rev. August John with the destination to give it to the general cash. The other half we hope to send perhaps in portions till the close of the present financial year i.e. till 31. March 1927. In every case you see our good will in these distressed times.

About other subjects we have written Mr. John too, and he will communicate with you.

Very earnestly we hope that permission will be given by the Government to Mr. John at last to go to Kinkel. It is a great disappointment for us to hear that Mr. John is so hindered in his free movements, even in some respect much more than during the war ! We think that there are some misunderstandings or that in the meantime the obstacles are removed.

With all kind regards to you and the other members of the Advisory Board and the Church Council

Yours very truly

D. H. O. Kaufch
in the name of

Kuratorium

der

Gossner'schen Missionsgesellschaft

July 21, 1926.

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

Dear Dr Kausch,

On the 19th inst I sent you the following cable--
MISSIONSDIREKTOR KAUSCH, BERLIN-FRIEDENAU, ADVISORY BOARD AND
CHURCH COUNCIL URGE GRANT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. NO RESTRICTIONS.
CANNADAY.

I think you will understand this, but a few words of explanation may help. You had already written us that your Society was prepared to give us financial help this year if the Church asks for it and if the Govt does not object. Also, we had ~~had~~ already expressed our hope that the Berlin Board would make up to us the sum of \$5000 which we failed to get from the N. L. Council. (We asked for \$40,000 and received a promise of only \$35,000). This, ~~thn~~, is the formal and official request of the Church Council and Advisory Board for your financial help up to the equivalent of \$5000 - (something over Rs. 14,000) this year, if possible. The expression-- "No restrictions" means that in an interview Mr Hodge and I had with a member of the B. & O. Government (the first member of Council, he is called) he expressed his opinion that there would be no restriction on our asking for and receiving money from the Berlin Board. He did not give us positive permission, you will understand; he simply said that he saw no reason why any objection could be taken to it. This is the very answer we fully expected.

The chief reason why we sent our request for help by cable is that the financial condition of the Board is now most unsatisfactory, as you will see from the minutes to be sent out in another fortnight or so. We are heavily in debt and have already begun retrenchments. Only a gift from you this year can save us, humanly speaking, from disruptive retrenchments. The retrenchments we have decided on will be in force until we receive your reply.

No doubt Mr John will write you fully about the High School and Mr Joel Lakra, so I shall not go into that matter. Nor can I in this letter say much about our interview with the member of Government, as we are waiting for his written reply (after he has consulted the Governor on the all the points we raised), but I can say that Mr Hodge and I regard our interview as most successful and promising for better things in the future.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Gossnerische
Missionsgesellschaft

Berlin-Friedenau, den 1. June 1926
Handjershtr. 19/20.

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To
The Advisory Board
of the G. E. L. Church
c/o Rev. J. Cammaday
Ranchi, Bihar
Brit. East India.

Dear brother in the Lord!

According to your kind letter dated April 26,
1926, enclosed a copy of a letter of Rev. G. Spooner,
Benares, dated 25/3, 26, at present we can only
answer, that we cannot make any promises
about our Ganges-mission Stations, before we
do not know, if our former property there will
be given back to our society. Please ^{tell} this
to Mr. Spooner.

Our best wishes for yourself, Mrs
Cammaday and your most valuable work on
the mission field!

Yours very truly
Gossnerische Missionsgesellschaft

D. H. Rauph

June 2, 1926.

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

Dear Dr Kausch,

Very ^{many} thanks for your kind letter of the 11th May.

We are all much pleased to learn from you that your Kuratorium is prepared to help the Autonomus Church financially this year. This will be very welcome news! I think it is wise and necessary to ask the Local Government's permission to receive this money, but I do not think there will be any trouble about it--now that the Gossner Society is "recognized." This information I had received from Mr Paton in England several weeks before your letter arrived. Mr John has already officially informed you that we desire you to send out four more missionaries this year to live in out-stations.

Many thanks for your explanation of the correspondence with Dr Morehead. He seems to have misunderstood your request!

Ganges Mission: Thank you for the information.

With kindest regards from Mrs Cannaday and myself, I am,
Yours sincerely,



Kuratorium

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Berlin-Friedenau, den 11. Mai 1926.

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The Advisory Board
of

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur and Assam
c/o Rev. I Cannaday

Ranchi

Bihar

Brit. East India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated, Ranchi the 23rd March and of the minutes of the last meeting of the Advisory Board. Some items are of great interest to us.

As to the negotiations between Dr. Morehead and myself you mention in your letter, Dr. Morehead's remark that he is sending \$ 35.000 instead of \$ 40.000 on my request seems to be based on a misconception. I asked neither for \$ 40.000 nor for \$ 35.000, I only asked Dr. Morehead to send in 1926 at least as much as in 1925.

Our Society is prepared to contribute towards the budget of the Autonomous Church in the current year. Kindly let us know the wishes of the C.C. It may be advisable to find out from the local Government, whether there is an objection to our Society sending money for the Gossner Church in the present state of things.

In their last meeting the Kuratorium considered the future of our Ganges Mission. We feel we cannot come to a decision before we know the attitude of the Indian Government towards the Gossner Mission Property. We know it is now under the Board of Trustees. Can you tell us if the Indian Government has already come to a resolution regarding this property? Many thanks for all you write about Mr. John's work. With kindest regards and best wishes for you, Mrs. Cannaday and for your work

Yours sincerely

K u r a t o r i u m

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft.

D. theol. H. Kausch

Berlin-Friedenau

Handjerystraße 19/20.

D. Kausch

P.S. To the above lines I may add that we have heard by

the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain
and Ireland 20th April 1926 that

"this morning a letter has come from the
India Office dated 19th April 1926, S. & O. 2168/26,
stating that the Gaooner Mission has been included
in the List of "recognised" societies for work
in India"

Please let Mr. A. John know this news.

D. Parry

I have just had a letter from Dr Morehead informing me that the West Indian Council has adopted the "Proposals" and that this action has been copied to London. He also sent me a copy of his letter to you dated March the 27th. We trust that something good will come out of this new turn of the wheel.
With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

April 26, 1926.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dear Dr Kausch,

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Rev. G. Spooner of Benares to the Advisory Board. The Board cannot of course do anything in a matter like this except to refer it to you. The letter is largely self-explanatory. What is lacking can easily be supplied by Mr Stosch. The United Provinces Government is trying to induce the Trustees (Ranchi) to let the Wesleyan Mission, Ghazipur, have the Mission High School on a three years lease, but there are some difficulties in the way. It does not seem possible now to do anything about the Ghazipur property, as suggested by Mr Spooner, but it would be sufficient, I think if you would give only a promise to Mr Spooner. ~~it would be sufficient; but of course~~ this is a most important matter which only you can consider. The Board can only recommend that, if you give the Ghazipur Station to any other Mission, you give it to the Wesleyan Mission.

Also, in the same way, the Board recommends that if you give the Chapra Station to any Mission, you give it only to Mr Hodge's Mission (Regions Beyond Missionary Union).

I shall be glad to have some kind of an answer from you in due season, in order that I may inform Mr Spooner of it.

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April 26, 1926.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. D. Theodor H. Knaack, H. Knaack, Handjerystrasse 19/20, Berlin-Friedrichshagen, Germany.

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I shall be glad to have some kind of an answer from you in due season, in order that I may inform Mr Spooner of it.

Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.

Rev. G. Spooner.
General Superintendent.

Benares, U. P.

Dated 25/3/26.

The Advisory Board
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

through the Secretary
Rev. I. Cannaday.

Dear Mr. Cannaday

The question of our Mission taking over the High School at Ghazipur in addition to the other property raises again the difficulty of the insecurity of our tenure. I wish therefore to take the opportunity of inquiring whether it is not possible that even before the period of our lease expires the property should either be permanently transferred to our Society free of charge or a promise given us of such a transfer at a later date.

Amongst the reasons why such a transfer would seem to be a reasonable thing I would give the following:-

1. We understand that the Ghazipur Mission buildings were purchased or erected by Rev. W. Ziemann from subscriptions raised in India, and not from grants made by the Gossner Mission.
2. The Wesleyan Mission during its period of occupation, in addition to devoting rents etc. to repairs and upkeep of the property has spent over Rs. 9,000/-.
3. Ghazipur is the only one of the former G.E.L. stations which is situated in the U.P. It is far removed from other Lutheran communities and is surrounded on all sides by Methodists.
4. The Wesleyan Mission has carried on the work of the former G.E.L. Mission and added a certain number of converts.
5. The community of Lutheran Christians which was much diminished during the war and is quite a small one, has settled down on the whole happily with the Wesleyan missionaries and agents.

I feel the more free in making these statements as Ghazipur was visited a few months ago by a deputation of G.E.L. missionaries who had free scope to make inquiries.

In saying all this I must add on the question of the High School, that while we should be much helped in coming to a decision by the knowledge that we were permanently in Ghazipur, I can give no indication at present how that question will be decided.

Yours sincerely

(Sd) Rev. G. Spooner,

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been received. We are looking for it every day. I am sure that Mr.
John is keeping you fully informed in regard to all important mat-
ters. Meanwhile, he is making himself useful by doing other things.
The fact is that, if the need in Kinkal were not pressing, it would
be a pleasure for Mr. John to be a general missionary, to visit all
the stations and some villages, wherever there is a special need.
D. H. O. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch,

JS
Your letter Egb-Nr. D 43/26, dated the 23rd Feb-
ruary 1926, came by the foreign post of last week. I acknowledge
receipt of it with great pleasure and many thanks. I am sure that
the Advisory Board will be greatly pleased with it. I have already
shown it to Rev. Aug. John and to the Church Council. We are all
delighted to know that the Kuratorium has "definitely and fully
adopted the Proposals."

These Proposals are creating considerable interest here in
India, as shown by the minutes of the Advisory Board (see pages 11
and 12) and otherwise. The Secretary of the National Christian Coun-
cil is also having inquiries for them and I have sent him 50 copies.
Please tell this to Mr Stosch.

Enclosed please find a marked copy of the minutes of the
last meeting of the Advisory Board. You will see several items of
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Dr Morehead has just written me something of the negotia-
tions going on between you and him concerning the support of this
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head says that this is being done on your petition. We had asked
for \$40,000 and Mr Stosch and Mr John agreed to this.

The permission of the B. & O. Government for Mr John to live
in Kinkal and work in Jashpur and Surjuja Native States has not yet

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With kindest regards and best wishes and the prayer that our Heavenly Father will guide us all to His glory, I am,

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Enclosed please find a copy of the Church Council Secretary's annual report. It was prepared for the B&O Christian Council meeting.

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Dr. Korthoff has just written me something of the nature of this item going on between you and him concerning the support of this work. The N. C. Council will give us for 1926 \$25,000. Dr. Korthoff has said that this is being done on your petition. We had asked for \$40,000 and Mr Storch and Mr John agreed to this.

The permission of the U. S. Government for Mr John to live in Kinkel and work in Jackson and Surinam Native States has not yet

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Berlin-Friedenau, den 23. Febr. 1926.
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Ugh.-Nr. D 43/26

To
The Advisory Board of the G. E. L. Mission
%o Rev. J. Cannaday
Ranchi (Bihar)

Brit. East India.

Dear brethren in Christ!

I am glad to tell you that our Home Board already in its January meeting has adopted in general „The Proposals of special committee concerning return of German Missionaries“. And now after the return of our Deputy missionary and member of our Kuratorium the Rev. Joh. Mosch after having heard in our February session his explanation we have definitively and fully adopted that Proposals mentioned above.

Please communicate this letter to Rev. Aug. John and to the Church Council too.

Take, dear Sirs, our best thanks for your kind assistance to our old missionwork in Cota Nagpur and Assam. The merciful Lord be with us all to day and for ever.

Yours very truly

Kuratorium
der
Göbnerischen Missionsgesellschaft. D. H. O. Raupach

Feb 24, 1926.

D. ~~theol.~~ H. Kausch,
Handjerystarssee 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau.

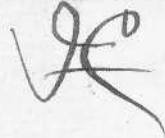
Dear Dr Kausch,

Enclosed please find a copy of my annual report of the Board to the B & O Christian Council, whose annual meeting is being held in Ranchi now. All the devotional meetings are being held in our Church. I also enclose a programme. Mr Dodge will move three resolutions at the close of my report. Perhaps Mr John will write you fully about the Council meetings. The spirit of friendliness towards German missionaries is very marked.

I am sure that Mr John has long ago written you that the B. & O. Govt have given permission for him to remain and work here as a missionary. The Church Council has placed him at Kinkel. Mr John himself will keep you fully informed about all these matters. Because of our poor state of finances it will be necessary for the Berlin Home Board to finance Mr John entirely.

With kind regards and best wishes. The Church Council will soon inform you how many missionaries it would like to have in 1926.

Yours sincerely,



Dec. 12, 1925.

D. Theol. H. Kausch,
Hantjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr Kausch,

The Secretary of the Church Council sends me the following item from the minutes of a recent meeting and I gladly pass it on to you:-

"Vote of Thanks. The Church Council is greatly pleased that the Berlin Home Board has sent out two of its missionaries to this field to study it, and thanks the Board most heartily for its timely and proper action."

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'H' followed by a flourish.

Berlin-Friedenau, den 8. December
Handjerystr. 19/20
Fernsprecher: Pfalzburg 2175
1925

Rev. J. Cannaday
G. E. L. Compound
Ranchi (Bihar)

My Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I suppose that the visit of our two brethren
Stoth and John in Chota Nagpur is in the next
future coming to an end. If Mr. John can stay any
longer I do not know yet. Under these circumstances
it is my duty deeply felt and my great pleasure to
express to you and to your dear wife and in the same
time to Mr. and Mrs. Werner our sincerest thanks
for all that you have done to make this journey to
a very successful one, as we have seen out of the
official reports that we have got from the travellers.
Now we have understood, what we had already known
before, how important, how intelligent, how valuable

your and your American colleagues working on our mission field has been. I wish very much that you would remain in Ranchi for the next future as long as it is in the interests of the community in cooperation with your and our home-boards, especially with those missionaries we should send to India and with the native workers and organisations according to the laws of the Constitution. The gracious Lord help us all to do His will for the edification of the Church and for the winning of many souls among the heathen.—

The money sent from you for Miss A. Steiner and Rev. Karl Beckmann I have sent to them and asked for reply to you.

With best greetings
Yours very truly

H. O. Raupach

D. theol. H. Raupach

Berlin-Friedenau

Handjerystraße 10/20.

October 7, 1925.

D. Theology H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
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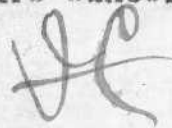
Dear Dr Kausch,

It gives me great pleasure to report the arrival of the Deputation (Messrs Stosch and John) on the 3rd. Enclosed please find a copy of the programme of the welcome meetings. The reticence put upon us by Government made it necessary to do everything quietly without any demonstration, but the welcome by the brethren was hearty and joyful and the responses by the members of the Deputation were fitting and affecting.

These two gentlemen have been our guests for several days and we have been greatly pleased to have them here. They have now gone to the former "Seminary Bungalow," which we had repaired, cleaned, and varnished and whitewashed for them, and Mrs. D'Silva, an old friend of the German missionaries, lent us almost all the furniture, etc., necessary. As no doubt the two gentlemen are writing you fully, I shall close with this. Kindest regards.

Many thanks for your "love" sent by them.

Yours sincerely,



7th July, 1925.

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

Dear Dr Kausch,

There are several matters I must write to you about. They are as follows:-

1. The Church Council requests the Advisory Board to convey to you a vote of thanks of the General Conference at its annual meeting last March. In a general resolution the Conference thanked the Gossner Society and a number of other bodies for all the help given to the Autonomous Church. The resolution mentions your prayers in behalf of the Church here.

2. Also the Church Council intimates its "desire to publish in Hindi a short life of Dr Nottrott" and it asks that "the former missionaries be requested through Dr Kausch to provide us with materials which together with any further materials available here among us will be compiled into a small book and put to sale among our people." Will you kindly do this and oblige.

3. I find that I have no reply from you to my letter of the 25th Feby. Did you receive it? I hope so and hope to have your acknowledgement of the parcel, etc.

4. Before very long I hope to be able to remit to you a draft for something over 1000 rupees, the sale proceeds of the goods of Misses Steiner and A. Lukas and of Revds Bantel and Eidnaes.

5. In different ways--both official and unofficial--we have known for a month or more that the Govt of India and the India Office in London have sanctioned the coming of the deputation of Messrs Stosch and John to India for four months in this country under the care of the Advisory Board. I have been expecting to hear from you before this about the coming of the deputation, but nothing has yet come from you. The Advisory Board at its recent meeting decided to have another meeting when the deputation arrives, and as Government are making the Board responsible for the deputation while in India we should like to hear from you at the earliest possible moment whether the deputation will come at all and if so at what time it will arrive. I trust your letter is now on the way.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,
Yours sincerely,



Members.

The Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Chairman.
The Rev. E. H. Whitley.
D. M. Panna, Esq.
The Rev. O. V. Werner.
The Rev. I. Cannaday, Secretary.

**The Advisory Board
of
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Chota Nagpur and Assam**

Ranchi, 6/10/24.

Mr. B. Minz,
Secy, Church Council,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Minz,

Enclosed please find Mr. Hurad's reply to my letter conveying to him, as from the Church Council, the last proposal for the appointment of an arbitrator. I cannot make out absolutely clearly whether Mr. Hurad is willing to have an arbitrator on the Council's terms or not. Apparently he is unwilling to do so. Will you kindly let me know whether I am to take up the matter any further or not.

Yours sincerely,

I. Cannaday

*His letter returned to Secy AB
27.10.24
Bm.*

Kanidara
25-X-24

Dear Mr. Cannaday

I enclose an application from a Lutheran congregation at Bahijira, Gangpur State, & a covering letter from Mr. Dickson. You will easily understand that neither he personally nor we as a mission have any great desire to undertake the burden of the care of so remote a congregation, & I forward the particulars with the sincere hope that you may be able to effect a peaceable settlement of these difficulties.

I am going to Ranchi on Monday for a few days & shall be staying at Mr. Harris' bungalow.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

K. W. S. Whitbread
Sec. Ch. Dio. Council

Dear Mr. Minz,

I forward these three letters to you as Secy of the CC and request you to see that the matter is attended to. I have replied direct to both Dr. Kennedy and Mr. Dickson saying that I would present the matter to the AB and CC.

Ranchi,
30-10-24.

Yours sincerely,

J. Cannaday

20. Oct. 1924

Mamoharpur, B.N.Ry.

Dear Mr. Cannaday

I am herewith enclosing a copy of an application received from the Lutheran Congregation (or a large part of it) at Bahijira, Jaugpur State. A deputation came here to meet me in September, but I was away at the time.

I understand however that the cause of discontent is as follows:— The congregation has come to the conclusion that their pracharak does not visit, but busies himself only in agriculture & home duties. Accordingly, some eight months ago they petitioned for a new pracharak. They were informed that a new pracharak would be given if they signed an agreement to the effect that they would remain content with the newcomer — and failing their remaining content they would be subjected to a monetary fine (amount stated). To this they replied that they would sign such a document only if a precedent could be shown. Here, it seems, negotiations broke down, and since that time, (now some 6 or 7 months ago) the Sacraments have been withheld from the village.

I have written to the applicants stating that I shall take no action in the matter until the Church Council has had an opportunity of dealing with the affair. I shall be glad to hear from you in due course.

Yours sincerely
J.W. Dickson

Copy of application made by residents of
Bahujira (Jangpur).

Received by J. W. Jackson - Manoharpur

(Salutation omitted)

आगे हम लोग आप के धर्म को और जाना चाहते हैं
तो आप को निर्दिष्ट कराते हैं। हम लोगों में कोई
बड़ा दोष तो नहीं है पर छोटी 2 बातों से हम
अपने कर्म चारियों से बिगड़ गये हैं - अर्थात् हम लोग
अपने प्रचारक को उस के काम से न मंजूर कर बदली
करने के लिये अपने पाद्री बाबु के यहां दरखास्त
दिये थे। पर प्रचारक पाद्री एक मन होकर बदली
करने के बदले हम भाइयों को प्रभु भोज, स्नान, सादी
से अलग कर दिये हैं - इस से हम नराज हुए हैं।
और नराज होने को बात ही है। क्योंकि बिना दोष
अन्यों ने हमें अलग किया है -

हम लोग आप को धर्म को और जाने वाले निम्न
लिखित हैं

घर सरख ६४

परानो सरख ४६४

इस के अलावे और भी हैं पर अभी आप को
केवल इतनी का हिसाब दिखाते हैं।

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मराडली के पंच मेहरे

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प्रभु दयाल साऊ दहीजीरा

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जकरिया कन्दैबुरु

मनमुख गुडिया

सुखमसौद लुगुन

पौलुस गुडिया

वं. मठिन गुडिया - दहीजीरा

Copied
J. W. Jackson

28. Oct. 1924

Bishop's Lodge
Ranchi

Dear Mr Cannaday,

I hear that you are going to discuss the Dchijira position to-morrow. I wish I were able to have had a talk with you on the subject, but I doubt if it will be possible as we are in a mild sort of "Retreat" till Friday morning and I must return the same afternoon.

The reason of my writing is to correct something which I said in my letter to you. I now understand that the breach in unity only began in June and that the sacraments have been withheld not for 6-8 months as I said, but for about two months.

If I can manage it, I will drop in to see you on Thursday afternoon about 5 p.m. (Recreation period)!!

Yours sincerely

J.W. Dickson

Ranchi, Bihar, India,
2nd May, 1924.

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

Dear Dr. Kausch,

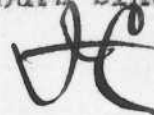
I brought your letter of the 25th February (to which I have already made an unofficial reply) before the meeting of the Advisory Board on the 26th and 28th of April. The Board members were much pleased with your statement that your Kuratorium holds to the rule (adopted by the Advisory Board and the Church Council) that all official correspondence between the Autonomous Church and outside bodies should be carried on through the Board. It is understood, of course, that this does not apply to strictly private correspondence. The Board trusts that this rule will be faithfully observed by all parties.

The Board was also pleased at your inquiries concerning the Autonomous Church and instructed me to forward to you hereafter officially a copy of the Board's proceedings. I have been informed that you have been receiving privately the minutes of the Advisory Board hitherto. May I inquire if this is true? It is my oversight that I did not send you the minutes of the Advisory Board before this.

The Church Council is now largely a new body--since the Annual General Conference. Rev. Johan Topono is President, Mr. N. Soy is Treasurer and Mr. Benjamin Minj is Secretary. Mr. Hurad and his party (Pastor Nottrot, et als) resigned--5 altogether.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



AB minutes

Ranchi, Bihar, India,
19th March, 1924.

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

Dear Dr. Kausch,

I must acknowledge 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 the various missionaries the amounts I sent by P. O. money 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 through the Advisory Board. You ask for Church news. I shall try to send you news hereafter.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

HL

Berlin-Friedenau, den 25. Febr. 1924

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Ranchi

Bihar & Orissa

My dear Mr. Cannaday:

With many thanks I have got your letter dated 28th Nov. 1923, included a kind personal^{one}, then your letter, dated 22nd Jan. 1924 with enclosures for the missionaries Rev.'s Radsick, Mehl, Schütz and for the ladies Steiner and Wenzlaff. Your money order about Rup. 250/6 came later. The equivalent paid by post in Mark we have distributed 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.

Always we shall be also thankful to you for any particulars from our mission field, as you have done p. e. in the Donhatoli-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 His vineyard for all they have done for our Christians and Heathen! You may imagine how much all our mission friends long for any news from the Gosner Church and its progress.

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In closing your personal letter named above you say you think it would be better, if all correspondence between us and the Gossner Church were conducted through the Advisory Board. As far as this—say official—correspondence is concerned, we are quite of your opinion, the Advisory Board has an interest in what is going on between the Gossner Church and the Berlin Curatorium. We quite endorse your wish. I should even go one step farther. It is in no way helpful if private correspondence takes up matters which must be dealt with officially between the Church and the Curatorium, we know well that mischief must result from that.

But I feel sure that you have no objection against letters written by me or some old missionaries to members of the Gossner Church known to them. These letters must not interfere with the official correspondence. They deal with other matters. They are written to encourage our Native workers and give them spiritual help.

Besides we remember that it is even 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. Hannukh S. Lekra with my own greetings.

With all good wishes for yourself and your dear family

Yours sincerely

D. Hans Kaupf.

D. theol. H. Kaush

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Ugh.-Nr. D. 110.

Berlin-Friedenau, den 20th Sept. 1922.

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

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated Ranchi the 4th of July. I handed it over to the Kuratorium 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.

1) Your first question is: What is your 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. 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 Constitution 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 Missionfield 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 selfdenial 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 to

at least a considerable part of the English officials and English residents of India.

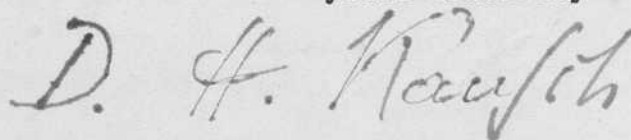
In a word, the whole question of German missionaries returning to India, if viewed from the standpoint of the personal wellbeing of German missionaries, would be answered in the negative. When the matter is presented to the Indian public and the native Church it would be good to make it clear from the 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.

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 we are certain that there ^{will be} Christian friends influential enough to fight the spirit of national hatred and calumny.

With kind regards to all members of the Board

yours sincerely



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

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

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

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 over-estimate 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. Gossner

Secretary to the Advisory Board.

*See official reply
of 8/12/22 in file
of German Missionaries*