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GOSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

No. 477-79/58

Ranchi.

14th October, 1958.

To

Rev. M. Khalkho,
G. E. L. Church, Purulia.

Dear Revd. Khalkho,

With reference to your T.A. bill for attending the ensuing meeting of the Bihar Christian Council to be held at Bhagalpur from the 24th inst. I have to inform you that you will not be paid T.A. for the reason that you were given an advance of Rs. 195/- on 17.4.58 for your transfer expenses from Ranchi to Purulia. You were to submit your account for the same as early as possible as per order of the President. But you have not submitted your accounts with necessary vouchers even though two reminders were sent to you on 18.7.58 and 6.10.58. You have not even acknowledged my letters. It is very difficult to deal with you.

Yours Sincerely,

O. M. Hand.
Treasurer,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Copy to:-

The President, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
The Secretary, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

No. 1535/58-CC-7.

23RD OCT.'58.

To,

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

S i r,

It is to inform you that Shri N.E.Horo and Dr. P.Topno representatives of the G.E.L.C. to the B.C.C. are both indisposed. They may kindly be granted leave for their absence at the above meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Office Asstt.
G.E.L.C.Ranchi.

No. 1495 /58 .

3RD OCT.'58

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To,

Rev. H.R.Ferger,
Executive Secretary, Radio & Audio-Visual Service
P.O. Agricultural Institute,
Allahabad, U.P.

Dear Rev. Ferger,

Acknowledging receipt of your circular letter dated nil addressed to Mr. C.D. Sirka.

The proposed memorandum of Assn and Constitution of the Christian Society for Radio & A.V. Service, I am afraid, have not been received in my office. May I request you to kindly send them so that I can place them before our Council which meets in November '58. I shall let you know of our further action.

Please put me in your mailing list for further materials. Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. 6/10
Secretary, GELC.
Ranchi.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

A meeting of the Economic Life Committee of the Council will be held at C.M.S. High School, Bhagalpur on the 3rd inst. at 9 A.M. which has been fixed in consultation with the Hony. Secy. as the hour in which all Committees of the Council will meet and the Executive will meet in the afternoon. An agenda will be circulated shortly.

3rd Oct. 1958.

S. K. Roy
(S .K. ROY)



Shri M. E. Horo
Secretary
G. E. L. Church
Lutheran Compound
Ranchi

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Secretary : Mr. N. E. HORO

G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI,

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3/10
Ref: No. 1441-45/58

Dated 2nd OCT. 1958

To,

The President, GELC, Ranchi/Rev. P.D. Soreng/
Dr. P. Topno/Mr. N.E. Horo/Rev. Mahindra Khalkho

Dear Friends,

This is to inform you that the GELC Mahasabha 1957 has elected you to represent her in the forthcoming 25th Meeting of the B.C.C. scheduled to be held from Friday the 24th to Monday the 27th OCT. 1958. In the C.M.S. High School Bhagalpur. You are therefore requested to attend this Conference and get your travelling allowances from the Treasurer G.E.L. Church.

I am enclosing a copy of the notice issued by the Bihar Christian Council. Kindly therefore get in touch with the Treasurer G.E.L.C. for your T.A. and with Mr. A.K. Mukherji, Principal C.M.S. Mission High School regarding your accommodation and hospitality.

Yours faithfully,

N. E. Horo
Secretary,

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

NOTICE

COUNCIL MEETINGS 1958.

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(2) The dates had to be changed from 16th-20th to 23rd-27th October, 1958, in agreement with the Officers of the Council, as the Pujah holidays fall during the latter set of dates and it would have been impossible for the Bhagalpur people to arrange hospitality if the Council were to meet during the days when the education institutions are open.

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(4) Please report your hospitality requirements to Mr. A.K. Mukherjee, Principal, C.M.S. High School, Adampur, Bhagalpur well in advance to facilitate arrangements.

(5) Meals will be served on cafeteria-basis and friends are requested to please bring their own plates etc. A mosquito-net should be a must in your baggages.

KARIMGUNJ.
Gaya, 20-9-58

PAUL LAKHAN LALL
for Hony. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

MINAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

NOTICE

Secretary

L.C.L. Church
Ranchi

The 27th October, 1958, in agreement with the Officers of the Council, as the Purnea holidays fall during the latter part of the year and it would have been impossible for the Bhagalpur people to arrange hospitality at the Council were to meet during the days when the education institutions are open.

(2) The dates had to be changed from 15th-20th to 27th-31st October, 1958, in agreement with the Officers of the Council, as the Purnea holidays fall during the latter part of the year and it would have been impossible for the Bhagalpur people to arrange hospitality at the Council were to meet during the days when the education institutions are open.

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(4) Please report your hospitality requirements to Mr. A.K. Mohanraj, Principal, G.M.S. High School, Bhagalpur, Bhagalpur well in advance to facilitate arrangements.

(5) Meals will be served on caterer-basis and friends are requested to please bring their own plates etc. A hospital-not should be a must in your baggage.

PAUL JAHAN LALL
for Hon'y. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

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Gaya, 30-9-58

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2ND OCT. 1958.

To,

Rev. J.J.P.Tiga,
President, GELC Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

The following persons will represent the G.E.L. Church in the forthcoming 25th Council of the Bihar Christian Council at Bhagalpur. Kindly register their names as the official delegates of the Gossner Church. Notices and other literature may kindly be sent to them.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. 2/10
Secretary,

- Copy to :-(1) Mr. P.Lakhanlal, Karingunj
Gaya for information and needful.
(2) Mr. A.K.Mukherji, Principal C.M.S. High School
Bhagalpur for information and arrangement of
accommodation etc.

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The following are
the members who will represent the Gossner
Church in the Council.

- (1) Rev. J.J.P Tiga, President, GELC/~~xxxxxx~~
(2) Rev. P.D. Soreng/
(3) Dr. P.Topno (4) Mr. N.E.Horo, and
(5) Rev. Mahindra Khalkho.

No. ²⁰1441-457/58

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2nd OCT. 1958

To,

The President, GELC, Ranchi/Rev. P.D. Soreng/
Dr. P. Topno/Mr. N.E. Horo/Rev. Mahindra Khalkho

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Yours faithfully,

W. E. ...
Secretary,

CC. to (i) Treasurer, GELC, Ranchi
for information and needful.

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Secretary : Mr. N. E. HORO

G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI,

Ref: No. 1441-45 /58

Dated.....2nd OCT.1958

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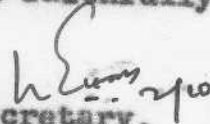
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KARIMGUNJ. |
Gaya, 20-9-58 |

PAUL LAKHAN LALL
for Hony. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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Karimganj,
Gaya, 27.9.58.

Mr. N.E.Horo,
Secretary, G.E.L.Church,
Main Road, RANCHI

Dear Mr. Horo,

A printed notice stating that the meetings of the Bihar Christian Council will take place at the CMS High School, Bhagalpur from Oct 23-27, 1958 has already been despatched to you under a separate post which I hope you must have got by now.

As you are aware, the G.E.L.Church is entitled to send 4 representatives to this meeting of the Council and I shall feel obliged if you kindly let me know their names and addresses at your earliest so that the papers may be brought up to date and arrangements made for their hospitality etc.

Enclosed are 5 spare copies of the notice which is meant for onward transmission to each of your five delegates.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Paul
(Paul Lakhan Lall)
for Hony. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Enc: 5 notices.

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KARIMGUNJ, }

Gaya, 20-9-58 }

Paul Lakhan Lall
for Hony. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council



BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL NOTICE

COUNCIL MEETINGS 1958

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To,
Churches
Governer Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi

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- (5) Meals will be served on cateris-basis and friends who requested to please bring their own plates etc. A mosquito-net should be a must in your baggage.

Paul Lakhan Lal
for Hon. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

KARIMNAGUR,
Gaya, 20-9-58

Rev. D.B. Hans)
Mr. N.E. Horo) Northern
Mr. S.K. Roy) Region.

Mr. W. ...)
Miss Sheldon) Sec.
Mr. W.H. Solomon) Reg.

Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Bihar Christian Council held from Nov. 16-18, 1955 only a correspondent for "Economic life of the Church" in the person of Mr. N.E. Horo (G.E.L. Church) was appointed. At the meeting however of the Executive Committee held on May 2-3, 1956 a Committee was appointed, with the special purpose of holding a Provincial Conference on the matter in the care of the Committee, with Mr. Horo as Convener and you were elected to it. This Committee was divided into two Regional Committees - Bihar proper and Chota Nagpur. At the first meeting of the Committee it was decided to hold a conference in Ranchi for the Chota Nagpur Region, planning to hold one for Bihar the next year. The Chota Nagpur Conference was successfully held in Ranchi in November 1956 after a series of seminars in village and Mission centres in Chota Nagpur. Mr. Horo had to leave for Europe in the middle of 1956 and I was requested to take charge, which I did and with the help of members of the regional committee and a planning sub-committee the above conference was carried through, Mr. Horo returning just before it to resume charge. Unfortunately owing to the preoccupation of Mr. Horo, I was requested to care-take early in 1958, which the Exec. Committee (Mtg. 3/- 11th March '58 4-6) has requested me to continue till the next meeting of the Council Oct. 17-20. I regret owing to my age I have not been able to do anything much in a matter which I consider vital to the Church at the cross-roads now.

I desire to hold a meeting of the Committee in the second week of next month in Patna at the Collier Memorial Hostel on Sept. 12 or 13, at an hour when we may finish the meeting in one sitting say from 2 to 6 P.M. Please state if the date and hour are not convenient to you. I shall take silence as consent. Some important proposals I wish to make

P.T.O.

Rev. D. B. Harris)
Mr. W. H. Note)
Mr. S. E. Roy)

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Yours sincerely
Edw. C. Ry

A copy of this letter with the appended note is being sent to the following with the request that they will depute some person from their Church or Diocese who may assist the committee in coming to right conclusion:-

- committee in coming to right conclusion:-
- 1) The Bishop of the Diocese of Bhagalpur
 - 2) The Santal Christian Council

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NOTE.

The N.C.C. at its last meeting expressed the opinion that the responsibility for economic activity for the Churches must be undertaken by the Churches and Regional Councils, who may evolve methods of co-operation and coordination among themselves. Circumstances may lead the Central Economic Life Committee to dissolve itself. The Church, it is suggested may form an All India Economic Life Association made up of bodies formed in the Church themselves for looking after these interests, as several Churches have already done. Churches may also have farms on church lands. Christians who have farms of their own may like to join such an association. The obvious thing would be for such Church Boards, Mission Farms and individual Christian farmers in a certain region to form themselves into an association (Economic Life) which may be affiliated to the Central Association. The N.C.C. Central Committee suggest that this question and others like it may be threshed out in a Regional Conference for which they have allocated a substantial grant one of which would be in North-east India. I hope you will appreciate the importance of this question on which we should come to some conclusion in the next meeting.

Lee Roy

The date and hour are not convenient to you. I shall take

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**BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
MINUTES
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT
DUBLINE UNIVERSITY MISSION, HAZARIBAGH
ON THE
11TH AND 12TH MARCH, 1958.**

1. Devotions.

The Rev. Phillip John read a passage from the Scriptures and delivered a message and then the Rev. E. Oliver lead in a word of prayer.

2. Attendance.

The following members were present :—

Th Rev. Phillip John (President)

The Rt. Rev. Dilbar Chotanagpur
(Vice-President)

The Rev. B. Harvey (Treasurer)

The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary)

The Rev. J.E. Titus

The Rev. Joel Lakra

The Rev. E. W. Oliver

Mr. N. E. Horo

Dr. Miss B. Porh and

Miss S. M. Boḍra

Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall was present by invitation.

Apology for absence was received from Mr. S. K. Roy and Pandit C. M. Tiga.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 29 and 30, 1956 having been circulated earlier were taken as read and were confirmed.

4. Matters Arising Therefrom

(a) Item 8 (vii) of Nov. 1956 :

RESOLVED that the Special Committee meet to-night and submit recommendations to-morrow on the question of devolution from N. C. C. to the Regional Councils.

(b) Economic Life Committee :

Heard report from the secretary that Mr. N. E. Hero resigned his Convenorship of this Committee on account of his heavy work and the Secretary accepted his resignation & appointed Mr S. K. Roy as Convenor of the Committee as an interim measure.

It was resolved that interim action of the Secretary be approved and that the offer of Mr. S. K. Roy to remain Convener until the Council

meeting be thankfully accepted. The meeting also placed on record the valuable services rendered by Mr. N. E. Hero and it was noted that he continued to be a member of the Committee.

The Secretary further reported that he asked Mr. S. K. Roy to attend the meeting of the Economic Life Committee at Nagpur last January and Mr. Roy attended the meeting. This action of the Secretary was also approved.

(c) Adult Literacy Work :

It was resolved that the Adult Literacy Committee be asked to meet immediately and evaluate the work done by Pt. C. M. Tiga with a view to consider the future of this office.

In this connection the Secretary reported that Mr. Nauman of the N. C. C. desired that this department should gradually be taken over by the Regional Councils.

It was also resolved that until final decision of this Council on the matter, Pandit Tiga may be asked to continue in his work.

It was further decided to ask the Special Committee which is going to sit to-night to bring recommendations in this connection to-morrow.

5. Next Meeting of the Council

It was regretted that for various reasons the Council could not meet last year and not even the Executive could meet. It was the consensus of opinion that this year the Council must meet on the 17th to the 20th of October, 1958 beginning at 8/30 a. m. on the 17th and ending at 11/30 a. m. on the 20th, Sunday the 19th be observed as Quiet Day. The Executive Committee should meet in the afternoon of the 16th October, 1958 beginning at 2 p. m.

The place of the Council Meeting was fixed to be Bhagalpore or Patna.

6. Resignation of the Secretary:

The Secretary, The Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, stated that on account of his heavy work in the Church he wanted to be released from the Secretaryship.

After due consideration it was resolved to ask Rev. Tiga to continue as Secretary until the next Council Meeting. It was further resolved to co-opt Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall of Gaya to be a member of the Executive Committee in place of the Rt. Rev. Noel Hall who has left the country for good and that Mr. Lall be asked to assist the Secretary in making arrangements for the next meeting of the Council and its Executive.

7. Registration Costs of Transfer of Mission Property:

Read the communication from Dr. E. C. Bhatta, Secretary National Christian Council. This was considered to be a very useful information and it was decided that this be appended to the minutes of this Executive Meeting.

(See Appendix "A")

8. Indian Christian Marriage Act Draft Bill:

As desired by the N. C. C. it was decided to forward the name of Mr. T. Bodra, B. A., B.L. (M.P.) for consultation as may be needed.

9. Inter Church Aid of the World Council of Churches :

Letter from the N C. C. was read and considered. It was decided to refer the matter to the Economic Life Committee and the Committee on Relief.

10. Treasurer's Financial Report :

The Treasurer, the Rev. B. Harvey, submitted his report which was thankfully received and accepted. He also reported that on account of the closure of the Chotanagpur Banking Association a sum of about Rs. 2000/- had become locked up and in order to transact further business it was necessary to open an account with some other Bank. After due consideration it was unanimously resolved :—

(a) that the State Bank of India be and are hereby appointed Bankers to the Bihar Christian Council who agree to comply with the rules of the Bank governing current accounts.

(b) that all cheques on the banking account be signed and all bills, notes and all other negotiable instruments be drawn, accepted and made on behalf of the Bihar Christian Council by the Treasurer or the Secretary or any one or more of them.

(c) that all cheques, bills, notes & other negotiable instruments payable to the Bihar Christian Council may be endorsed for the Bihar Christian Council by any one or more of the persons mentioned in Resolution (b) or by the Secretary of the Bihar Christian Council for the time being.

(d) a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President be handed to the Bank together with the specimens of the necessary signatures.

11. Life and Mission of the Church Project :

Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall, the Provincial Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, Bihar, who attended the last Triennial of the S. C. M. at Guntur presented the plans of the S. C. M. for the Summer College to be organised

under the auspices of the Indian S. C. M. the aim of which was "The Life and Mission of the Church" He told that the Regional Christian Councils could send as many delegates as possible.

It was resolved

(a) that all the Churches be informed about this intended Summer College and that they should be shown the importance of sending delegates from the Churches and Missions direct. There is no restriction about the number but each delegate is likely to cost Rs.150/. They can send their delegates direct. They should contact Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall, Karimgunj, Gaya, in this connection.

(b) that 10 delegates be sent by the Bihar Christian Council to attend the Summer College

(c) that in order to meet the expences of these 10 delegates at Rs 150/- per head the following allotments be made:—

(i) that all the 26 affiliated Bodies, Missions and Churches be asked to contribute Rs. 30/- each and that the same be sent to the Treasurer of the Bihar Christian Council (The Rev. B. Harvey, D. U Mission, Hazaribagh) latest by the 30th June, 1958

(ii) that the Treasurer Bihar Christian Council be instructed to contribute Rs. 120/- towards this from the funds of the Council.

(iii) that Rs. 60/- per delegate be met by the Church to which the selected delegate may belong or by the delegate himself or herself.

(iv) that the Churches, Missions and Bodies affiliated to the Bihar Christian Council be asked to recommend names of their candidates with details of their qualifications, of these some should be laymen or laywomen, some ordained pastors and other men or women students. They should all be between the ages of 18 and 35 years, and that they should be conversant with the English language. All the nominations should reach the Secretary of the Bihar Christian Council latest by the 30th June 1958

(i) The Officers of the Council plus Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall will be the members of the Selection Committee. This Committee should do its work by correspondence.

12. Representative of B. C. C. on the Provincial Committee of Bihar S. C. M.

Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall expressed the desire of the Bihar S. C. M. Provincial Committee

for having at least one representative on the Provincial Committee from the B. C. C. This was accepted and for this biennial 1958—1960 Miss S. M. Bodra, Principal, Bathesda Girls High School, Ranchi, was appointed to be the representative.

It was agreed that this representative should be nominated by the Council at its biennial meetings in the future.

13. Constituted Council for 1958:

It was resolved that the following be invited to attend the meetings of the Council in October 1958

(See Appendix 'B')

It was further resolved that the status of such Missions which have already integrated as Churches be reviewed and considered by the Council and that their status be changed by an action of the Council where necessary.

14. PROGRAMME AND AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER 1958 :

It was resolved that the following programme be accepted for the Council Meeting in October, 1958.

(See Appendix 'C')

15. SPECIAL COMMITTEE :

The Special Committee had met on 11th night and the recommendations brought forward were read and accepted as follows:—

(a) Adult Literacy—The Adult Literacy Committee be asked to submit a report to the Executive Committee on Pt. Tiga's work, whether it is fruitful and whether they thought that some one else should replace Pt Tiga on the same basis and whether some part time person could not adequately do what has been done by Pt. Tiga.

(b) Santhal Christian Council:—On the question of re-union with the Santhal Christian Council it was decided that the two Councils be requested to appoint 3 persons each to meet with one of the Secretaries of the National Christian Council and to discuss this questions and send recommendations to the two Councils for their necessary action at their earliest convinience.

(c) Economic Life Committee:—The aim of the Committee should be to become self-supporting. It should plan small scale projects which could be carried out without any outside help. The B. C. C. should take care of the expenses on organisation, but the help of the N. C. C. will

be required for the financial expences on organisation for some time on a diminishing scale.

(d) Special Committee:—Report be asked for from all the Committees of the Council to reach the Secretary by the 31st of July, 1958. A Special Committee consisting of all the Officers of the Council be appointed by the Executive Committee at this meeting to survey the functions and responsibilities of these Committees which Committee should in turn bring forward suitable recommendations to the Council at it's October 1958 meeting with detailed reports of these Committees and the findings and recommendations of this Special Committee.

16. CHURCH UNION IN NORTH INDIA.

It was reported that copies in Hindi of the Plan of Church Union in North India were available @ -/5/- per copy from the Manager, Yogi Press, Lodipore, Patna-1 and from the S. P. G. Book Shop, Church Road, Ranchi.

It was resolved to request all those coming to the next Council Meeting to obtain and read this Plan before coming to the Meeting.

17. THE RT. REV. BISHOP G. N. L. HALL

Resolved that we, the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council, meeting for the first time since the retirement of the Right Reverend G.N.L. Hall, Bishop of Chotanagpur wish to place on record our appreciation of the work done for the Council and Executive by Bishop Hall during his many years as a member and Vice-President; and especially for his wisdom, counsel, scholarship and companionship given generously to the Council

We wish him every joy and blessing in his retirement

18. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 1958 :

Dr. Miss B. Porh and Mr. A. F. Markham were appointed to be the auditors for this period.

19. SECRETARY'S BILL :

The Secretary presented a bill for Rs. 204/75 nP. for expences through him upto date. Resolved that the bill be passed for payment and that the Secretary be asked to send the vouchers available to the Terasurer.

20. CONFIRMATION OF THESE MINUTES :

These minutes were read and confirmed on 12. 3. 58.

21. VOTE OF THANKS :

Vote of thanks was expressed to the various hosts and hostesses of the D. U. Mission. It was resoved that a sum of Rs. 50/- be paid to the Brotherhood House as hospitality charges for this meeting.

22. CLOSING RAYER :

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

P. John

President.

12. 3. 58.

J. J. P. Tiga

Secretary.

12. 3. 58.

APPENDIX "A"**REGISTRATION COST****TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY**

We have received a number of queries regarding the rgistration of documents in connection with the transfer of mision properties under 62e Indian Stamp Act 1860. I quote the relevant section in the Indian Registration Act :

"In the case of all other documents in which neither the consideration for the transaction

nor the value of the property affected, is expressed, or in which it is only partially expressed, the value shall be maximum amount which the stamp borne by the document shall suffice to cover, if the document is one which is liable to stamp duty at advalorem rates. If the value cannot be determined from the stamp duty, or is liable to duty at a fixed amount irrespective of the value of the transaction, or when the transaction is not susceptible of money valuation, the fee leviable shall be Rs. 9/-, provided that in cases where the value of only a portion of the property or consideration is given and that the value exceeds Rs. 1,500, the fee shall be levied on the value so expressed "

The registration fee on such documents is as follows:—

Bengal	Rs. 20	Madras	Rs. 9
Bihar	Rs. 20	Punjab	Rs. 10
Bombay	Rs. 31	U. P.	Rs. 11-25
M. P.	Rs. 20		

E. C. BHATTEY

Secretary

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

APPENDIX 'B'

CONSTITUTED COUNCIL FOR 1958 SESSION

I Co-opted members :

1. Rev. P. John, Near Power House, Arrah— (President)
2. Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanapur, Ranchi (Vice-President)
3. Mr. A.K. Mukherji, C.M.S. High School, Bhagalpur (Vice-President)
4. The Rev. B. Harvey, D.U. Mission, Hazaribagh (Treasurer)
5. The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi (Secretary)
6. Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall, Karimgunj, Gaya
7. The Rev. Joel Lakra, G.E.L. Church Ranchi
8. The Rev. E.W. Oliver, R.B.M. Union, Motihari
9. The Rev. H.O. Prichard, Gopalgunj, Saran
10. Rev. K. C. Burdett, Nawabshahdaria, Palamu
11. Pt. C. M. Tiga, C/o G.E.L. Church Press, Ranchi
12. Mr. S. K. Roy, Toophan Kone, Kanke, Ranchi
13. Mr. N. E. Horo, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
14. Mr. A. K. Nandi, Nayatoli, Ranchi
15. Miss Steven Guille, S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi
16. Miss M. M. Sheldon, Methodist Mission, Buxar, Shahabad
17. Miss S. M. Bodra, Bethesda Girls' School, Ranchi
18. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur, Nathnagar, Bhagalpur
19. Dr. Miss B. Porh, St Collumbus Hospital, D. U. Mission. Hazaribagh

II Churches :

- | | Representatives |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Gosner Evangelical Lutheran Church | 5 |
| 2. British Churches of Christ | 1 |
| 3. Church of India Burmah Pakistan & Ceylone | |
| Chotanagpur Diocese | 5 |
| Bhagalpur Diocese | 4 |

4. Methodist Church in Southern Asia
Lucknow conference 2
Bengal Conference 2

III Missions :

- | | |
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| 1. Assembly of God Mission | 1 |
| 2. Bihar Mennonite Mission | 1 |
| 3. Baptist Union of North India | 1 |
| 4. Churches of Christ Mission | 1 |
| 5. Regions Beyond Missionary Union | 1 |
| 6. United Missionary Society | 1 |
| 7. Bible & Medical Missionary Fellowship | 1 |
| 8. Eastern Himalayan Church Board | 1 |
| 9. Elim Missionary Society | 1 |
| 10. American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission | 1 |
| 11. Christian Medical Assn of India | 1 |
| 12. Brethren in Christ Mission | 1 |
| 13. The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission | 1 |
| 14. Freewill Baptist Mission | 1 |
| 15. Pentecostal Holiness Mission | 1 |

IV Affiliated Bodies :

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. The Bible Society of India | 1 |
| 2. The North India Christian Tract & Book Society | 1 |
| 3. Indian Christian Association Jamshedpur | 1 |

V Affiliated Councils :

- | | |
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| 1. The Eastern Himalayan Church Council | 1 |
| 2. The National Christian Council of India | 1 Secy. |

VI Santhal Christian Council :

- | | |
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| 1. Fraternal delegates | 5 |
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VII Guest Speakers :

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| As proposed in the agenda | 3 |
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Total	67
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APPENDIX "C"

TWENTY FIFTH MEETING
OF THE
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

FRIDAY 17TH OCT.—MONDAY 20TH OCT.

PROGRAMME.

Friday, Oct. 17th 1958

FIRST SESSION 8-30 A. M

Worship Dr. A. A. Haqq *Rev. Bookless.*

1. Attendance of delegates and visitors
2. Adoption of the programme
3. Appointment of Minute Secretaries
4. Application for affiliation, if any, and consideration of status of such Missions which should be classed under "Churches"
5. President's Address
6. Greetings from (i) Santal Christian Council (ii) National Christian Council and others
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Appointment of Nominations Committee
9. Appointment of Resolutions Committee

(18)

SECOND SESSION—2 P. M.

10. Secretary's Report—Rex. J. J. P. Tiga
11. Evangelism—Rev. E. W. Oliver
12. Youth Organisation...Mr. A. K. Nandi & P.L. Lall
13. The Blind School...Miss Gowkroger Superintendent
14. Medical Matter...Dr. B. Porh
15. United Christian School for Boys in Patna...Rev. P. John and Rev. Manohar Das.
16. Mission Schools...Mr. A. K. Mukherji

6 P. M. Public Meeting:—

United Mission to Nepal	Rev. E.W. Oliver...Speaker
	Rt. Rev. Bishop...Chairman of Bhagalpur

Saturday October, 18, 1958

THIRD SESSION - 8-30 P. M.

Worship...Dr. A. A. Haqq *Nauman*

17. N. C. C. Matters...
 - (a) Comity Rules (b) Indian Christian Marriage Act
 - (c) Church and Government, etc....N. C. C. Secretary
 - Devolution : Report of the Sub-Committee
18. Economic Life of the Church...Mr. S. K. Roy
19. Bible Society.. Secretary Calcutta Bible Society or his nominee
20. Hindi Christian Literature N. I. C. T. & Book Society / Rev. P. Das
Theological Text Book
21. Christian Literature in Hindi...Rev. P. John
22. Christian Home...Miss B. Heaton

(19)

FOURTH SESSION 2 P. M.

23. Adult Literacy...Mr. A. S. G. Tirkey
24. Sunday School...Rev. P. M. Khalkho
25. Report of the Treasurer...Rev. B. Harvey
26. Revision of the Constitution & Byelaws
Rev. B. Harvey
27. Relief work...Rev. J. E. Titus
28. Essay Competition...Rt. Rev. D. B. Hans
29. Church Union in North India...Rev. P. John and
Rev. B. Harvey

6 P. M. Public Meeting:

Life and Mission of the Church...Akbar Abdul Haqq

Sunday, Oct 19, 1958

QUIET DAY *By Rev. D. B. Hans*

**To be Conducted by Dr. A. A. Haqq and
Rev. E. W. Oliver**

Monday, October 20, 1958

FIFTH SESSION—8-30 P. M.

Worship...Dr. A. A. Haqq *Mr. S. Nauman*

30. Report of the Nominations Committee
31. Report of the Resolution Committee
32. Place and time of the next meeting
33. Vote of Thanks Secretary
34. Closing Prayer and Benediction President



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Mr. N. E. Horo,
Secretary G.E. Church,
Ranchi

39. Mr. W.H. Solomon, Collier Memorial Hostel, Bankipura.
- IX. Churches of Christ Mission.
40. The Rev. K.C. Burdett, Churches of Christ Mission, P.O. N. Palawan.
- X. Regions Beyond Missionary Union.
41. Rev. E.W. Oliver, Mission House, Motihari, Champaran, Bihar.
- XI. United Missionary Society.
- 42.
- XII. Zarema Bible and Medical Mission.
- 43.
- XIII. Eastern Himalayan Mission Council.
44. The Rev. D.M. Mukhi.
- XIV. Elim Missionary Society.
- 45.
- XV. American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission.
46. Rev. C.G. Vichart, Baldih Training Jamsheppur P.O. Singbhum.
- XVI. Christian Medical Association of India.
- 47.
- XVII. Brethren in Christ Mission.
- 48.
- 49.
- XVIII. The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission.
- 50.
- XIX. Freewill Baptist Mission.
- 51.
- XX. The Mission to Lepers.
- 52.
- XXI. Pentecostal Holiness Mission.
- 53.
- 54.
- XXII. Methodist Mission in Bengal Conference.
55. Miss R. Evland, Jidato Girls' Middle School Pakur S.P. Bihar.
- Affiliated Councils.
- XXIII. Eastern Himalayan Church Council.
56. Rai Sahab George Makhert., Makbert House, Siliguri, West Bengal.
- XXIV. Affiliated Bodies.
- XXIV. Bible Society of India.
57. Mrs. Bouver, Bible House, 23, Chowranghi Road, Calcutta-13.
- XXV. North Indian Christian Tract and Book Society.
58. The Rev. Paul Das, Secretary, 18, Clive Road, Allahabad.
- XXVI. I.C.A. Jamsheppur.
59. Mr. P.D. Panna, 23, Bandi East Sakchi, Jamsheppur, Singbhu.
- XXVII. The National Christian Council of India.
- Honourable Guest.
60. The Rev. W. Scoper, Secretary, National Christian Council, Nagpur 1.M.P.
61. Mr. John G.P. Naumann, Secretary for Literacy N.C.C, Perambur, N.A. Dist, S. India.
- XXVIII. Fraternal Delegates from Santal Christian Council.
62. Rev. B. Soran, Secretary, Santal Christian Council, Village Gondo, P.O. Maheshpur Raj, Dist Santalparganas.
63. Mr. P. Baske, Chairman S.C.C.C.M.S. Taljhari, P.O. Taljhari, Santalpargar.
64. ~~Rev.~~ Rev. Dr. W. Dempster, Vice-President, S.C.C. Tisri Mission P.O. Tisri, Via Giridih, Hazaribagh.
65. Rev. S. Murum. Sonajuri. P.O. Pakur, Santal Parganas.
66. Rev. J.P. Hastings, Donli, P.O. Garh Jaypur, Bankura, West Bengal.
67. Rev. Bjerkestrand, Bandarjori Mission. P.O. Dumka, S.P.
68. Rev. Gohin Maraudi, Baptist Mission, P.O. Kaliaganj, W. Dinajpur, W. Bengal.
69. Rev. Guru Das Soran, Methodist Church, Saranga, Bankura, W. Bengal.
70. Rev. Satyendra Nath Hemron, N.M.S. Raghunathpur, Manbhum.
71. Mr. Raska Murum, Kusum, P.O. Dumka, S.P.
72. Rev. Dr. R.M. Macphail, Bandah, via Simultala, E.R.

Note:- Mrs. Bouker wants 1st Class berth from Hazaribagh Road to Howrah on the night train on the 17th November.

B.L. 14/11/55.

J. N. S. S. S.
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,

H A R C H R I S T I A N C O U N C I L

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2. Mr. A.K. Mukherjee, C.M.S. High School, Bhagalpur.. Vice-President.
3. Miss Stevens Guille, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi..... Treasurer.
4. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, C. L. L. Church, Ranchi..... Secretary.
5. The Rt. Revd. Bishop of Chotanagpur, Ranchi.
6. Rev. Joel Lakra, G. L. L. Church, Ranchi
7. Miss M. Stirsgaard, Methodist Church, Arrah. *X retired Miss Sheldon Buxar Methodist*
8. The Rev. E. W. Oliver, K.B.M. Union, Motihari.
9. The Rev. A. E. Brown, D.U. Mission, Hazaribagh. *X Rev. B. Harvey*
10. Pt. C.M. Tiga, C/C The G.L.L. Church Press, Ranchi.
11. The Rev. D. B. Hans, S.P.C. Mission, Murhu. *Bakr & Bhagalpur*
12. Miss S.M. Bodra, Bethesda Girls' High School, Ranchi.
13. Mr. S.K. Roy, ToophanKone, Kanke, Ranchi,
14. Dr. Miss. B. Porh, St. Columba's Hospital, D.U. Mission Hazaribagh. *X Area Secy*
15. Dr. D.G. Muthu, "Mayfiel", Ranchi. *X died - K.C. Burdett, Nawabshah*
16. The Rev. Pritchard, Gopalgunj, Sagan, North Bihar *Dr. (Miss) B. Poon*
17. Mr. N. B. Horo, G. L. L. Church, Ranchi.
18. Mr. P. L. Lall, Keringanj, Coysa. *19. Secy - Bezo - A.K. Nandi, Rayachoti*

C H U R C H E S

II. Goswami Evangelical Lutheran Church.

19. Prof. P. C. Moro, St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh.
20. Rev. H. Topno, G. L. L. Church, Burju, P.O. Murhu, Ranchi.
21. Rev. S. Surin, G. L. L. Church Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, Ranchi.
22. Mr. J. Berla, Goswami High School, Ranchi.
23. Rev. N. Bhuiya, G. L. L. Church, Singheni, P.C. & Dist. Hazaribagh.

III. Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ.

24. Mr. Cyrus Tiga, B. C. C. Mission, Newa Bhondaria, Dts. Palamou.

IV. Church of India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon:

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27. Mr. R. Menson, Khalkho, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi.
28. The Rev. B. Samad, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi.
29. Mr. J. E. Nag, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi.

(B) Bhagalpur Diocese.

30. The Rt. Revd. Bishop of Bhagalpur, Bishop's House, P.O. Champaganagar, Bhagalpur 4.

Substitute Rev. J. C. Bookless, Christ Church House, Collectorate Road, Patna.

31. Mr. J. L. Ghose, C.L.S.M.E. School, P.O. Champaganagar, Bhagalpur.
32. The Rev. G.N. Palmyra, The Personage, near Post Office, Purnea, Dist. Purnea.

33. Mr. M.N. Sen, Keruna Kutir, Bhagalpur.

V. Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

(a) Lucknow Conference.

34.

35.

(B) Bengal Conference.

36. Rev. J. E. Titus, Dist. Suptd. Methodist Mission, Bhanbad, Bihar.

M I S S I O N S

VI. Assembly of God Mission:

37. Rev. Fred Merian, Chottupalod, Ranchi. *Rev. J. Barrick*

VII. Bihar Mennonite Mission.

38. Rev. Milton Vogt, Balusoth, Palamou.

VIII. Baptist Union of North India.

39. Mr. W.H. Solomon,

Rev. P. Bilari union church Gaya

Bihar Christian Council Ex

1. matters arising out of previous meetings —

Relief

Medical

Sub-Committee — for re-organization

2. Mr. How's resignation — accepted, He continues to be a member of the Econ. Committee
Noted — Mr. Ex. Poy is elected a member of the Econ. Comm. + member of the Committee.

3. Time for the Conference — in October

16th Oct —

Executive

17 + 18th —

Conference

19th —

Quiet day

20th —

Forenoon Conference

4. Resignation of Secretary Rev. J. P. Tige —
He said that the next ex. is during the Council in October B.S.F. — it would be good if Rev. Tige continue till the Council.
Action taken —

5. ~~Single~~ member of the Ex. Committee —
Mr. P. K. Lall to be co-opted in place of the Bishop of Dhaka & he requested to ~~help~~ assist the Secretary in organizing the Council meeting.

6. N.C.C. matters :

marriage Act (Indian Christians) — Mr. Bodda's name he suggested to the N.C.C. for consultations re: amendment of Indian Christian marriage Act.

7. Mission of the Church —

churches are requested to contribute Rs 30/- to the Soc towards sharing the cost of the delegation of 10 to attend the Summer College.

8. Soc representative to Soc (Bihar Provincial)

— Mr. Bodda elected for next biennial.

9. Church Union in N. India

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING

OF THE

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Held at D. D. Mission, Hazratnagar, Nov. 16-18, 1955

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1955.

7:30 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Worship - Rev. J. C. S. Secretary, Rev. W. Stokes

Address of the President and Secretary

Address of the President

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING

OF THE

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

1. Prayer
2. Reading of Scripture
3. The Lord's Supper
4. Address of the President
5. Address of the Secretary
6. Report of the Executive Committee
7. Report of the Finance Committee
8. Report of the Education Committee
9. Report of the Social Service Committee
10. Report of the Church Extension Committee
11. Report of the Women's Committee
12. Report of the Children's Committee
13. Report of the Music Committee
14. Report of the Church Administration Committee
15. Report of the Church Extension Committee
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- 1 Attendance of delegates and visitors.
- 2 Adoption of the programme.
- 3 Appointment of Minute Secretaries
- 4 Application for affiliation, if any.
- 5 (a) President's address. (b) Secretary's Report.
- 6 Greetings from (i) Santal Christian Council (ii) National Christian Council The Rev B. Soren and Rev. J. G. P. Naumann.
- 7 Appointment of Auditors.
- 8 Appointment of Nominations Committee.
- 9 Appointment of Resolutions Committee.
- 10 National Missionary Society...Golden Jubilee (1905-1955)...
Mr. S. K. Roy and Rev. Paul Das.

SECOND SESSION - 2 P. M.

- 11 Evangelism... Mr. E. W. Oliver.
- 12 Youth Organisation... Mr. R. John.
- 13 The Blind School... Superintendent.
- 14 Medical Matters .. Dr. M. Scott
- 15 United Christian School for Boys in Patna... Rev. P. John
- 16 Mission Schools... Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

6 P. M. Public meeting :-

United Mission to Nepal... { Rev E.W. Oliver... Speaker
Rt. Rev. Bishop Hall,...Chairman

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17. 1955.

THIRD SESSION - 9 A. M.

Worship Rev. John G. P. Naumann.

- 17 N. C. C. Matters .. N. C. C. Secretary, Rev. W. Scopes.
(a) Comity Rules (b) Indian Christian Marriage Act. (c) Church & Government. etc.
- 18 Economic Life of the Church... Mr. S. K. Roy.
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 21 Christian Literature in Hindi... Rev. P. John.
 22 Christian Home ... Miss B. Heaton.

FOURTH SESSION - 2 P. M.

- 23 Adult Literacy... Pandit C. M. Tiga & Rev. J. G. P. Naumann
 24 Sunday School... Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
 25 Report of the Treasurer Miss. S. Guille.
 26 Raising of Affiliation fee Treasurer.
 27 Relief Work ... Rev. P. John.
 28 Tabita School ... Rev. S. Surin.
 29 United Church in North India .. Rev. P. John.

6. P M. Public meeting :— { Rev. J. J. P. Tiga... Speaker
 Evanston World Council of Churches { Rev. A. Brown... Chairman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18. 1955.

FIFTH SESSION - 9 A. M.

Worship ... Rev M. C. Vogt.

- 30 Report of the Nominations Committee.
 31 Report of the Resolutions Committee.
 32 Place and time of the next meeting.
 33 Vote of Thanks .. Secretary.
 34 Closing Prayer and Benediction .. Bishop N. Hall.

J. J. P. Tiga,
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- 16 The Rev. Brian Harvey, D. U. Mission Hazaribagh
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CHURCHES

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- 21 Rev S. Surin, G. E. L. Church Govindpur, P. O. Jariagarh, Ranchi
- 22 Mr. J. Barla, Gossner High School, Ranchi
- 23 Rev. N. Bhuinya, GEL Church Singhani, Hazaribagh

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- 32 The Rev. G. N. Palmyra, The Parsonage, near Post Office, Purnea, Dist. Purnea
- 33 Mr. M. N. Sen, Karuna Kutir, Bhagalpur

V Methodist Church in Southern Asia :—

(A) Lucknow Conference

- 34 Rev. T. Massey, Methodist Church, Sasram, Bihar
- 35 Rev. J.L. Kinder, " " Arrah Bihar

(B) Bengal Conference

- 36 Rev. J. E. Titus, Dist. Suptd. Methodist Mission, Dhanbad, Bihar

MISSIONS

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- 38 Rev. Milton Vogt, Balumath, Palamau, Bihar

VIII Baptist Union of North India :—

- 39 Mr. W.H. Solomon, Collier Memorial Hostel, Patna

IX Churches of Christ Mission :—

- 40 Mrs. K. C. Burdett, Churches of Christ Mission, P.O. Nawa Bhandaria, Palamau

X Regions Beyond Missionary Union :—

- 41 Rev E. W. Oliver, Mission House, Motihari, Champaran Bihar

XI United Missionary Society :—

- 42 Mr. Edward Benedict, Raghunathpur, P.O. Manbhum Bihar

XII Zenana Bible and Medical Mission Teck Hospital Patna

43 Miss G. M. Emery

XIII Eastern Himalayan Church Board :—

44 The Rev. D.H. Mukhia, P.O. Kurseong, Darjeeling

XIV Elim Missionary Society :—

45 Rev. Stockdale, Ansari Bungalow, P. O. Dehri Sahabad, Bihar

XV American Baptist Bangal-Orissa Mission :—46 Rev. C G. Vichart, Beldih Triangle Jamshedpur
P. O. Singbhum**XVI Christian Medical Association of India :—**47 Dr. Margaret Scott, St. Columba's Hospital D. U.
Mission Hazaribagh, Bihar**XVII Brethren in Chirst Mission :—**48 Mr. W. R. Hoke, P. O. Tirbeniganj,
Via Murliganj N. Bhagalpur District, Bihar**XVIII The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission :—**49 Rev. R. Bergsaker, Mission House, Manihari, Dist.
Purnea, Bihar**XIX Freewill Baptist Mission :—**

50 Mr. Daniel R. Cronk, Kishanganj, Purnea Dt. Bihar

XX The Mission to Lapers :—

51 Mr. William Bailey, Purulia, Bihar

XXI Penticostal Holiness Mission :—

52 Rev. K.G. Donald, Jha Jha, Dist. Monghyr, Bihar

53 Mr. Inayat Singh, Jha Jha, Dist. Monghyr, Bihar

XXII Methodist Mission in Bengal Conference :—54 Miss R. Eveland, Jidato Girls' Middle School Pakur
S. P., Bihar**AFFILIATED COUNCILS****XXIII Eastern Himalayan Church Council :—**55 Rai Saheb George Mahbert, Mahbert House, Siliguri,
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XXV North India Christian Tract & Book Society

- 57 The Rev. Paul Das, Secretary, 18 Clive Road,
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XXVI I. C. A. Jamshedpur :—

- 58 Mr. P.D. Panna, 23 Bandi East Sakchi, Jamshedpur,
Singbhum

XXVII The National Christian Council of India :—

HONOURABLE GUESTS

- 59 The Rev. W. Scopes, Secretary, National Christian
Council, Nagpur 1, M. P.

- 60 Rev. John G. P. Naumann, Secretary for Literacy
N. C. C. Pernambut, N. A. Dist. S. India

XXVIII Fraternal Felegates from Santal Christian Council

- 61 Rev. B. Soren, Secretary, Santal Christian Council
Vill. Gonde, P.O. Maheshpur Raj, Dist. Santalpargana

- 62 Mr. P. Baske, Chairman S. C. C. C. M. S. Taljhari,
P. O. Taljhari, Santalpargana

- 63 Rev. Dr. W. Dempster, Vice-President S.C.C. Tisri
Mission, P. O. Tisri. Via. Giridih, Hazaribagh

- 64 Rev S. Murmu, Sonajuri, P. O. Pakur, Santalpargana

- 65 Rev. J. P Hastings, Denli, P. O. Garh Jaypur,
Bankura, West Bengal

- 66 Rev. B. Jerkestrand, Bandarjori Mission, P.O. Dumka
S. P.

- 67 Rev Gohim Maraudi, Baptist Mission, P. O. Kalia-
ganj. W. Dinajpur, W. Bengal

- 68 Rev. Guru Das Soren, Methodist Church, Sarenga,
Bankura, W. Bengal

- 69 Rev Satyendra Nath Hemrom, N. M. S. Raghuath-
pur, Manbhum

- 70 Mr Raska Murum Kusum, P. O. Dumka, S. P.

- 71 Rev. Dr. R. M. Macphail, Bamdah, Via Simultala,
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J. J. P. TIGA,

Secretary,

Bihar Christian Council,

Proceedings of the twentyfourth meeting of the Bihar Christian Council held at St. Stephen's Church HAZARIBAGH.

FIRST SESSION 16-11-55 AT 9 A.M.

The first session of the Twentyfourth meeting of the Bihar Christian Council was held on Wednesday the 16th. November, 1955 at 9 a. m. in St. Stephen's Church at Hazaribagh, with Mr. A. K. Mukherjee in the chair. Rev. P. John, the President was indisposed and could not come to the meeting.

2 Opening Devotion : The meeting was opened with devotion led by the Rev. D. B. Hans.

3 Attendance : The Secretary called out the names of the delegates, co-opted members and fraternal delegates. Apologies from absentees were recorded.

The Rev. Benjamin Soren, Secretary of the Santhal Christian Council was present. With him was Dr. Dempster of the S. C. C. who earlier attended the Executive meeting. He left a few minutes earlier as he had to be present elsewhere urgently.

Hon'ble guests from the National Christian Council the Rev. G. P. Naumann and the Rev. P. Das of the North India Tract Society were also present. (See Appendix)

4 Adoption of the Programme : Programme approved by the Executive Committee was unanimously adopted.

- 5 **Appointment of Minute Secretaries :** The Rev. D. B. Hans and Mr. N. E. Horo were unanimously elected Minute Secretaries.
- 6 **President's Address :** In the absence of the President his address was presented to the Council by the Chair. (See Appendix—II)
- 7 **Secretary's Report :** The Secretary the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga presented his report before the house which was unanimously accepted. (See Appendix III)
- 8 **Greetings :** Greetings from the National Christian Council and the Santhal Christian Council were brought by the Rev. G. P. Naumann and Rev. Benjamin Soren respectively. The Chairman thanked the Revds. Soren and Naumann for bringing fraternal greetings from the S. C. C. and the N. C. C. and assured them of the closer co-operation of the Bihar Christian Council.
- 9 **Appointment of Auditors :** Miss S. M. Bodra and Venerable the Arch Deacon of the Diocese of Chotanagpur were unanimously appointed Auditors.
- 10 **Appointment of the Nominations Committee :** The following were unanimously elected to serve on the Nominations Committee. They are:—
 - 1 The Rt. Reverened Bishop of Chotanagpur—Convener
 - 2 Rev. E. W. Oliver
 - 3 Prof. P. C. Horo
 - 4 Rev. J. A. Titus
 - 5 Rev. M. C. Vogt

- 6 Mr. Johan E. Ghose
- 7 Rev. Fred E. Merian
- 8 Mr. W. H. Solomon
- 11 **Resolutions Committee :** The following were elected to serve on the Resolutions Committee
 - 1 Rev. D. B. Hans (Convener)
 - 2 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
 - 3 Rev. Brian Harvey
 - 4 Rev. J. C. Bookless
 - 5 Mr. N. E. Horo.
- 12 **National Missionary Society: GOLDEN JUBILEE (1905—1955)**

Mr. S. K. Roy presented a short history of the beginning of the National Missionary Society. He said how a few missionary minded Indians had decided to establish this great indigenous organisation. After him Rev. P. Das of the U. P. Branch of N. M. S., who had attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of this Society at Calcutta, gave his impression of the jubilee. He said that the Golden Jubilee has a clarion call for all individual churches in India for revival for all individual churches in India for revival for evangelistic work. He stressed that the responsibility of reaching the Gospel to millions of Indians who have not yet known the Lord lies with the indigenous churches. After the statements of Mr. Roy, Rev. Das and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, the following resolutions were moved and adopted.
- (a) The Bihar Christian Council assembled at its twentyfourth session in Hazaribagh on 16th. November, 1955, sends its cordial greetings

to the National Missionary Society on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the N.M.S. this year and thanks God for His blessings poured upon the society during the last fifty years.

(b) The Bihar Christian Council urges the churches and missions affiliated to it to hear the call of the N. M. S. to revival and prayer within the churches. It also appeals to these bodies to hold melas, mina bazars or similar other activities during or near the Christmas season this year and thus raise funds to be applied partly to the proposed memorial to Father Chakravorty and partly to the general work of the Society.

(c) The Bihar Christian Council gathered for its first meeting since the death of Bishop Tarafdar (Shishir Kumar Tarafdar), one of the former Presidents of the Council, wishes to convey its sympathy to the relatives of the Bishop in their loss. In doing so its wishes to place on record its gratitude to God for the life and example of Bishop Tarafdar, for his untiring work and for his contribution over many years to the aims and usefulness of this Council.

13 **The United Church in North India :** A written report prepared by the Rev. P. John on the work of the Negotiation Committee for the union of churches in North India was read and accepted.

At this stage the Council rose for lunch.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday the 16th. November 53

2 p. m.—5 p. m.

14 Evangelism :

Rev. E. W. Oliver gave a report of the work done by the Committee on Evangelism. (See Appendix—IV)

Just after this Rev. L. C. Burdett gave an appraisal of the situation in Palamau. He said that there was a considerable opposition against the work of the christian missionaries in that district. He sought help and advice from the Council, if something could be done in the matter of fighting cases now instituted against certain missionaries and Indian christians in that district.

Rev. Naumann informed the house that the N. C. C. Executive had a suggestion to give and that is this that christians in trouble areas should remain calm and be praying. God will show them the way. On a suggestion by Rev. Tiga, the house devoted sometime in prayer led by Rev. Naumann.

15 **Youth Organisation :** In the absence of Mr. Raymond John, Mr. P. L. Lall, read out the report of the Youth Organisation. (See Appendix—V) The President of the B.C.Y.U. requested for some financial help to enable them to send two delegates to the Ecumenical Work Camp in Assam. The Treasurer announced that an amount of Rs. 50/- has already been earmarked for youth work.

Resolved that a sum of Rs. 50/- (fifty only) be sanctioned towards meeting the travel expenses of two youth delegates who will attend an Ecumenical Work Camp in Assam.

16 Blind School at Ranchi : In the absence of the Superintendent, the Venerable the Arch Deacon of Chotanagpur, presented the report of the Blind School run by the S.P.G. Mission at Ranchi. (See Appendix—VI)

Resolved to take collections on the 16th and 17th evening when public meetings are held in the St Stephen's church and the collection thus taken be donated to the S. P. G. Mission Blind School.

17 Adult Literacy—Mr. C. M. Tiga, Convener of the Adult Literacy work gave a detailed report of the Adult literacy work (Appendix—VII)

Rev. G. P. Naumann gave his report on the same subject and urged every one to get going in the work of making people literate. He said that in a Christian community the percentage of literacy should be cent per cent. He wanted key personnel to be appointed for taking up literacy work.

Resolved that the Council through the Honorary Secretary shall institute a yearly census of Christian literates over 16 years of age within the area of the Council, and also recommend to the churches to appoint Promoters for adult literacy work.

18 United Christian School for Boys in Patna : Rev. P. John, Convener of the sub-committee authorised to prepare a scheme for starting a

United High School in Patna sent a report to the council. From the contents of the report it was felt that the sub-committee had not fully examined it.

Members voted to send it back to the sub-committee for further examination, however, it was preferred to include this report in the appendix to the minutes (See Appendix—VIII)

19 Public Address on United Mission to Nepal—At 6 p. m. the Rev. E. W. Oliver gave an illuminating talk on the works of the United Mission to Nepal. He used coloured slides to show immense possibilities of evangelism in that country. He threw a challenge to every Christian in this country to come up and help work in Nepal.

THIRD SESSION

Nov. 17, 1955, 9 p. m.

The Rev. John G. P. Neumann conducted the opening devotions.

20 North India Christian Tract and Book Society Rev. Paul Das reported on the work of the society. He shewed in his report the need of good writers, translators, artists and Book sellers. He advocated for extensive distribution of tracts.

(a) **Resolved** that the Second Sunday of August be fixed as Tract Sunday and the Executive be authorised to get the opinion of the council by circulation in fixing a Sunday for the Ranchi Blind School.

(b) **Resolved** to send two delegates from the Bihar Christian Council to the Theological Text Book Committee and pay up to Rs. 50/- to the committee.

21 Bible society—In the absence of Mr. Featherstone Mrs. Bouker presented the report. She said that the aim of the society is to

(a) Make available for every Christian home the whole Bible in their own language.

(b) To make available for all literate non-christians at least one Gospel.

She said that the task of the society is tremendous and each of us have a share to take by gifts, by distribution of scripts and by prayer. In this materialistic age many deny the very existence of God, but many still are hungering for Him, asking what is his face like. Bible reveals God's own revelation of Himself to man, Supremely in Son. God's glory is revelation in the face of crucified and risen saviour. This is still the good news for which the world is waiting, and it is our immense privilege to make it known.

At this stage the Chairman Mr. A. K. Mukherjee left the meeting as he had to go back to Bhagalpur that day. The Revd. D. B. Hans was unanimously voted to the chair.

Mr. J. E. Nag was then elected one of the minute Secretary in place of Rev. D. B. Hans.

22 N. C. C. Matters :

Rev. W. Scopes, Secretary N. C. C. spoke on various N. C. C. matters.

(a) **Indian Converts' Regulation and Registration Bill**:—This is a private Bill introduced by Mr. Joshi in the Lok Sabha. It requires a man wanting to be converted to make a declaration of his intention and no person can perform any ceremony with a view to convert a person without a license granted by the authority meant for it. This is injurious to the Christian Churches.

The N. C. C. has taken up this matter and is sending a deputation to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, Union Government.

(b) **Rev. Frank Short's visit**:—He visited India recently and had talked with Union Government officials regarding missionary work in India.

(c) **Christian Higher Education**:—The N. C. C. appeals to the churches for taking a realistic view of the situation of higher Christian Education.

(d) **Entries of missionaries.**

He said that government have finalised the procedure regarding entry of missionaries.

It has been suggested that Visa applications should originate in India rather than in the country from which the missionary comes. This application would then be forwarded to the government by the N. C. C. with a recommendation.

Foreign missionaries coming as additional members of a mission or in replacement of the existing missionaries will be admitted in to India only if they possess outstanding qualifications or specialised experience and if Indians are not available for such posts.

For Commonwealth Countries it has been suggested that like other foreign missionaries they should be required to obtain visas for India before proceeding to this country.

Mr. Scopes wanted to know from the council whether the churches would like the N. C. C. to be

- a Simply forwarding office or
- b Recommending and forwarding body.

It was Resolved that this council ask the National Christian council to receive from the churches or missions in India applications for entry or re-entry of missionaries recommend where approved and forward such applications to the government.

FOURTH SESSION

Nov. 17, 1955 2 p. m.

(e) Public Questions Committee :

Resolved to appoint a Public questions committee composed of three members from the Bihar Christian Council and three members from the Santhal Christian Council.

Resolved to elect the following to serve on the Public Questions Committee

from the B. C. C. —

- 1 Rev. J.J.P. Tiga 2 Rev. P. John
- 3 Mr. K.M. Abraham

(f) Basis of membership :—The N. C. C. Executive has given thought to this matter with a view to making to N.C.C. more representation. It suggests the following—

- a Churches—Which are organised as autonomous units can send two representatives for every 1000 member. They will have right to vote.
- b Self Supporting Churches—like C.L.S. & S. C. M. can send their representatives with right to vote.
- c Foreign missionary bodies and other bodies which depend on foreign support. Will be associate members but shall have no right to vote.

Resolved to dedegate this question to the Executive for action.

(g) Comity Rules:—Reported that Comity Rules have now been finally amended by the N.C.C.

This was adopted by the Council.

The Secretary reported that there is a trouble at Gomoh between the A. G. Mission and the Methodist church. It was proposed that a committee from this council should meet representatives of the A. G. mission and Methodist Church and settle the dispute.

This was adopted and the following were unanimously elected to serve on the committee—

1 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

2 Rev. Brian Harvey

Reported that a dispute between the Gossner church and the Mennonite church (Chandwa) will be settled between the two churches. Reported that the matter of differences arising between the Gossner Church and the S. P. G. Church Ranchi has been referred to the committee on Comity.

(h) Indian Christian Marriage Act :—This is under review.

(i) Transfer of Property :—According to the N. C. C. the best way of transferring mission Properties to the Indian hands is the Declaration of Trust.

23 United Mission to Nepal :—

Heard Rev. E W. Oliver's report on the work of the United Mission to Nepal (See Appendix IX)

Resolved :—That the Council expresses its cordial good will and deep interest in the work being initiated by the United Mission to Nepal, and recommend to the Churches to co-operate with this work either directly or through the N. M. S.

24 Educational Matters : Mission Schools.

The Secretary gave the typed "Aide Memoire of the deputation to the Chief Minister of Bihar on 28 September 1955"

The Report was accepted (See Appendix—X)

25 Economic Life of the Church :

Mr. S. K. Roy reported on the Ghaziabad Conference and presented his own proposals for the uplift of the economic life of the churches.

Public Meeting :—The Revd. J. J. P. Tiga gave a very interesting talk on the Evanston Conference of the W. C. C. held in 1954. He illustrated it by using slides.

FIFTH SESSION

No. 18, 1955 9 p. M.

The morning devotion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. Vogt.

26 Quarter Millenium Jubilee of the Coming of the first protestant Missionaries in India.

Resolved to send greetings to the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church on the occasion of the quarter millenium Jubilee celebrations at Tranqueber.

27 Treasurer' Report :—

The Treasurer Miss M. A. Guille presented the financial report of the council (Appendix XI)

Resolved to accept the report with thanks.

28 Raising of Affiliation Fee :

The Treasurer moved that according to the resolution of the Executive the affiliation fee be increased as follows :

For missions—Rs. 40/- per delegate.

For churches—Rs. 25/- „ „

After an amendment was moved it was

Resolved to fix the affiliation fee as follows :

For mission —Rs. 45/- per delegate

For Churches—Rs. 30/- „ „

29 **Hospital Sunday** : Report of Dr Scott was read and accepted. Resolved to circulate copies of order of Prayer for use on Hospital Sunday to all the churches. (Appendix—XII)

30 **Relief Work** : Report presented and accepted.

31 **Literature** : Report given and accepted. Rev. Naumann pleaded that encouragements should be given to persons so that more manuscripts are prepared.

32 **Tabitha School** : Report presented by the Secretary. This is an institution which prepares Bible women and lay woman leaders.

Resolved that the Secretary should send out prospectus of the Tabitha School to all delegates along with the minutes of the B.C.C.

33 **Sunday School** : The Secretary reported that a committee under the auspices of the I.S.S.U. met at Jubbulpur recently to prepare a comprehensive curriculum for religious instruction. The emphasis in the new curriculum is to impart religious education to children and youth groups in the rural areas.

34 **World Council of Churches** : Message of the W. C. C. was heard and it was decided to circulate copies of the same to all the affiliated bodies.

35 **Report of the Resolutions Committee :**

Report was placed and accepted as follows.
(Resolutions incorporated in the minutes)

36 **Report of the Nominations Committee** : Report was placed before the house and accepted.

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8 Pandit C. M. Tiga c/o G. E. L. Church Press, Ranchi

9 Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur

10 Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur

11 Miss S. M. Bodra, Ranchi

12 Mr. S. K. Roy, Ranchi

13 Area Secretary, C. M. A. I.

14 Dr. Muthu, Ranchi.

15 Rev. D. B. Hans

16 Rev. L. C. Burdett, Nawa-Bhandaria, Palamau

17 Mr. N. E. Horo, Ranchi

18 Rev. A. E. Brown, D. U. Mission Hazaribagh

19 Mr. P. L. Lal, Karimganj, Gaya

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- 13 Rev. Clarence G. Vichert, Beldih Triangle Jamshedpur, Singhbhum
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- 6 Rev. Joel Lakra
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- 6 Mr. E. W. Oliver
- 7 Rev. P. John

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- 3 Rev. P. M. Khalkho, Jamshedpur, Singhbhum
- 4 Miss E. B. Adams, Taljhari, Santal Parganas

DELEGATES TO THE SANTAL C.C. (Two to be chosen out of the panel)

- 1 Rev. N. Bhuinya, Tokad, Ranchi
- 2 Rev. D. B. Hans
- 3 Rev. B. Harvey
- 4 Rev. S. Surin

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- 4 A. K. Mukerji

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- 3 Rev. Manohar Das, Union Church, Patna
- 4 Miss Martha Masih, Misson House, Gajarganj, Buxar
- 5 Mr. I. P. Tiga
- 6 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
- 7 Rev. H. H. Howard
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2 Theological Text Book Committee**

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- 2 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

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- 4 Miss Stevens Guille
- 5 Miss Paul

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TRI-ANNUAL

N. C. C. MEETING AT ALLAHABAD

- 1 Rev. D. B. Hans
- 2 Mr. W. H. Solomon
- 3 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

- 37 **Place and time of the next meeting:** The Executive is authorised to fix time and place of the next council meeting.

Noted:—That the Secretary or the organiser should furnish the person in charge of making arrangements with full particulars as the number of delegates, their address etc. The delegates should also be informed as what things and equipments to bring in the conference.

- 38 **Vote of thanks:—**The Secretary proposed a vote of Thanks to the hosts and hostesses and to the Bishop of Chotanagpur Diocese.

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction.

The
Life
and
Mission
of the
Church

— the words that I have spoken to you: they are spirit, they are life —

— into all the world —



STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

A New Project

What is this? Is it just some new enthusiasm of the Student Christian Movement, drawing us away from difficult tasks in the colleges? Or does this new project represent a return to the central things of the Gospel and of our task among students?

We must stress that this is not an extra which is to be taken up instead of, or in addition to, the normal programme of the Movement. Our aim is to provide a new framework for all our activities so that we may have a new sense of purpose in our work. In the local unions, our worship, study, evangelism and social action in the coming three years will all express our concern with the Life and Mission of the Church. This project will shape our programmes because it is already shaping our policies.

Let us list some of the features of this project. First, it is a teaching project. Its aim will be to educate us that we may become living members of the body of Christ and convincing witnesses in the world.

Secondly, it is a recall to life in the Church. The project will encourage us to take more seriously our membership in our own churches, and it will also awaken us to a new concern for the unity, extension and renewal of the Church, especially in the colleges.

Thirdly, it is a recall to mission in the world. We shall learn that the Church exists in the purpose of God for the sake of the world, and we shall be drawn into the mission of the Church, especially in the colleges where we are students.

Fourthly, it is a recall to obedience to Jesus Christ. Learning to give ourselves to Jesus Christ and his service is the primary concern of the Movement. But Jesus Christ always asks for our obedience at particular times and places that he may commission us for definite tasks. As we learn about the Life and Mission of the Church today, Christ will speak to us and claim us for the work he is preparing for us.

Fifthly, it is an international project. By taking our part in the project, we shall be enriching other members of the World's Student Christian Federation in many countries, while we shall receive, from students in SCMs abroad, new riches in Christ.

Let us begin today in our local unions to take up anew the concerns God has given to our Movement as we share in this WSCF project. We call on all our members and friends to go forward together in obedience to Jesus Christ to witness to the Lord of the Church and the world.

But Why ?

We are living through a revolution. There is nothing very strange about this. Many generations have seen revolutions. But no generation has seen a revolution on such a scale as this. All the world is being changed rapidly. No sphere of human life is unaffected. The revolution is going on in the minds of men, in our family relationships, in the places where we work and in our nations. The world of today is radically different from the world of a hundred years ago.

By contrast, the Church has changed very little in the past century. The life of our congregations is very similar to that of our great-grand-fathers' day. When we think about evangelism, we still think largely as they did a century ago. Considering that, in the past, the Church has many times altered its pattern of life and mission in order that it might speak the Word of Life with greater power, it is rather a strange thing that the Church has changed so little, while the world has changed so much. Perhaps this explains why so few men bother to listen to the good news of God and why the churches seem so lifeless.

There is no point in looking round for someone to blame. We are all to blame. The urgent thing is to wake up out of sleep, and to see what God is doing in the world, for we believe that God is in the revolution leading men to abundant life. Of course, we shall not discern God's work today unless we also study the Bible which tells us how God works in the world. When we have begun to see God at work, he will show us how he wishes his Church to live and witness. We believe that the Holy Spirit is also sending us to study other periods in the life of the Church so that we may know more clearly our task today. We are very conscious of the need to be busy preaching the Gospel, but it seems to us that the Spirit is saying that we must first study and learn before we can be really effective in God's mission. That is why we begin with a teaching project. But we realise it will be unreal if it does not lead us on to more earnest prayer and more urgent witness.

Many of our friends are afraid that we lose sight of individual students while we are busy caring for big concerns. We should like to reassure them that in this project we shall not be evading this responsibility for individual people. We believe that individuals only discover their true selves, and find purpose in life, when they are able to trust a God who is big enough for them to worship. Most of our members cannot worship a God who is not big enough to control the revolutionary forces of our time. This project will help us to see the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has the whole world in his hand. We also believe that the individual student is able to learn repentance and faith only when he is brought into a worshipping and witnessing fellowship. This project will enable the Spirit to transform the SCM into such a fellowship where students may find abundant life.

What shall we do?

1. Read this leaflet carefully and discuss it with our friends in the SCM and in the churches.

2. Begin to pray now for the project, and especially that God will guide us in our study and lead us to more effective witness. There are some suggestions on this leaflet.

3. Read and study the SCM book "Revolution and Reconstruction". Questions are provided for use with this book in group study.

4. Use the Bible study outline "Christ and Peter" either privately or in groups. This is the first study in the *Life and Mission of the Church Series*.

5. Plan our local union programme for 1958-59 so that our general meetings, our study, our worship, and our witness help our members to participate in the project. More help in doing this will be given later.

6. Persuade our local union to send delegates to the Summer College, May 21-31, 1958.

7. Watch for new study material and further announcements about the project.

Timetable

1958

May—India
Summer College

October—India
Provincial Camps

December—Burma
Asian Conference

1959

May—India
Regional Conferences

October—India
Provincial Camps

1960

August—Britain
World Conference

October—India
Regional Conferences
Provincial Camps

SUMMER COLLEGE 1958

21st - 31st May

The Life and Mission of the Church

The College will be held in South India. It will enroll members in two divisions, junior and senior. There will be lectures on the main theme, Bible study on *The People of God*, and a series of seminars on the contemporary world and the response of the Church to God's call in other ages and environments.

The aim of the college is to educate Christians for fuller life and wider mission in India today. World leaders are being invited to join the College staff, which will be ecumenical in its diversity and outlook.

Further details will shortly be available from the Administrative Secretary, SCM House, 2 Mission Road, Bangalore-2.

REVOLUTION and RECONSTRUCTION

A study book and questions for group discussion

Price One Rupee

Available now from
SCM House, 2 Mission
Road, Bangalore-2.

CHRIST and PETER

A Bible Study

Price 50 nP.

This is the first study of the Life & Mission of the Church Series and is available now from
SCM House, 2 Mission
Road, Bangalore-2

Let us Pray

Christian prayer is movement. It is not inaction or inertia. There are three principal directions of movement : upward to God, inward to ourselves, outward to the world.

Upward to God

Let us give thanks that God is at work in the world revolution, destroying the works of our evil imagination and pride, and creating new men, new nations, new towns and villages.

Let us praise God that in Jesus Christ he has rescued the world from disaster, and destined men for freedom, truth and righteousness.

Let us thank him that he has called us to be his witnesses in his Church, and that he blesses us with many good gifts, despite our disobedience and sinfulness.

Let us adore God in his holiness and his power, for he alone is God and he only can save us.

Inward to Ourselves

Let us examine ourselves that we may see ourselves as God sees us.

Let us beseech God to give us his Spirit that we may face the truth about ourselves : our pride, our ignorance, our rebellious wills, our bad temper, our jealousy, our desire for ease and security, our refusal to love anyone but ourselves.

Let us pray that God will help us to remember that he sees us in Jesus Christ as men forgiven, with endless possibilities in newness of life. Let us accept God's forgiveness and reach out to fulness of life in Christ.

Let us pray that God will use us to renew the life of his Church and make us worthy to bear witness to him.

Outward to the World

Let us pray for all men that the true Light of the World may banish the darkness in the lives of all men, bringing faith, hope, love, and all the fruit of the Spirit.

Let us pray for peace among the nations, in the churches, in our homes and our communities, and for justice on the land and in our industries.

Let us pray that God will give us the mind of Christ that the Church may understand what it means to say that Jesus is Lord ; and let us ask for his Spirit that we may tell it out among the nations that Jesus is Lord.

Let us ask God to speak to us the words which are Spirit and life, and let us pray that he will send us into all the world.

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STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, BIHAR

Karingunj,
Gaya, 22nd Feb 1958.

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28.2.58
To Members of the BCC Executive

Dear Friends,

You must have seen the item from the Bihar SCM on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the BCC Executive Committee being arranged at Hazaribagh on the 11th March, 1958 and must be wondering what this "LIFE & MISSION OF THE CHURCH" business is and why should the BCC be bothered about the SCM affairs.

The enclosed printed papers will tell you in short what this world-wide project is and how the SCM has become concerned in this Church affair and what are the events taking place during the coming three years under the auspices of the Indian SCM towards the fulfillment of this essential task. THE IMMEDIATE EVENT IS A COLLEGE SESSION (not a conference) AT TANBRAM, MADRAS IN MAY 1958. The details of the syllabus etc you will find in the enclosed papers.

As the project is really meant for the whole Church and not only the students, we are appealing to all Church Organisations and Mission Boards in Bihar to help the Movement by sponsoring and paying for a delegation of one student, one layman and one young clergyman from Bihar to attend the above college session. Our request to the BCC is to be responsible for such a delegation of 3 persons. The expenses will be about Rs.150/- per head inclusive of rail fare and every thing.

This is just to inform you properly on the subject matter of the SCM item on the agenda so that the Movement may be able to receive your prayerful consideration and help in the efforts being made to make this project really worthwhile and successful.

Wishing you God's richest blessings and guidance,

Yours in service,

Paul

(Paul Lakhan Lall)
HONY SENIOR SECRETARY,
STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, BIHAR

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT OF INDIA

SCM House, 2 Mission Road, Bangalore - 2

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Dear Friends,

As you may all know, the World's Student Christian Federation has accepted a three-year study and teaching project on The Life and Mission of the Church. In relation to our own Student Christian Movement, we are planning a Summer College in May 1958 on The Life and Mission of the Church. Enclosed you will find our preliminary plans for the College, tentative programme and syllabus and suggested names of leaders, including your name. We shall be deeply grateful if you will kindly agree to help us at this College by leading a seminar on the topic listed in the syllabus along with your name.

The main purpose of the seminar is to help its members to get a general grasp of the subject and direct them to a detailed study of certain topics or books on the subject. You may want to spend the first two or three sessions in presenting an outline of the subject. Then you may suggest books and topics for detailed study and direct members of the seminar to prepare papers. All the sessions in the second week could be used for reading and discussing the papers written by the members of your seminar. These are our preliminary thoughts on the way in which the seminar could be conducted. Perhaps you may have your own suggestions on this matter. We would appreciate it if you could kindly comment on these suggestions and the entire programme of the Summer College so that on the basis of your comments we could finalise the programme.

I hope you will find it possible to help us in this venture. We shall provide you with hospitality and train fare between Tambaram and your place.

Kindly indicate your reply in the enclosed post card.

Thanking you,

Yours ever,

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Publications Secretary

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SUMMER COLLEGE

on

LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Arranged by the Student Christian Movement of India
in cooperation with the National Christian Council
and the Christian Institute for the Study
of Religion and Society

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Purpose:

1. To acquaint the student leaders and staff advisors of the SCM with the new thinking by the Church on its life and mission, and to train them for leadership in the local SCM unions.

2. To bring together the leaders of the Church and the SCM leaders to see the signs of the times and discern God's will for us in these times.

3. To engage the members and friends of the SCM in a three year programme of prayer, study, research and pioneering action, for unity, renewal and mission of the Church.

Place: Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Madras State.

Date: 15th to 30th May, 1958.

Total Strength: 500.

Composition: The College will consist of a Junior Division and a Senior Division. The Junior Division is meant for 250 university students and the Senior Division is for 150 university teachers and 100 young clergymen, youth workers and laymen.

Tentative Syllabus and Suggested Leaders

The names of the leaders as given below, are only suggestions. It is hoped that all of them will kindly consent to help the College with their leadership.

Senior Division

A. Ten Assembly Lectures each one hour duration (common with the Junior Division) on:-

1. The World Church and the World Revolution -
M. Philippe Maury
2. Contemporary World in the Perspective of World History -
M. Philippe Maury
3. The People of God in History (a historical survey of the Church) -
Bishop Yuhanon Mar Thoma.
4. Good News for Today - God the Creator, Judge and Redeemer -
(Doctrine of creation and redemption) -
Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles
5. Good News for Today - God the Lord of the Church and the World (Doctrine of the Church and the world) -
Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles
6. Good News for Today - Christ the hope of the world and history (Doctrine of Christian hope) -
Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles
7. The Mission of the Church in India Today - The Church and National Reconstruction -
Mr. M. M. Thomas
8. The Mission of the Church in India Today - Preaching the Good News -
Dr. P. D. Devanandan.
9. Unity and Renewal of the Church in India -
Rt. Rev. D. Chellappa
10. God calls us -
Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles

B. Bible Study

One hour every day.

Theme: People of GOD.

Scheme: Four studies on God, Israel and the world, from the Old Testament.

One study on the Cross and Resurrection (Christ the clue to history) based on the Gospel records.

Four studies on Life and Mission of the Early Church based on the Acts and the Ephesians.

Leaders: Mr. Philip Potter, Rev. H. R. Weber.

C. Historical Theology and Church History

Students are expected to take one of the following main topics and specialise in one of the sub-topics:-

I. Early Period: Leaders - Rt. Rev. A. M. Hollis, Rev. Fr. V. C. Samuel, Rev. Fr. K. C. Joseph, Rev. T. C. Thomas, Rev. J. M. Frederick.

- (a)
 - i. Struggle of the early Church with gnosticism
 - ii. Christianity and Classical Culture.
 - iii. Early Church and Christological Controversies.
 - iv. Nestorian Church and the Missionary Movement.

- (b)
 - i. Origen
 - ii. Tertullian
 - iii. Athanasius
 - iv. Augustine

- (c)
 - i. "City of God"

II. Medieval Period: Leaders - Rev. W. P. Peery, Mr. Wickramasinghe, Rev. Fr. M. A. R. Panikker, Rev. Basil Manuel, Rev. Fr. M. V. George.

- (a)
 - i. Franciscan Movement
 - ii. Scholasticism - attempt for a synthesis

- (b)
 - i. Francis
 - ii. Gregory
 - iii. Aquinas
 - iv. Luther
 - v. Calvin

III. Modern Period: Leaders - U Kyaw Than, Rev. Canon Sambayya, Rev. R. W. Taylor, Rev. Dr. John Radakrishnan, Rev. W. B. Harris.

- (a)
 - i. Reformation and the Renaissance
 - ii. Christianity and the rise and fall of Capitalism
 - iii. Methodism - Church and Labour
 - iv. Church and State - as developed in America
 - v. 19th Century Missionary Movement
 - vi. Modern Ecumenical Movement

IV. Indian Church History: Leaders - Rev. C. I. Abraham, Mr. K. K. Kuruvillai, Mr. Victor Koilpillai, Mr. S. Appasamy.

- (a)
 - i. William Carey
 - ii. C. F. Andrews
 - iii. Alexander Duff
 - iv. Dr. Miller
 - v. Bishop Azariah
 - vi. Abraham Malpan
 - vii. K. T. Paul
 - viii. S. K. Dutta

- (b)
- i. Early History of the Church in Malabar
 - ii. Recent History of the Church in Kerala
 - iii. Missionary movement and Educational efforts
 - iv. History of the Medical Mission
 - v. YMCA and YWCA in the life of the Church
 - vi. Church in the national struggle for Independence

D. The Witness of the Church in the Contemporary Situation

One of the following topics to be chosen for detailed study -

1. Christianity and Non-Christian Religions -
Rev. A. E. Imbanathan
2. Christianity and Living Hinduism -
Dr. P. D. Devanandan
3. Christian Concept of Man for Indian Society -
Rev. C. Arangaden
4. Goals of New India and the Christian Hope -
Dr. David G. Moses
5. Christ and Culture in the context of Modern India -
Mr. M. M. Thomas
6. Authority of the Bible in Indian Church -
Mr. Mathew P. John
7. Modern Heresies within the Indian Church -
Rev. S. W. Savarimuthu
8. Christianity and Sarvodaya -
Rev. Leonard M. Schiff
9. Plans for the Union of Churches in North India -
Rev. Donald Kennedy
10. Foreign Money and Foreign Workers in the Indian Church -
Rev. H. F. J. Daniel and
Rev. Blaise Levai
11. Christian View of the Changing Patterns of Family in India -
Mrs. K. K. George
12. Women in the Church -
Miss R. Mukerji
13. Church, State and Community -
Bishop Mar Chrysostom
14. Future of Christian Institutions -
Mr. Korula Jacob
15. New Patterns of Mission Work -
Rev. Murray Rogers
16. Challenge of Rural India -
Rev. R. R. Keithahn
17. Church in Urban Situations -
Rt. Rev. D. Chellappa
18. Use of Indian Art and Music in Worship -
Rev. E. E. White
19. Problems of Youth -
Mr. K. V. Rajan
20. Mission of the University -
Dr. Samuel Mathai
21. Evangelism by the Printed Word -
Rev. J. Piet
22. Mission of the Laity -
Mr. R. D. Paul
23. Church and the Local Congregation -
Rev. I. R. H. Gnanadasan

The students are expected to attend all the assembly lectures (A), Bible Study (B), one seminar on any topic under C and D.

College Chaplains: Rev. M. A. Thomas, Rev. Fr. Kenneth Sharpe, Deaconess Carol Graham.

Syllabus:

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B. Bible Study

Theme: People of GOD

Scheme: Four studies on God, Israel and the World from the Old Testament.
One study on "The Cross and Resurrection" (Christ the clue to history) based on the Gospels.
Four studies on "Life and Mission of the Early Church" based on Acts and Epistles.

Leaders: Mr. T. Paul Verghese, Rev. Keith Bridston

C. Church History

(a) Five classes in the first week:-

- i. Early Period
- ii. Medieval Period
- iii. Modern Period
- iv. History of the Indian Church
- v. Recent History - Ecumenical Movement

Leader: Rev. Basil Manuel

(b) Five hours in the second week for special study on any of the following topics which the student may choose:-

- i. Early Church and Heresies -
Rev. Dr. K. C. Joseph
- ii. Life and Thoughts of St. Augustine -
Rev. Fr. V. C. Samuel
- iii. St. Francis and the Franciscan Movement -
Rev. Fr. Stuart
- iv. Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas -
Rev. Fr. M. A. R. Panikker
- v. Luther and the Reformation -
Rev. Jacob Kumerasen
- vi. Teachings of Calvin -
Rev. T. S. Garrett
- vii. Methodist Movement -
Rev. H. O. Morton
- viii. Christianity and the Rise and Fall of Capitalism -
Dr. T. S. Wilkinson
- ix. 19th Century Missionary Movement -
Rev. C. I. Abraham
- x. Modern Ecumenical Movement -
- xi. History of the Church in Malabar -
Rev. Fr. M. V. George
- xii. Great Sons of the Indian Church -
Mr. Victor Koilpillai

D. The Witness of the Church in the Contemporary Situation

(a) Five classes on the following:-

- i. Living Hinduism and the Challenge to Christian Mission -
Dr. P. D. Devanandan
- ii. Democratic Socialism and Christian Faith -
Mr. M. M. Thomas
- iii. National Culture and the Christian Church -
Dr. David G. Moses
- iv. Indian Universities and the Task of the SCM -
Mr. Samuel Mathai
- v. Mission of the Church in India Today -
Rt. Rev. D. Chellappa

(b) Five tutorial hours to specialise in any of the following topics:-

- i. The Christian Student and Politics -
Mr. A. K. Thampy
- ii. Hinduism and Christianity -
Rev. Dr. H. Jaisingh
- iii. Christian Student and National Reconstruction -
Mr. C. T. Kurien
- iv. Christian Church and Indian Culture -
Dr. Jesudasan
- v. Christianity and Communism -
Rev. A. A. Pylee
- vi. Mission of the Laity - Dr. E. Fritsclin
- vii. Church, State and Society -
Dr. T. S. Wilkinson
- viii. Authority of the Bible for Today -
Rev. Clifford Hindley
- ix. Unity, Renewal and Mission of the Church in India -
Dr. F. Muliyil.
- x. Challenge of Rural India -
Rev. Joseph John
- xi. Urbanisation and Industrialisation in India -
Rev. R. W. Taylor
- xii. A Christian View of Sex, Marriage and Family -
Rt. Rev. John Sadiq
- xiii. A Christian Criticism of the Modern Trend in Indian
Literature and Art - Mr. J. Daniel
- xiv. Fundamentalism, Pietism and other Heresies -
Rev. H. O. Morton
- xv. Problems of Youth in Indian Society -
Mr. Fred Franklin
- xvi. Mission of the University in India -
Miss R. Mukerji

DAILY TIME TABLE

A. M.

6.00	6.30-7.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	9.30-10.30	10.30-11.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-1.00
Rising Bell	Morning Worship	Breakfast	Bible Study	Class or Seminar on Contemporary Situation	Coffee	Class or Seminar on Church History	Lunch

P. M.

1.00-4.00	4.00-4.30	4.30-5.30	6.30-7.30	7.30-8.30	8.30-9.45	9.45 - 10.00
Private Study	Tea	Recreation	Assembly Lecture	Dinner	Private Study	Compline

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Ofc 526/58 dt. 18.2.58

Rev. P. John

President

Bihar Christian Council

C/o. Mr. R. G. John

Sales Tax Office

Arrah

Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge
receipt of your notice of
14.2.58 re: the B.C.C. Executive
meeting to be held on 11th March.
Thanks,

Yours truly
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Rev. P. John
President,
Bihar Christian Council.

B.C.C.

G/O Mr. R. G. John,
Sales Tax Officer, Arrah.
Dated 14. 2. 1958.

To
The Members of the Executive Committee.

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15.2.58
Dear friends,

It is regrettable that that on account of various reasons the Executive Committee or the Council meetings were not held in due time. It is now definitely decided that we hold a meeting of the Executive Committee at Hazaribagh on 11th March (Tuesday) starting at 2 P.M. and carrying on the following morning till the business is finished.

I would earnestly request the members to attend this important meeting of the Executive. Will the members make it point to inform Rev. B. Harvey, D.U. Mission, Hazaribagh, as soon as possible about the time of their arrival there and whether they would require accomodation during the meeting and for what period (dates)? Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

P. John
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1. Mr. A. K. Mukurji.
2. Rt. Rev. S. A. D. B. Roms.
3. Rev. J. P. Tiga.
4. Rev. B. Harvey.
5. Dr. Porh.
6. Pandit C. M. Tiga.
7. Rev. E. W. Oliver.

- ✓ 8. Mr. N. E. Horo.
9. Rev. J. E. Totus.
10. Rev. C. G. Vichert.
11. Miss. S. M. Bodra.
12. Rev. Joel Lakra.
13. Mr. S. K. Roy.
14. Rev. L. C. Birdutt.

P.S.:- Please note the agenda any other item which you desire to be included, may kindly be sent to me soon.

P. J

A G E N D A

1. Opening prayer.
2. Devotions.
3. Minutes of the last meeting (confirmation of).
4. Resignation of Mr. N. E. Horo from the Convenorship of the Committee on Economic Life of the Church.
5. Resignation of Pandit C. M. Tiga as Promoter of ^{Relief medical} Adult Literacy.
6. Resignation of Rev. J. J. P. Tiga from the Secretaryship of the Council.
7. N.C.C. matters.
8. S.C.M. "Life and Mission of the Church Project".
9. S.C.M. Behar, appointment of one B.C.C. representative on the Provincial Committee.
10. ^{Relief} R. S. G. meetings. Time and place of the B.C.C. meetings.
11. Any other business. • Financial statements - ^{Banking etc -}

Please acknowledge

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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

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REV. J.J.P. TIGA, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

President

Ref. No. 191-207/58.



G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI, BIHAR (INDIA)

Dated the 22nd Jany. 1958.

To

The Members of the Executive Committee
of Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

Failing to arrange for the Council meeting I have been trying to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee which has also not been successful.

March 4-7 has been ^{fixed} for the meeting of the Santal Christian Council at Dharampur Mission Compound, P.O. Barharwa E.Rly., Santal Parganas, about 75 miles from Bhagalpur.

I think our Executive Committee should meet there on the 4th and 5th March so that we may be able to meet some of the members of their Executive and some of us may attend their Council Meeting as Fraternal delegates. If possible we may have a Joint Session of the two Executives

Please let me know if it is agreeable to you. If no reply is received from you by the 15th of February I shall take it that you accept the proposal and if majority of the members have accepted it I shall issue the final notice. I am asking Ven'ble F.L. Taylor for hospitality and accommodation.

Yours Sincerely,

J.J.P. TIGA

Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

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G. E. L. Church Compound,
Ranchi.
The 21st Nov. 1957.

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25/11/57

Is hereby given that no reply has yet been received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur regarding accommodation and hospitality etc. It may be that the Bishop is on a holiday or my letter addressed to him in this connection has gone astray. The proposed biennial Meeting of the Council cannot be held at Bhagalpur in the first week of December this year.

Further suggestions regarding place and time are invited.

Memo No. 2444.2463/57.

All the members
of the Executive Committee.

J. K. Rige 21/11
Secretary,

Bihar Christian Council
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

REF: NO2220-90/57.

G.E.L.CHURCH COMPOUND, RANCHI.
THE 24th SEPTEMBER 1957.

From Secretary- Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.,
Bihar Christian Council.

W. 26/9/57

To

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27/9/57
The Members of the
Bihar Christian Council

Dear friends,

For several reasons it has become difficult to fix time and place for our B.C.C. Executive and full meeting. This year we have to have the Council meeting.

May I request you to let me know your replies to the following:-

- (1) The names of delegates of your constituency;
- (2) Your preference as to the place of the meeting.
- (3) Your choice of the place.
- (4) Would you yourself like to invite the Council this year?

Note: The President and I have agreed to have the next meeting of the Executive immediately before the Council meeting this year preferably in November.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

sd/-J.J.P. Tiga,
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Find out
names of our delegates
for meeting 57

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~~John~~
of the
County

Economic Life Committee

1. Mr. N.E. Hoss - Secretary
2. Rev. D.B. Hans
3. Mr. S.K. Roy
4. Mr. S.K. Patra
5. Mr. Herman Lakra
6. Mr. Hoke - P.O. Turbeniganj, via Durgiganj
M. Bhagelpur Dist. - Bihar
7. Miss Sheldon
8. Mr. Solomon - Officer Memorial Hospital, Patna
W.H.

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Michael Figa
B.G.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Ref: J/D. 594

Christian Council Lodge
Nagpur, B.S.
August 1, 1957.

To

The Member Churches of the N.C.C., and
The Secretaries of Regional Christian Councils.

Dear Friends:

On the 21st of March this year Rev. John Sadiq wrote to you a letter giving you information about an Institute on "Christian Marriage and Family Life" to be held in Thailand from February to April 1958 under the auspices of the International Missionary Council. Each country is entitled to send two delegates, selected finally by the N.C.C. of the country. The expenses of the delegates are the responsibility of the I.M.C. and the N.C.C. but the Churches to which the selected candidates belong should be prepared to release these people, if they are in Church employ, for a period of about three months with salary and allowance.

We have not received more than two or three suggestions in this connection. I am therefore writing to urge that this matter be looked into and names of suitable persons be sent to me at your earliest convenience. The names of our delegates have to be communicated to New York by the 1st of September.

The names of both men and women may be forwarded. In selecting people it should be borne in mind that only those who, after their return, will be able to devote some time to Christian Home work and to give leadership in this field, should be selected. Married people between the ages of 30 and 50 years would be preferable in view of the nature of the study and training. The six months prior to the actual dates of the Institute will be devoted to preliminary studies for which material will be supplied by the IMC, so people who can spare some during that period should be preferred.

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I need not say this is an unusual opportunity and that in view of the proposed transfer of responsibility of this Movement from the N.C.C. to the Churches within the next two years, it is important that as many people as possible should be trained in the ideals and methods of the Christian Home Movement. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I shall be grateful if you will send me an acknowledgment of this letter and let me know when I may expect to receive your recommendations in this regard. Names received after the 20th of this month cannot be included in the list which will be considered by the Officers of the N.C.C. for final selection.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- K. Jacob.

Ref.No.1651-80/57.

Copy to the heads of Churches & Missions affiliated to the B.C.C. for information and the needful.

J. P. Jiga
Secretary, 10/8
Bihar Christian Council.

No, 728-44/57.

G.E.L.Church Compound,
Ranchi.

The 11th April, 1957.

To
The Members of the Executive Committee
of the Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

I have just heard from the officers of the Assam Christian Council and the N.M.S. that there is a meeting at Tezpur in connection with a project to start Evangelistic work in the Assam Boarder. Two meetings are planned in this connection. I have to attend these meetings. It is therefore important that I should be there until the 7th of May. May I suggest that we have our meeting of the B.C.C. Executive on the 8th & 9th of May, 1957 at Hazaribagh.

In this connection I want to say that in case the paternal delegates from Santal Christian Council can come, we should also have joints session with them.

If there are serious objections to these dates, please let me know. I am afraid we have to change it from the 1st to the 2nd week of May. After May 13th I have again to go out on tour.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

J. Singh
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

I have no objection.

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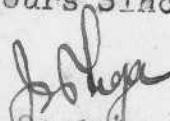
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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Nov. 25th

Members of the Executive Committee are hereby informed that I am going to Assam in connection with the proposed plan to start evangelistic work in the Assam boarder under the auspices of the N.M.S. I am asked to meet with the members of the Executive Committee of the Assam Christian Council in the first week of May. It makes it impossible for me to attend the B.C.C. Executive in the first week of May because I am attending a meeting in Assam. President John writes that he has to go to Mussourie for one full month soon after about the middle of the first week of May. Besides some members are leaving for the hills either by the end of this month or the beginning of May. I am therefore compelled to postpone the meeting of the Executive until sometime in the middle of June. I request you all to kindly suggest a date for the same. I am planning to leave for the L.W.F. Assembly on the 29th June, 1957, to be held in U.S.A.

Yours Sincerely,



Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

No. 801-816/57

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✓ Mr. N. E. Horo
C. C. Secretary.

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**BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

**G. E. L. Church Compound,
Ranchi.**

Ranchi the 13th March' 57.

Members are hereby informed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the D.U. Mission, Hazaribagh from about 2 p.m. on the 3rd of May to about 11:30 A.M. on the 4th of May, 1957.

You are requested to kindly attend and to send items for consideration at your earliest convenience.

Joshi
**Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.**

No. 4473-4489/56.

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Mr. N. E. Howard.
Secy. C. C.

Members of the Executive Committee are hereby informed that the meeting on the 29th and 30th instant will be held at the Bishops Lodge S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.

J. B. Gupta

Secretary 16/11/56.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

To *Mr. N. E. Horo, C. C. Treasurer.*
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Mission Estd. 1845 — Autonomous 1919.

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G. E. L. CHURCH COMPOUND
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Ref. No. 4245-6/56.

Dated the 18th October, 1956.

NOTICE.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

To

The Members of the Executive Committee,
The Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

The Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council will meet at Ranchi in the evening of the 29th and the 30th of November, 1956, in the office of the President of the G.E.L. Church Ranchi.

The Executive Members are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

*Please let me know if
you need accommodation
and hospitality*

H. S. 10
Secretary,

Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

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President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.



THE GOSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

No. 674-92/56
RANCHI

From Rev. J.J.P. Tige, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.,
President G.E.L. Church.

Ranchi.
The 25th June 1956.

Dear

Friday,

You are cordially invited to a dinner on the 6th July, 1956 at the residence of the undersigned.

There are some matters of common interest to be discussed in an informal way. You are therefore requested to come at 5 P.M. For unavoidable reasons late arrival will also be appreciated.

Looking forward to having your long desired fellowship with you.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

*Copy to Mr. N. Estorom with
the request to participate
in the party
J.J.P. Tige
28/6*

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

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Dated the 25th June, 1956.

To

Mr. Jaipal Singh M.A.,
member of the Parliament,
10, Windsor Place,
New Delhi.

My dear Jaipal Singh,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 5th inst. I am sorry. I had to leave for Mussourie before the letter reached me. I came to New Delhi on the 11th and went over to see you at your place on the 12th at about noon. Your kind wife informed me that you had already left for Ranchi. Yesterday Mrs. Tiga, Miss S.M. Bodra and I went to see you in your Morabadi house and your bhagina told us that you already left for New Delhi on Saturday. I am indeed very sorry to have missed at both of these places. My third attempt is to have you at my own place. I hope you will be able to spend one evening with us here. I am trying to get all the Christian M.L.A's and M.Ps. of Bihar. My desire is to talk on matters of common interest to all the Christians. You can tell us what we as Christian-leaders have to do in these days under the present political conditions and in what we are making mistakes or blunders. Christian M.L.As. and M.Ps are being invited irrespective of the political parties to which they belong. My desire is to take advice from you political leaders about :-

- 1) The present distress of some of our Christian brethren in Palamau.
- 2) Educational policies of the Government of Bihar in the matter of recognition of schools, grants etc.
- 3) Entry of Missionaries from other countries.
- 4) Landed property of the Churches and Missions.
- 5) Any other matter which may be raised by any of the members present.

As Secretary of the Bihar Christian Council I am interested in the affairs of the Church as a whole and I want to talk on behalf of the entire Church.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J.J.P. Tiga
President,

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Copies to all Christian
M.L.As and M.Ps of
Bihar.

N. E. HORO
SECRETARY.

No. 596/56.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR.

The 13th February, 1956.

To
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b) The Council of the G.E.L. Church.

c) Representatives from the British C.C.Mission
the A.G.Mission and the Mennonite Church.

Yours sincerely,

 Convener.

Convener, Life Committee,
Christian Council,
Ranchi.

1. Rev. D. P. Hanna, 44 W. 8. K. Bldg.

S. Rev. Sanford Smith, D. D., D. C.

3. Mr. A. G. Tinker. 8. Mr. Norman L.

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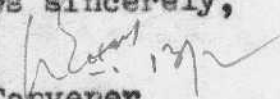
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4. That to the above Conference Dr. E.C. Shetty be invited and an application for grant be made to him for meeting the expenses of the above programme.

Yours sincerely,


Convener,
Economic life Committee,
Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee of The Bihar Christian Council

*Held at the Bishop's Lodge, C. I. B. P. & Ceylon,
Ranchi, on the 29th & 30th Nov. 1956.*

1 Prayer : Rev. D. B. Hans opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

2 Attendance : Rev. D. Hans (Vice-President).
Rev. J. E. Titus
Rev. J. Lakra
Mr. N. E. Horo
Pt C M. Tiga
Rev B. Harvey, Treasurer.
Miss Folinington visitor in place of
Mr. Oliver
The Right Revd. The Bishop of
Chotanagpur
Dr. B. Porh
Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, Secretary
And Dr. E. C. Bhattya, Secretary N.C.C.

Apologies : The Rev. P. John President
Mr. A K. Mukherjee, Vice-President
Rev. E. W. Oliver
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3 Chairman : Rev. D Hans was unanimously voted to be the Chairman of the meeting.

4 Confirmation of the Minutes : Minutes of 2nd and 3rd May, 1956 were read and confirmed. It was suggested that the minutes should be circulated as early as possible for approval of members.

5 Writing Competition : Resolved that Rs 100/- be sanctioned for prizes (Vide Item 40 of the minutes dated 2-3 May, 1956).

6 Bible Society (Vide Item 5 of Minutes dated 2-3 May, 1956) Heard report that a branch of the Bible Society has been opened at Ranchi. This was welcomed by the Executive Committee.

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8 Statement by Dr E C Bhatta

Dr Bhatta enumerated the relevant sections of the actions taken by N C C which met at Allahabad last October. He stated mainly on (a) Reorganisation of the Council on a new basis of membership.

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(iii) That the Affiliated Bodies of the B C C, to whom it may apply, be urged to expedite all matters of property transfer for Mission to Churches and be notified that the N C C can advise on the method of doing so.

(iv) That the recommendation from the N C C to Regional Council, of a need for cooperative action in the pastoral case of Christians migrating to areas of industrial development, be passed on to all Churches working in such areas of Bihar.

(v) That whereas copies of minutes of Executive Committee meetings are being sent to delegates of the B C C, as well as all Executive members, a note shall be appended as follows:— "For your information, and the information of your church/Mission, and for necessary action".

(vi) That the Santal Christian Council be approached with a view to discussing whether or not it is suitable for the B C C & S C C, to exert as separate bodies.

(vii) That the Rev D Hans, Mr N E Horo, Rev B Harvey, Rev J J P Tiga (Convener) be appointed a subcommittee to explore such reorganisation of the Council as may be necessary as a result of the intended devolution from N C C to Regional Councils

9 Relief Work:— Rev Titus, reported on the work which is being done. He also reported about a plan to hold a meeting of the Committee shortly. A question was raised as to whether the relief should continue to come or not. The following policy was adopted for recommendation to the N C C.

(1) Relief be welcomed for natural calamity e g, flood or earthquake, serious failure of crops, emergency relief supply for such seasons may be always welcome.

(2) Relief Supplied be welcomed for patients in hospitals and orphanages.

(3) It is recommended that relief supplies should not be continued all the year round,

The relief Committee should consider the question of supplies to institutions

10 Medical Matters:— Read from Dr. Wilder dated August 2, 1956.

a. Resolved to approve the names proposed for the Committee, viz.

1 Dr. Miss B. F. Porh, Secretary.

2 Mrs. E. B. Haugstad Mohulpahari.

3 Mrs. R. N. Patro, Paleaur.

4 Mr. T. N. Strong, Raxaul.

5 Miss Shanti Lal, Patna.

6 Mr. John Banwar, Bhagalpur.

b. Resolved to ask Rev. Abraham Malwar of Kamdara and Dr. P. Topno of Ranchi to be member of the Committee.

11 Youth Work:— Resolved to accept the Secretary elected by the B. C. Y. U., to be the Secretary of the Committee on Youth work and also to co-opt him as a member of the Bihar Christian Council.

12 Economic Life Conference:— Mr. N. E. Horo read a report of the Conference. The following actions were taken:—

(1) Mr. N. E. Horo be appointed member of the N. C. C. Committee on Economic Life.

(2) The report of the Economic Life Conference be received with appreciation.

(3) The Economic Life Committee be asked to send to proposals to the N. C. C. for specific projects.

(4) A full time Secretary be appointed for work on Economic Life of the Church and efforts be made to find a suitable retired person for this purpose.

(5) A Committee of the following was appointed to take care of this work:

Mr. N. E. Horo (Secretary of the Committee), Mr. S. K. Patro, Mr. Herman Lakra, and Rev. Dilber Hans (Chairman of the Committee).

13 Adult Literacy:— In view of several members having gone out of the country a new Committee of the following was made to be the Adult Literacy Committee. Members of the Committee for Chotanagpur are : Miss Rore Dhan, Ven'ble Arch. Deacon, J. A. Cable, Mr. N. E. Horo, Rev. J. E. Titus, Miss S. Horo, Mr. A. S. G. Tirkey, (Convener) and Pt. C. M. Tiga.

II Members of the Committee for N. Bihar

Mr. A. K. Mukherjee (Convener), Mrs. Hallet of Patna, Miss T. Tarafder, Rev. G. Bookless, and Mr. H. Solomon.

(a) Committee for Bihar with two others to be on the Committee, one to be elected by each of the two Committee.

(b) Resolved further that Pandit Tiga be asked to be the Secretary, for the Central Adult Literacy,

14 Treasurer's Matters:— Revd. Harvey read a report., (See Appendix) Resolved that detailed statements be asked for from the various officers and departments for expenses incurred.

15 Opening Prayers at Schools:— Reports were made that difficulties are being created by some inspecting officers regarding the school opening prayers in the Church schools.

Resolved to request Mr. K. M. Abraham to take up this matter with the Government.

16 Place and date of the next meeting:— It was suggested that the venue of the next meeting be Hazaribagh, either towards the end of April or the beginning of May 1957.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

D. Hans
Chairman.

J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary,
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APPENDIX

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, 1956.

*Statement of accounts presented to the Executive Committee,
November 56.*

Credit	Affilil's Fees	Adult Lit'y	N. C. C. Relief	Misc. (Ec. Life, etc)	Current Work	Total
Bt Fd Feb.	33 6 0	231 4 6	348 5 0		755 9 6	1368 9 0
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Nov. 22nd	1489 6 0	1555 0 0		550 0 0		3591 6 0
Totals—	1519 12 0	1786 4 6	348 5 0	550 0 0	755 9 6	4959 15 0

Debit	Sec'y's Expenses	Adult Lit'y	N. C. C. Relief	Misc (Ec. Lf Excc. and etc. Conf's Committees	Total
Bt Fd Feb. Expenses		500 0 0		8 4 0	506 4 0
Feb-Nov. 22	66 0 0	1750 0 0		672 13 0	164 7 0
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American Baptist 56, 1x45	45.
Methodist Church (Lucknow	
Conf'nse) 54-56—	
54 1x16 8.	16.8.
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56* 2x30.	69.
N.I. Tract Society 56, 1x30	30.

Rs. 274.8.

B. Harvey, Treasurer
22-11 56

Mr. N. E. Horo,
Ranchi.

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G.E.L. Church Compound,
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Ranchi, the 8th March, 1957.

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J. S. Roy
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- (v) That whereas copies of minutes of Executive Committee meetings are being sent to delegates of the B.C.C., as well as all Executive members, a note shall be appended as follows:-

" For your information, and the information of your church/Mission, and for necessary action".

(vi) That the Santal Christian Council be approached with a view to discussing whether or not it is suitable for the B.C.C. & S.C.C to exist as separate bodies.

(vii) That the Rev.D.Hans, Mr.N.E.Horo, Rev. B.Harvey, Rev.J.J.P. Tiga(Convener) be appointed a subcommittee to explore such reorganisation of the Council as may be necessary as a result of the intended devolution from N.C.C. to Regional Councils.

9. Relief Work: Rev.Titus reported on the work which is being done. He also reported about a plan to hold a meeting of the Committee shortly. A question was raised as to whether the relief should continue to come or not. The following policy was adopted for recommendation to the N.C.C.

(1) Relief be welcomed for natural calamity e.g., flood or earthquake, serious failure of crops, - emergency relief supply for such seasons may be always welcome.

(2) Relief supplies be welcomed for patients in hospitals and orphanages.

(3) It is further recommended that relief supplies should not be continued all the year round.

The Relief Committee should consider the question of supplies to institutions.

10. Medical Matters:- Read letter from Dr. Wilder dated August 2, 1956.

(a) Resolved to approve the names proposed for the Committee.

(b) Resolved to ask Rev. Abraham Malwa of Kamdara and Dr.P.Topono of Ranchi to be members of the Committee.

11. Youth Work:- Resolved to accept the Secretary elected by the B.C.Y.U., to be the Secretary of the Committee on Youth work and also to co-opt him as a member of the Bihar Christian Council.

12. Economic Life Conference:- Mr.N.E. Horo read a report of the Conference. The following actions were taken:-

(1) Mr. N.E.Horo be appointed member of the N.C.C. Committee on Economic Life.

(2) The report of the Economic Life Conference be received with appreciation.

(3) The Economic Life Committee be asked to send proposals to the N.C.C. for specific projects.

(4) A full time Secretary be appointed for work on Economic Life of the Church and efforts be made to find a suitable retired person for this purpose.

(5) A Committee of the following was appointed to take care of of this work:

Mr.N.E.Horo(Secretary of the Committee), Mr.S.K.Patro,Mr. Herman Lakra, and Rev.Dilber Hans(Chairman of the Committee).

13. Adult Literacy: In view of several members having gone out of the country a new Committee of the following was made to be the Adult Literacy Committee.

A. I. Members of the Committee for Chotanagpur are : Miss Rose Dhan, Ven'ble Arch Deacon J.A.Cable, Mr.N.E.Horo, Rev.J.E.Titus, Miss S.Horo, Mr.A.S.C. Tirkey(Convener) and Pt.C.M.Tiga.

II. Members of the Committee for N.Bihar:

Mr.A.K.Mukherjee(Convener), Mrs. Hallet of Patna, Miss T. Tarafdar, Rev.G.Bookless, and Mr.H.Solomon.

B. Resolved further that Pandit Tiga be asked to be the Secretary for the Central Adult Literacy Committee for Bihar with two others to be on the Committee, one to be selected by each of the two Committees.

14. Treasurer's Matters: Revd Harvey read a report. Resolved that detailed statements be asked for from the various officers and departments for expenses incurred.

15. Opening Prayers at Schools: Reports were made that difficulties are being created by some inspecting officers regarding the school-opening prayers in the Church schools.

Resolved to request Mr.K.M.Abraham to take up this matter with the Government.

16. Place and date of the next meeting:- It was suggested that the venue of the next meeting be Hazaribagh, either towards the end of April or the beginning of May, 1957.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

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J. H. Hager
Secretary.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
Meeting 29th and 30 th. Nov. '56

at the Bishop's Lodge.

The meeting will commence at 4 p.m. on the 29th. Nov. with a
a word of prayer by the Chairman Rev. D.B. Hans.

A G E N D A

1. Attendance
2. Minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed.
3. Matters arising out of the last minutes.
4. Report of the Bihar Christian Youth Convention.
5. Report of the Economic Life Conference, Ranchi
6. Report of the Thirteenth meeting of the N.C.C., India.
7. Treasurer's matters, if any.
8. Opening prayers in Christian schools
9. Any other competent matter
10. Place and date of the next meeting.

30th Nov - 5³⁰ am.

M. N. E. Hoo

J. J. P. T. J.
J.J.P. T. J., Secretary.

Next Executive
meeting at —
on — end of April

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, 1956.

[Statement of accounts presented to the Executive Committee, Nov. 56)

Credit	Affiliation	Adult	N.C.C.	Misc. (Ec)	Current	TOTALS
Bt Pd Feb.	Fees	Lit'y	Relief	Life, etc)	Work	
33. 6. 0.	231. 4. 6.	348. 5. 0.		755. 9. 6.	1368. 9. 0.	
Income to						
Nov. 22nd	1486. 6. 0.	1555. 0. 0.	550. 0. 0.		3591. 6. 0.	
Totals:-	1519.12. 0.	1786. 4. 6.	348. 5. 0.	550. 0. 0.	755. 9. 6.	4999.15. 0.

Debit:-	Sec'y's	Adult	N.C.C.	Misc. (Ec. Lf	Exec. and	Totals
Bt. Pd. Feb.	Expenses.	Lit'y.	Relief.	etc. Conf's.)	Committees.	
	500. 0. 0.			8. 11. 11		508. 4. 0.
Expenditure				672.13. 0.	164. 7. 3.	2653. 4. 3.
Feb.-Nov. 22nd	66.0.0.	1750. 0. 0.				2476. 13. 3.
Totals:-	66.0.0.	2250. 0. 0.		681. 1. 0.	164. 7. 3.	3161. 8. 3.

Details:- (Expenditure)

Sec's Account.	66. 0. 0.
Adult Literacy	2250. 0. 0.
Relief	
Bank charges, etc.	31. 1. 0.
Economic Life	550. 0. 0.
Assam Camp & BCYU.	100. 0. 0.
Balance Council	
Accommodation	59. 3. 9.
Santal C.E. Delgt.	29.12. 0.
BCC Exec. Travel etc	21. 7. 6.

Rs. 3161. 8. 3.

Balance in Bank
(less cheque out) 1489.13. 0.

Balance in Cash 388.11. 9.

4960. 1. 0.

LESS

Cash credit un-
explained

2. 0.

4959.15. 0.

Affiliation fees still due:-

Pentecostal Holiness	56, 2 X 45	90.
American Baptist	56, 1 X 45	45.
Methodist Church (Lucknow		
Conf'nce)	54-56	
	54 1 X 16.8.	16.8.
	55 2 X 16.8.	33.0.
	56 2 X 30.	60.

N.I. Tract Society 56, 1 X 30 30.

Rs. 274.8.

B. Harvey, Treasurer
22/11/56

Proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Committee of
The Bihar Christian Council
held at Ranchi the Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi on the 2nd and 3rd May, 1956.

First Session; 2nd May, 1956 at 3.P.M.

Opening devotion were led by the Rt. Revd. Bishop Noel Hall.

1. Attendance: The following members were present: Revd. P. John, President,
2. Rev. A.K. Mukherjee, First Vice-President, 3. Revd. D.B. Datta, second Vice-
President, 4. Revd. B. Harvey, Treasurer, 5. Revd. J. Lakra, 6. Revd. J.E. Titus,
7. Miss S.M. Bodra, 8. Mr. S.K. Roy, 9. The Rt. Revd. Bishop Hall, 10. Miss Dr.
Miss Perh, 11. Mr. N.E. Horo, 12. Pt. C.M. Tiba, 13. Rev. J.J.P. Tiba, Secretary.
Apologies for absence were received from Revd. A.E. Brown, Revd. K.C.
Burdett, Revd. C.G. Vichert.

2. The programme of the meeting was considered and accepted.
3. The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Nov:
1955 were read and confirmed.
4. Matters arising out of the minutes:

(a) N.M.S. - Agreed that i. According to the convenience to the
convenience of the churches, dharm-melas be held to commemorate the
jubilee, and ii. Funds be raised for the Society and sent to the Treasurer
of the NMS through our Treasurer.

(b) Rev. J.C. Christie - Heard with pleasure that Rev. Christie has been
released. We congratulate Mr. Christies and we thank the N.S.C. for their

of the MSB through our Treasurer.

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(b) Rev. J.C. Christie - Heard with pleasure that Rev. Christie has been released. We congratulate Mr. Christies and we thank the M.C.C. for their help.

(c) Noted that Rs. 80-1-6 was collected on the 16th and 17th November, 1955 during the Council meeting and was passed on to the S.P.G. Blind School at Ranchi.

(d) Christian school for boys at Patna- The convener was requested to note of the remarks made by members and to do the needful.

*Convener has
already been
consulted*

(e) Writing Competition Committee-A Committee of the following was appointed with instructions to hold a sammelan of music, bhajan, stories and Christian hymns, like Kabi sammelan and prizes be awarded to those who prove to be fit. This year it may be done through correspondence. The members of the Committee are : Mr. P.L. Lall, Mr. P. Baske, Pt. C.M. Tiga, Rev. P.D. Soreng and Revd. D.B. Hans (Convener)

5. The Bible Society: Heard report of work being done for the Bible Society as follows:-

The G.S. Lutheran Church is trying to get the whole Bible translated into Kharis for which a Pastor has been set apart on full pay for the same purpose; Translation has been completed in Uraon for which also the Church had set apart one Pastor on full pay for the same purpose.

A branch of the Society has been started in Patna.

Resolved to recommend to the churches to 1. Sell as many Bibles as possible. 2. Raise special contributions for the Society. 3. Observe the Bible Society Sunday. 4. Organise groups to be affiliated through the churches to the Bible Society.

6. Adult Literacy- The Adult Literacy Organizer was advised to try his best to prepare the census according to all the items suggested by him.

7. Bill introduced by Mr. Joshi in the Lok-sabha ~~xxxxx~~ Heard report that the Bill was dropped.

8. Requested from the Teck Hospital to recommend their application for entry permit to a German sister who has been invited to work in the hospital.

Resolved to recommend strongly and to appreciate the step taken.

9. Christian Higher Education: Secretary to take up correspondence with Mr. K. Jacob, Secretary to the N.C.C.

Meeting was adjourned with a word of prayer.

Second Session 3rd May, 1956, morning.

The opening devotion was led by the Rev. J. K. Titus, with a lesson and brief talk on St. Matthew 7: 7ff.

10. Entries of missionaries- new visa procedures:

The N.C.C. be requested to clarify the procedure suggested.

11. N.C.C. basis of membership; a. Resolved to ask the N.C.C. to fix a maximum number. b. The N.C.C. be asked to specify how many and whether they should be on national or provincial level. c. Accepted in principle (for details see N.C.C. Minutes of 1955 page 17.)

12. Comity matters: Heard report that Gomah matter is settled and so also the matter between the Gossner and Mennonite churches.

13. United mission to Nepal: Resolved to recommend to the churches to make some annual contribution to this mission.

14. Christian schools: The situation of the Christian schools was reviewed. A Committee of Rev. J. J. P. Tige, Mr. H. E. Hore and Mr. K. M. Abraham was asked

- the matter between the Gossner and Mennonite churches.
13. United mission to Nepal: Resolved to recommend to the churches to make some annual contribution to this mission.
 14. Christian schools: The situation of the Christian schools was reviewed. A Committee of Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, Mr. N.E. Moro and Mr. K.M. Abraham was asked to pursue the Aide-Memoire with the Government.
 15. Economic Life of Church: Heard report from Mr. N.E. Moro and Mr. S.K. Roy it was resolved to arrange for a provincial Economic Life Conference and the following Committee was appointed for the purpose: Mr. Hoke, Miss Sheldon, Rev. Hans, Mr. N.E. Moro, Mr. S.K. Roy and Mr. Solomon, Rev. Hans will be the Chairman and Mr. S.K. Roy, Secretary of this Committee. It was further resolved to form two Regional Committees as follows :-
 Chotanagpur- Revd. Hans Convener, Mr. S.K. Roy and Mr. N.E. Moro;
 N. Bihar: Mr. Solomon Convener, Miss Sheldon and Mr. Hoke.
 16. Treasurer of the Council: The Executive Committee notes an omission in the B.C.C. minutes of 1955 in connection with the election of Revd. B. Harvey as Treasurer, and accepted the action of the Secretary in sending a letter authorising him to operate on the Bank accounts, this being in conformity with the intention of the Council.
 17. The Santal Christian Council: Revd. D.B. Hans who attended the meeting of the S.C.C. as the fraternal delegate informed the Committee that the S.C.C. met at Bandah. The greetings sent by this Council were received with appreciation.
 18. Christian Collge at Ranchi: Rev. J.J.P. Tiga and the Rt. Revd. Bishop of Chotanagpur were appointed to explore possibilities of starting a Christian College at Ranchi, the former to act as convener.
 19. Revision of B.C.C. Constitution and Byelaws: A Committee was appointed to bring recommendations at a later stage before the next Council meeting in 1957. Harvey will be the Convener of the said Committee and all the officers will be its members.
 20. The Youth Work: the following matters were considered:
 - a. The Constitution of the B.C.Y.U.-Copies of the Constitution presented by the B.C.Y.U. be sent to the members of the Youth Committee of the Council and its Executive members be sent for opinion and then final action be taken.
 - b. Requests for Rs. 200/- for Convention: Resolved that upto Rs. 100/- be sanctioned and the Treasurer be authorised to pay according to his discretion.
 - c. Heard about the plans to have the Youth Camp of the B.C.Y.U. at

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c. Heard about the plans to have the Youth Camp of the B.C.Y.U. at Ranchi in the month of October. This was approved.

21. N.C.C. subsidies: Read letter from Dr. Bhatti and the Treasurer was requested to collect audit statement from various departments which received subsidies from the N.C.C. and then to submit them to Dr. Bhatti.
22. Relief Committee: Resolved to appoint a new Committee of the following members: Rev. P. John, Rev. J. J. P. Tigg, Rev. J. E. Titus (Convener) Miss Tarafdar and Dr. Miss Porh.
23. Time and place for the next Executive Committee meeting: Resolved to have the next meeting at Dhanbad if arrangements could be made possible. The dates should be 27th and 28th of November 1956.
24. Time and place for the next Council meeting: Resolved that the Council meeting be held in October 1957 during the Pujah holidays for 4 days and a half days at Bhagalpur.
25. Vote of thanks. The Committee unanimously voted vote of thanks to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur for the kind hospitality.

Concluding prayer: The meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by the Chairman Mr. Mukherjee.

24. Time and place for the next Council meeting: Resolved that the Council meeting be held in October 1957 during the Pujah holidays for 4 days and a half days at Shagelpur.
25. Vote of thanks. The Committee unanimously voted vote of thanks to the Rt. Revd. Bishop of Chotanagpur for the kind hospitality.

Concluding prayer: The meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by the Chairman Mr. Mukherjee.

Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

FOUR YEAR PROGRAMME

Introduction

It is fitting that the Second All India Conference on Economic Development should be held this year (1955) when Indians everywhere are expectant and look forward to the announcement of a Second Five Year Plan for the social and economic development of the country.

The First All India Conference (1946) coincided with the reorganisation of the relief and rehabilitation activities of the Protestant Churches of the U.S.A., and, at the request of those Western churches, a Ten Year Programme of Economic Development was drawn up.

This Conference has attempted to appraise the work of the past nine years, recording success and failure in the carrying out of the Ten Year Programme.

In the light of the experience of the past nine years, this conference has, under God's guidance, planned its programme of Economic Development for the next Four Years.

The Ten Year Programme (1946) was in some measure a response to a concern in the Western Churches for a long range famine prevention programme. Since 1946 the India Government, and the Church in India, have shared this great concern for the banning of temporary famine conditions and of food shortage in India, and for the building up of the country's economy, and so to some extent the object of the Ten Year Programme has been achieved. Certainly the Church in India has become increasingly conscious of its task in this matter. Famine conditions have very largely disappeared, and in the matter of food supply, we are entering a happier phase in the history of the country, for we now have a surplus of food. Thus we, in 1955, are able to record that the concern for better living and for the building up of the country's economy is a concern of the people of India and of the Indian Christians among them, and also of Christians abroad. But this concern of the people of India has yet to show itself in the sacrificial giving of money, of time and of talents.

Participation in Government Plan

Inasmuch as the economic well-being of Christian people is bound up with the economic life of the whole nation, the Economic Committees of the Regional Councils are urged to work with the Government for the implementation of the Second Five Year Plan. The Minister for Production, who opened the Conference, and other Ministers of Government have assured us that our cooperation in this field will be welcome.

Extension Service

The Church is concerned for the total needs of men and women, and Extension Service is part of its life and witness. In a land of villages, this Extension Service must be worked out in rural areas, and will be in cooperation with Government in its comprehensive rural development programme.

In formulating an Extension Programme therefore, the following procedure is recommended:

- (1) The planner must become acquainted with Government's Rural Development Programme, and consult Government officials in the region concerned in order to prevent duplication of work.
- (2) The planner must study the people and their conditions of life in the villages he proposes to help. No plan should be formulated without their full cooperation, and no attempt should be made to impose any plan upon them.
- (3) A plan should be flexible, for a modification may be called for.
- (4) The religious values underlying Extension work should not be lost sight of, viz., to witness to our Christian discipleship.

The programme of work will include -

- (1) Improvements in the methods of agricultural production;
- (2) Development of Cottage Industries and marketing them;
- (3) Preventative Health work, Promotion of literacy, and Welfare work among women and children;
- (4) Spreading of information and giving guidance and advice to villagers on better living and giving training in responsible citizenship.

This programme of work will be carried on through the agency of Churches, with the advice and help of regional Christian Councils.

The N.C.C. through their brochure "Towards Richer Life" keep the churches that are engaged in Extension work informed of work being carried on all over India. Pamphlets useful for Extension work leaders are published from time to time, viz., "Economic Adventure" and "Poultry Keeping". The N.C.C. plan to make a survey of Extension material (literature, posters, etc.) which will include reports on courses for Extension training which are held from time to time.

The Church of South India Rural Extension programmes in the Madura and Tirunelveli Diocese include such courses. Likewise the 'India Village Service' experiment, under Dr. W.H. Wiser's direction, have gained insights, and have methods of approach in Extension work that should be more widely known.

Agriculture

This is not the place to offer detailed suggestions for improvements in methods of Agricultural production. For such, reference may be made to Government Development programmes. But here we would remind Christians that "the earth is the Lord's" and that we hold in trust for Him, and for present and future generations of people, the few feet of soil which form the earth's crust; that the soil must be turned regularly and weeds killed; that vegetable matter taken from the soil should be put back in the soil; that cattle manure should not be used for fuel; that erosion of the soil can be arrested by simple and well known methods of bunding; and that all possible methods of conservation should be used, so that the soil can be passed on to future generations in all its richness.

Again Christians should help to increase the supply of food in their country (a) by cultivating vegetable intensively on Church compounds and on small plots of vacant land (b) by growing fruit trees (c) by maintaining milch animals (d) and a small poultry unit.

In small towns there is much adulteration of milk. Christians engaged in collecting and selling milk are advised to join in forming Cooperative Milk Supply Unions and provide the public with a supply of pure unadulterated milk at a fair price.

The practicability and the benefit of these subsidiary occupations will be more obvious to villagers if demonstrated in their villages. This need, and the need for leadership among rural communities constitutes a challenge to the youth of our time. Where young men and women can settle on the land and provide this leadership, they perform a fine service to their people e.g., Rev. Joseph John in Deenabandhupuram, Mr. Gurubatham (Jr.) in Kuppam, Mr. Bhatta (Jr.), and Mr. Biswas in Madhya Pradesh.

Industries

The procedure to be followed in ~~it~~ initiating an Industries programme will include that which is laid down for the Extension programme above, with the addition that, first of all, a regional survey be made to find out the traditional and ^{now} acquired skills among village Christians, the industries in which they are/engaged, the raw material and equipment available for these industries, and the transport and marketing facilities.

The objectives in this programme -

- (a) to develop hereditary skills and to improve existing industrial talent among Christians (e.g. Japanese System of localising Industrial development); to raise their industrial efficiency in respect of the quantity and the quality of the work turned out;

- (b) to promote industries in which prolonged periods of training are not necessary, and in which simple and inexpensive tools may be used;
- (c) to improve handicraft products through the introduction of improved designs. (The markets of the region should be watched for new tastes);
- (d) to encourage experimentation in making articles as will reduce domestic drudgery, will give people greater comfort and convenience, will reduce the cost of living, and will make for more healthful living (e.g., clay smokeless chulas, poor man's refrigerators, etc.)

To attain these objectives, in respect of certain industries, tools must be designed and made wherever facilities exist for making them. In some institutes (e.g. the Ingraham Institute) improved tools and machines for leather work can be made.

Tanning

Apart from the scattered Tanning projects in North India, there is now a chain of tanning projects down the centre of the Indian Peninsula wherever Christian villages are numerous. To the north of Hyderabad City is Ramayana-peta, to the East is Kohir, and to the South is Amarachinta, and, in Rayalseena, are Lattavaram and Maddikera. Further South still (south of Bangalore) are Dindigul and Madura.

These projects have as their objective the developing of an hereditary skill and the raising of the industrial efficiency of the Christians. Improved methods of tanning have been taught, and the quality of the tanning and the output have much improved.

But tanning is a basic industry and opens avenues to other crafts, complementary developments which provide a diversification of occupation - gutmaking, making of sports goods (e.g., footballs as at Kohir), sandals, leather cases of all kinds, agricultural equipment, etc. To these crafts may be added the selling of bark and lime. Such industries form an integral part of the economy of India, and it will be part of the Four Year plan of the N.C.C. to help village Christians to have a place in this economy.

Subsidiary occupations for women

Cottage industries, such as lace-making in Nagercoil, or as basket-making in Allahabad, continue to flourish wherever there is a strong Christian community in all parts of India. These subsidiary occupations enable women to augment the family income, but also they enable Christian workers to build them up in the faith. When women take their work each week to the office of the superintendent of the Industry, an hour is found for prayer, and for a talk on health or home; or for instruction in writing and reading; or in Bible knowledge.

Training Personnel

In their addresses to the All India Conference for Economic Development both the Minister for Production with the Central Government, and the Secretary for Community Development advised us to "make haste slowly" when initiating schemes for economic development and made special reference to the lack of trained personnel for the work.

Clearly the finding and training of personnel will be a first priority. We cannot proceed further without trained or with half trained persons.

Training at the village level is of greatest importance at the present time, and, if possible, the training should be in the village itself, in the situation where the villagers live and work, both for adults and for young people. At this level training is given under the aegis of the Ingraham Institute.

At the regional level training in trades and regional crafts is already being given in the Christian Intermediate College at Farrukhabad, U.P. and in the Technical High Schools at Balasore and at Bombay.

But at this level there is need for more technical institutions to train young people in technical subjects, agricultural, industrial and commercial. This is necessary in view of the industrial developments in the country as a whole. In view of the developing tanning programme, a course should be opened for training in this industry, either in an existing institution or in a new one. (In some regions students could be sent to one of the Government Institutes of Leather Technology).

Again at this level there is need to seek out young men, preferably those with some experience, who have a flair for business management and marketing, and who understand cooperative methods. (Could the Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, provide a course of training for such young men?)

There is need for such men even more than for those technically trained or for those who operate machines.

Again, regional Councils are urged to seek out Christian managers of big industrial firms in urban areas who will admit Christian young men as apprentices, and train them in some skill e.g., at Sholapur where apprentices are trained for work in the mills, and stipends and hostel accommodation for such trainees are made available.

Extension Training

Every Church worker should be an Extension worker also, and should be given appropriate training for the purpose, and therefore churches are asked to consider whether the courses of training for Church leaders (Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers) should not include training in Extension work (Note: Students of the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur are sent to the Allahabad Agricultural Institute for a special course in Extension work of three or four weeks duration).

At the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, training for women in Extension Service is given. Five courses of six weeks duration are held each year.

Mutual exchange of Extension workers between projects for short periods, will be advantageous for both the projects and for the workers involved.

At the degree level in some Arts Colleges it may be possible to introduce technical courses. Men and women trained in these colleges would naturally be used for teaching and for supervisory work.

Basic Schools - the background of our training programme

The background of our training programme is to be found in our schools - primary, middle, High and Normal Training. Many of these have already made a contribution to the curriculum for basic education and are continuing to do so. In these schools teaching is related to the needs of the village and made effective; in many of our Middle and High Schools technical courses have been introduced and in our normal institutions attention is paid to Extension work.

Finance

Credit. The money for this programme must increasingly be found in India, through local Church and Regional Church groups. In some areas Cooperative Societies have funds which could be made available for this programme. In other areas existing resources in land and property could be diverted for this purpose.

A subsidy granted for financing a project should be in the nature of a loan to be repaid in easy instalments. The subsidy will be used as a "revolving" fund, and made available for further projects.

Scholarships for training. Local Churches and councils are urged to set aside money for scholarships for the following purposes:

- (1) For post-graduate studies in India and/or for abroad for men and women who have found their vocation in technical work, and who have the capacity for further study.
- (2) For training in business management, marketing, and cooperative work.
- (3) For forms of apprenticeship training.
- (4) For forms of technical, agricultural and commercial training (Note: in urban areas the needs of Anglo-Indians should be kept in mind).

- (5) For men who will be trained in tool-making for leather crafts, such as glazing, buffing, gut-making and other leather crafts.
- (6) For short courses for the training of Christian leaders in Extension work at such centres as the Allahabad Agricultural Institute and at Martandam.

Marketing.

The success of these agricultural and marketing projects depends upon the market. Where there are Government Cooperatives, marketing could be arranged through these societies. But where it is not possible to cooperate with such societies, it will be necessary to set up a separate central marketing agency for marketing our products; for opening depots, for organising exhibitions, for storage of products, for the purchase of raw materials, tools, and implements for workers, etc.

Such Central Marketing Agencies should be set up in Delhi, Lucknow, Calcutta, Bombay, Poona, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Madras to implement this Four Year programme. (Note: The North India Industrial Trading Society at Delhi, and the Indian Christian Development Fund at Bombay are already pioneering in this field)

Evaluation of a Project. Evaluation is necessary to determine whether a given programme is accomplishing its goal and whether it justifies the expenditure of time, money and talent spent upon it. But this evaluation will be not only from the point of view of the promoters of the programme but also from the point of view of the people amongst whom the programme is being carried on.

Such an evaluation will make use of all available techniques, surveys and samplings in gathering data for the evaluation.

FOUR YEAR PROGRAMME IS OUR TASK

Whilst undoubtedly money and personnel for certain specific projects will be found abroad, the main body of this programme must be financed and implemented by Indian Christians of the Churches in India. Within a reasonable period of time this programme should be self-supporting. This is an urgent task which the Churches must shoulder if they are to witness to the total Christian Gospel amongst the non-Christians of this land.

The responsibility for bringing this programme and its financial needs to the notice of the Churches will rest upon the Regional Economic Life Committees. It is their task to see that this programme is studied and implemented. These regional Committees will need, therefore, to be reorganised so that all the Churches are represented, and, also, so that persons who are actually engaged in Economic Development work and are deeply interested in it, are members of the Committees.

Inter-Regional Conferences for the sharing of experience, and for the checking of progress during this four year period will be helpful.

P R A Y E R

In conclusion, the Second All India Economic Life Conference commends this Four Year Programme to the regional Committees and to the churches with the prayer that it may be used of God for His Glory and for the greater understanding of His Will for men everywhere. Only His Spirit can provide the dynamic power for implementing it. Perhaps in the secular context of our work this may be the greatest contribution that the churches can make to the economic development of the country. May all those poor people, for whose well-being this programme has been prepared, find not only material help, but also God's care and concern for their spiritual life; and may those, whose work it is to implement this programme, have the humility and the imagination which are God's gift to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCE/V

BOARD OF WOMEN'S WORK.
1st January - 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1954	Rs. 1,902- 5- 9
Subscription & Donations	" 1,531-13- 0
Interest	" 157-10- 0
 Total	 <u>Rs. 3,591-12- 9</u>

Checked and found correct.
Sd/- B.N. Sarkar.
20.4.56

EXPENDITURE.

Chutia Girls' School @ 20/- p.m. for 12 months.	Rs. 240- 0- 0
To General A/c @ 300/- p.gr. for 4 qrs.	" 1,200- 0- 0
To General @ 324/- " " "	" 1,296- 0- 0
Out fit expenses	" 58- 4- 0
Balance on 31st December 1955	" 797- 3- 9
Total.	<u>Rs. 3,591-12- 9</u>

Sd/- J.A. Cable.
TREASURER.

H . R . L .

1st January - 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1954	Rs. 851- 6- 9
Interest for securities	" 881-10- 0
Refund of Kishori's fees (Jan. & Feb.)	" 4- 0- 0
Total.	<u>Rs. 1737- 0- 9</u>

Checked and found correct.
Sd/- B. K. Sarkar.
20.4.56

Expenditure.

Education allowances.	Rs. 598- 0- 0
Balance on 31st December 1955	" 1139- 0- 9
Total.	<u>Rs. 1737- 0- 9</u>

Sd/- J.A. Cable,
TREASURER.

DIOCESAN PROVIDENT FUND.
1st January - 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Members contributions	Rs. 2,794- 3- 0
Grants from General A/c	" 1,500- 0- 0
Interest on securities	" 1,982-15- 0
	<u>Rs. 6,277- 2- 0</u>

Checked and found correct.
Sd/- B.K. Sarkar. (Auditor)
20.4.56

EXPENDITURE.

Deficit from 1954	Rs. 215-10-11
Withdrawals on death, retirement or Transfer.	" 5,063-10- 3
Balance on 31st December 1955	" <u>997-12-10</u>
	<u>Rs. 6,277- 2- 0</u>

Sd/- J.A. Cable.
TREASURER.

CLERGY PROVIDENT FUND.

1st January - 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1954	Rs. 1,290- 2- 6
Members contributions	" 1,546- 8- 0
Interest on securities	" <u>652-12- 0</u>
	<u>Rs. 3,489- 6- 6</u>

Checked and found correct.
Sd/- B.K. Sarkar. (Auditor)
20.4.56.

EXPENDITURE.

Withdrawals on death, retirement or Transfer.	Rs. Nil.
Balance on 31st December. 1955	Rs. <u>3,489- 6- 6</u>
	<u>Rs. 3,489- 6- 6</u>

Sd/- J.A. Cable.
TREASURER.

NORMAL CLASSES.

1st January- 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1954	Rs. 3,220- 5- 7
Interest on securities	" 1,947- 6- 0
Refund by S.Kachchap.	" 40- 0- 0
Total.	<u>Rs. 5,207-11- 7</u>

EXPENDITURE.

E.T.School grant.	Rs. 1,079- 0- 0
St.Margaret's Training School.	" 998- 4- 0
Shanti Kachchap's fees	" 640- 4- 0
Rev. D.Hans travelling to H.Bagh during ordination.	" 9-11- 0
For Investment	" 137- 8- 0
Balance on 31st December 1955	" <u>2,343- 0- 7</u>
Total.	<u>Rs. 5,207-11- 7</u>

Checked and found correct.

Sd/- B.K.Sarkar. (Auditor)
20.4.56

Sd/- J.A.Cable.
TREASURER.

CHAPLAINCY AUXILIARY.

1st January- 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1954	Rs. 1,657- 3- 3
Kanke Contribution	" 20- 0- 0
Janshedpur	" 600- 0- 0
Chakradharpur	" 600- 0- 0
Jharsuguda.	" 105- 0- 0
St.John's Church.	" 21-12- 9
	<u>Rs. 3,004- 0- 0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Grants to General A/c.	Rs. 1,500- 0- 0
Balance on 31st December 1955	Rs. 1,504- 0- 0
	<u>Rs. 3,004- 0- 0</u>

Checked and found correct.

Sd/- B.K.Sarkar (Auditor)
20.4.56

Sd/- J.A.Cable.
TREASURER.

CHOTA NAGPUR CLERGY FUND.

1st January - 31st December 1955.

RECEIPTS.

Grants from General A/c.	Rs. 24,276- 0- 0
Rents.	" 1,320- 0- 0
Interest on securities.	" 4,114-14- 0
Donations	" 57- 0- 0
Sales.	" 25- 0- 0
Deficit on 31st December 1955.	" 3,005- 3- 4
	<u>Rs. 32,848 - 1- 4</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Deficit from 1954.	Rs. 1,301- 3-10
Salaries & Allowances	" 26,295- 0- 0
Pensions.	" 3,128- 0- 0
Travellings.	" 1,037- 4- 0
Repairs.	" 869- 4- 0
Postage & Printing.	" 6-13- 0
Investment	" 200- 0- 0
Rates	" 0- 8- 0
Munsi's fees.	" 10- 0- 0
	<u>Rs. 32,848- 1- 4</u>

Checked and found correct.
Sd/- P.K.Sarkar. (Auditor)
20.4.56

Sd/- J.A.Cable.
TREASURER.

Prafullo/-
20.4.56

GENERAL ACCOUNTS - 1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

RECEIPTS

S.P.G. Grant	Rs. 25,574/-	Rs. 25,573- 5-4
Consolidation Interest	" 15,000/-	" 15,832- 6-0
District Board Grant	" 720/-	" 720- 0-0
W.W.Fund for Hostels	" 1,200/-	" 1,200- 0-0
W.W.Fund for Pracharins	" 1,296/-	" 1,296- 0-0
Manoharpur Girls School	" 329/-	" 329- 0-0
Itki Boys' School	" 300/-	" 300-12-0
Murhu Girls School	" 900/-	" 900- 0-0
Western Fund	" 260/-	" 260- 0-0
V.B.S.	" 932/-	" 932- 8-0
Chutia Boys School	" 346/-	" 346- 0-0
Chutia Girls School	" 250/-	" 250- 0-0
Whipham Legacy	" 1,631/-	" 1,631- 0-0
Chaplaincy Auxiliary Fd.	" 1,500/-	" 1,500- 0-0
Donation from Hazaribagh	"	" 200- 0-0
District Work Balance - 54	"	" 1,958- 4-0
Lohardaga Produce 53 & 54	"	" 56- 0-0
Kamdara Pracharak sal. refunded	"	" 40- 0-0
Tamba " " "	"	" 240- 0-0
Itki " " "	"	" 180- 0-0
District Work Balance '55 Transferred	"	" 2,949- 8-0
		Rs. 56,695-11-4

Sd/- J.A. Cable.
Treasurer.

DEFICIT ON 31st December 1955 Rs. 1,434-11-5
Checked and found correct. Rs. 58,130- 6-9
Sd/- B.K. Sarkar (Auditor)
20.4.56
PRAFULLO/28.1.

	Budget			Expenditure		
	Central	District	Total	Central	District	Total
RANCHI	5746		5746	6526		6526- 0-0
ITKI	3810	2049	5859	3530	2040	5570- 0-0
MURHU	3596		3596	3596		3596- 0-0
KAMDARA	2021	1502	2523	2021	1500	3521- 0-0
MANOHARPUR	4290		4290	4290		4290- 0-0
CHAIBASSA	3056	244	3300	3100	240	3340- 0-0
PURULIA				283		283- 0-0
					40	40- 0-0
					1958-4	1958- 4-0
					2949-8	2949- 8-0
				23351	8727-12	32078-12-0

Less Payment in District Work. 8727-12-0
23351- 0-0
Less Extra Payment (Deficit 494 & 50) 544- 0-0
Rs. 22807- 0-0
C.N.C.F. Rs. 24276/- " 24276- 0-0
DISTRICT CHURCH REPAIRS. Rs. 100/- " 100- 0-0
DIOCESAN PROVIDENT FUND. Rs. 1500/- " 1500- 0-0
BISHOP'S LODGE REPAIRS. Rs. 200/- " 200- 0-0
Rs. 48883- 0-0

DIOCESAN CHARGES :

Salaries & D.A. Rs. 3984/- Rs. 3825- 5-6
Cycle Allowance " 72/- " 72- 0-0
Printing, Postage &
M.O.C. " 700/- " 802-10-9
Bank Charges " 100/- " 23-12-0
Contingencies " 100/- " 235-13-6
Dio. Council & Committee " 1000/- " 962- 3-9
House Rent " 48/- " 48- 0-0
Affiliation fees " 765/- " 745- 0-0
Auditor's fees " 50/- " 50-0-0
Institute of Rural Life £ 1 " 13- 6-0
Parcha & Municipal Maps " 10-14-0 Rs. 6839- 1-6
OTHERS :
Elwin Bann. Rs. 282-8-3 Cycle fr. peon 55-400 Rs. 388-14-3
Adra Annual Rent. 1-2-0 Rs. 2019- 7-0
S.S. Grant Ramtolya Ch. 50-0-0 Rs. 53130- 6-9
Deficit on 31st Dec. 1954

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR 1955.

	Last Year's Credit Balance	Last Year's Debit Balance.	Receipt during the year.	Amount spent during the yr.	DEBIT	CREDIT.
Assam Flood Relief	440-15- 0		155- 6- 9	596- 5- 9		
Building Food.	14578-14- 9		4390- 2- 6	4795- 9- 6		14,173- 7- 9
Blind School Endowment	210-15- 5		2- 8- 0			213- 7- 5
Bishop Kennedy Memorial.	9270-11- 0		124-11- 0			9,395- 6- 0
Bishop's Lodge Repairs	150- 7- 0		224- 0- 0	436-13- 6	62- 6- 6	
Blind School Rice Fund.	111- 3- 0			111- 3- 0		
Blind School A/c	619-15- 9		19753-14-6	15699-10- 6		4,674- 3- 9
Cantral Works.		40- 0- 0	22897- 0- 0	23351- 0- 0	494- 0- 0	
Cathedral Improvement A/c.	1618- 4- 0					1,618- 4- 0
Chaplaincy Auxiliary	1657- 3- 3		1346-12- 9	1500- 0- 0		1,504- 0- 0
Car Nicobar.	108- 0- 3		252-15- 9	252- 2- 6		68-13- 6
Doranda M.E.School.	644-12- 1		2101-14- 0	2455- 1- 3		291- 3-10
Diocesan Scholarships.	1226- 9- 4		250- 0- 0	275- 0- 0		1,201- 9- 4
District Church Repairs.	940- 0- 0		100- 0- 0	50- 0- 0		990- 0- 0
Diocesan Registry A/c.	349-14- 3		34- 9- 6	36-12- 0		347-11- 9
Evangelistic Leagl.	128-11- 6		198- 6- 0	122- 2- 0		204-15- 6
General A/c.		2019- 7- 0	56695-11- 4	56110-15- 9	1434-11- 5	
General Investment A/c.	10- 3- 0		31707-13- 0	27035- 3- 9		4,683- 1- 3
Govt. Dearness Allow.	378- 0- 0					378- 0- 0
Govt. Grant-in-aid.	720- 0- 0		59- 1- 0	720- 0- 0		59- 1- 0
Gestetner A/c.		1706- 8- 9	105- 2- 0		1601- 6- 9	
H.R.Lonsdale.	851- 6- 9		885-10- 0	598- 0- 0		1,139- 0- 7
Interest A/c.	5753- 4- 1		3038- 1- 9	4601- 0- 0		4,190- 5-10
Itki Hospital	915- 0- 5		7647- 1- 0	8614- 1- 9	52- 0- 4	
J.&E.Mission.	57-13- 3		750-12- 6	594-13- 6		213-12- 3
Kandara Hospital.	1133- 3- 2		907- 0- 0	1992- 1- 6		48- 1- 8
Manoharpur Lepor Clinic			902- 5- 0	477- 5- 0		425- 0- 0
Muri Lands.		2191- 0- 0			2191- 0- 0	
Moral Welfare, Ranchi.	332- 3- 0		1164- 6- 0	500- 0- 0		996- 9- 0
Normal Classes.	3220- 5- 7		1987- 6- 0	2864-11- 0		2,343- 0- 7
New Churches.	332- 6- 0		3-13- 0			386- 3- 0
Ormanjhi Lands	1082-11- 9			87- 3- 6		995- 8- 3
Publications A/c		11324- 4-11	3461- 5- 9	2409-11- 0	10282-10- 2	
Provident Fund Loan A/c.	375- 0- 0		15- 0- 0	54- 0- 0	414- 0- 0	
Provident Fd.Loan (Clergy)				360- 0- 0	360- 0- 0	
Pass Books A/c.		37- 3- 0	3- 8- 0		34- 0- 0	
St.Paul's Hostel.	3000- 0- 0		8000- 0- 0	11000- 0- 0		
Self Support Fund.	75- 0- 0		10- 0- 0			85- 0- 0
St.Barthabas Food A/c.	1863- 1- 0		3- 2- 0	525- 0- 0		1,341- 3- 0
Theological College.	47513- 7- 1		1679-11- 0			49,193- 2- 1

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	Last Year's Credit Balance	Last Year's Debit Balance.	Receipt during the year.	Amount spent during the yr.	DEBIT	CREDIT.
Board of Women's Work.	1902- 5- 9		1689- 7- 0	2794- 4- 0		797- 8- 9
C.N.C.F. Bicycle allies.			325-12- 0			325- 12- 0
Whipham Legacy.	1013-11- 8		1639- 4- 0	1631- 0- 0		1,021-10- 8
Wine A/c.		1127- 0- 9	986- 2- 0		2902- 1- 9	
Whitley Memorial.	18-13- 9		7898-14- 0	400- 0- 0		7,517-11- 9
Women Workers Emergency	2490- 0- 3		27- 4- 0	244- 0- 0		2,273- 4- 3
Sundry Depositor's A/c.	94042- 8- 5		60689- 4- 3	46,464-14- 0		108,266-14- 8
Advance A/c.		32145-13- 6	21164- 6- 9	13997- 0- 0	24978- 6- 9	
Diocesan Quarterly Paper.		361-15- 5	400-14- 3	511- 3- 0	472- 4- 2	
Dut Patrika A/c.	41-12-11		420-11- 0	505-10- 6	43- 2- 7	
Suspense A/c.	3217- 6- 3		41571- 2- 2	42912- 8- 0		1,376- 0- 5
Diocesan Provident Fd.		215-10-11	6277- 2- 0	5063-10- 3		997-12-10
Clergy Provident Fund.	1290- 2- 6		2199- 4- 0			3,489- 6- 6
Murhu Hospital A/c.	6406- 7- 8		8401-12- 3	10548- 1- 0		4,260- 2-11
Diocesan Charges.			6839- 1- 6	6839- 1- 6		
Manoharpur Hospital	846-2 - 4		5676- 2- 0	4735- 5- 6		1,786-14-10
St. Barnabas Hospital	2628-12-10		4184-15- 0	6815- 3- 0	1- 7- 2	
District Work.	1958- 4- 0		6769- 8- 0	8727-12- 0		
C.N.C.F.	1301- 3-10		29792-14- 0	31546-13- 6	3055- 3- 4	
Trust Fund.	19169- 3- 9		48317- 2- 1	49705- 3- 3		17,781- 2- 7
Cash & Bank Balances.					204477- 3- 3	
Unposted Items.						198-15- 6

Bihar Christian Council.

Ranchi.
The 29th February, 1956.

Rev. E. Harvey.
Rev. D. B. Hans.
Rev. S. Surin.
Rev. N. Bhainya.
Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed programme of the S.C.C.
meeting. Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Dublin University Mission
The Rev. Brian Harvey,

Rev. B. Harvey.
Rev. D. B. Hans.
Rev. S. Gurin.
Rev. N. Bhainya.
Dear Sir,

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1. The Rev. Brian Harvey,
Dublin University Mission,
Hazaribagh.

D.B.
2. The Rev. Hans Svartdahl,
Manor Lodge, Darjeeling,
West Bengal.

3. The Rev. S. Surin,
Govindpur.

4. The Rev. N. Bhuinya,
Singhani,
P.O. Hazaribagh.

*S.P.G. Mission
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P.O. Murshu
(Ranchi)*

Episcopal Council

Please find enclosed programme of the S.C.C.

Send the meeting. Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
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Bishop Christian Council

The Rev. Bhuinya, 1936.
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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam 7

Mission Estd. 1845 — Autonomous 1919.

President:—Rev. J. J. P. Tiga. M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

G. E. L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.....

Dated the.....195

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Members of the Executive Committee.

Lutheran Church.
Ranchi.
26th April, 1956.

Dear friends,

Mr. Roy has suggested that we commence our meeting at 3 P.M. on the 2nd May, 1956, not at 8 A.M. as many will be arriving late in the forenoon. This is therefore to inform you that :-

(1) The meeting will be held at the Bishop's Lodge, S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi;

(2) The first session will begin at 3 P.M. on the 2nd May-and we shall try to finish our business by forenoon on the 3rd.

(3) All those coming from outside Ranchi will be accommodated at the Bishop's Lodge, Church Road, S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.

Yours faithfully,

T. Tiga
Secretary

Bihar Christian Council.

1. Rev. P. John

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Office of the Secretary, Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi (Bihar) India.


The 2nd April, 1936.

NOTICE

is hereby given that a meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the Bishop's Lodge at the S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi on the 2nd and 3rd May, 1936. The first session will commence at 8 A.M. on the 2nd.

Members are kindly requested to be present and also to kindly send in matters for consideration at their earliest convenience.

Ranchi,
2. 4. 1936.
B.L.


Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Mr. J. E. Hoo,
Ranchi

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Office of the Secretary, White Mountain Council, Council (White) Lodge

The End April, 1904

NOTICE

is hereby given that a meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the King's Lodge of the A.O.U.W. on the 2nd and 3rd May, 1904. The first session will commence at 8 A.M. on the 2nd.

Members are kindly requested to be present and also to kindly send in matters for consideration at their earliest convenience.

W. J. H. H.

Secretary,
White Mountain Council.

2nd May, 1904

W. J. H. H.
W. J. H. H.

Programme.

SANTAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL 1956. Nineteenth Council meeting in
Bamda from 6th to 9th March.

Official interpreter---Dr.R.M. Macphail.

6th March 8.P.M. Reception Dr.R.M.Macphail.

7th March 8.A.M. Devotion Rev.Ruel Soren, Pokhoria.

8½-11½ Session Roll Call; Chairman's address; appointment of minute Secretary, minutes of the previous meeting; adoption of the programme; appointment of Nomination Committee; Auditors; minutes of the Executive; Treasure's report; fraternal delegates greetings. Map of Negotiating Committee.

2-3½ P.M. Bible Society and Bible Revision Committee--Dr. Dempster, United Church in North India--Dr.Macphail.

4½-6. P.M. N.C.C. Matters--Economic life of the Church; Christian Marriage Act; Church and Government--N.C.C.Secretary.

After Dinner meeting--Audio..Visual - Aid - Rev.S.Nilson, Theodora.

8th March 8 A.M. Devotion Rev.D.Hansdah, Theodora.

8½-11½ A.M. Session Committee reports:- Schools, deputation report. Literature and Adult Literacy; Santal examination, Evangelism; youth.

2-3½ Session Committee Report:- Sunday School; Christian Home.

Correspondance--West Bengal and E.Pakistan Schools.

4½-6.P.M. Committee Reports--Audio- Visual- Aid; Backward Commission; Santali Language, Rural uplift.

After Dinner meeting--Public meeting by N.C.C.Secretary, Evastor World Council of churches, National Missionary Society Jubilee 1905-1955; Tranguebar meeting.

9th March 8 A.M. Holy Communion lead by Scottish Mission.

8½-11½ A.M. Last Session--Reports--Auditing; Nomination; Is there any things; Next meeting, resolution greeting; Chairman's conclusion and Benediction.

Secretary,
B.Soren,
S.C.C.

Prison Church Council
Ranchy
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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed
programme of the S.C.C.
and ~~the~~ attend the
meeting. Thanks.

Yours sincerely

Sealey

B.C.C.
Mr.

Rev. B. Harvey

" D.B. Stans

" S. Smith

" N. Blumina

~~Sealey~~
~~Mr.~~
~~Mr.~~

Sealey

From. Rev. B. Soren.
Village gonde.
P.O. Mahespur Ray
S.B.

To. J. J. P. Tiga.
Ranchi.

Dated. gonde the 22nd Febr. 1956.

Dear Friend, I have written you regarding the S.C.C. will be held. from March 6-9th 1956. At Banda. I did not received the names of Fraternal delegates. Kindly send me the resolution which we passed during the Bihar. C.C. I am sending the Programme here with.

Yours Sincerely
B. Soren.
Secretary

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

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**G. E. L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.**

Ref No.....

Dated the ...28th Feby....1956

To

Rev. M. C. Vogt,
Chandwa,
Palamau.

Dear Mr. Vogt,

I am sending you a copy of Rev. M. D. Lakra's letter with the request to kindly enquire if the pastors and pracharaks of the Mennonite Mission visit the Lutheran families in the villages concerned and if they conduct ~~xx~~ services in the house of Mr. Saphaniah Toppo. If you find it true, would it be convenient for you to kindly ask them to stop the ~~same~~ same.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga
President,

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

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मान्यवर प्रेसिडेंट साहब

जी० ई० एल० चर्च, रांची।

महाशय,

अर्ज ऐसा है कि मैंने आप से अर्ज की है कि २२-११-५५ चन्दा मेनोनाइट और लुथेरान सम्मिलित बैंक की का मन्तव्य मेज दें पर आज तक मुझे प्राप्त नहीं हुई।

कल मेरे कुडु पेरिस की पेरिस पंचायत कड़ाक में हुई थी। पेरिस पंचायत में कुडु मंडली की ओर से रिपोर्ट मिली कि मेनोनाइट मिशन में उलटने वाले हमारे लुथेरानों को बहुत ससकाया बुकाया गया पर अब तक सफलता तो नहीं हुई है।

अभी तक बात की सफाई नहीं हुई है तिसपर मेनोनाइट मिशनरी, पाद्री और प्रचारक छिप छिप के चुपके से आते जाते और सफनियार टोपों के धर में गिरा करते हैं।

मेनोनाइट मिशनरी ओ पाद्री प्रचारकों का हमारे लुथेरान धर में ऐसा आना जाना और गिरा बिनी करना बिलकुल गैरमुनासिब बात और नजायज काम है। इससे गड़बड़ी तो निश्चय है और होगी बरत कोई नुकसान का भय है।

जो वाजिब है सो जनाया, आईन्दे हुजूर मालिक आप है।

आप का आशीर्वात मेवक
M. D. Lakshmi (Rev.) Loharaga

Dear Mr Vogh,

I am sending you
a copy of Rev. M. D. Laker's
letter with the request to
kindly enquire if the pastors
and preachers of the
Mennonite Mission visit
the Lutheran families in the
villages concerned and if
they conduct services in
the house of Mr Saphania
Tjofso. If you find it
true would it be ~~convenient~~
convenient for you to kindly
ask them to stop the same?

Yours Sincerely

~~Rev. B. C. C.~~
Minister G. E. Church

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Mission Estd. 1845 — Autonomous 1919.

President:—Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

G. E. L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI BIHAR INDIA.

Ref No.....

Dated the ..27th..February..1956.

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To

Rev. M.C.Vogt,
Chandwa,
Palamau.

Dear Rev.Vogt,

The Bihar Christian Council Minutes are in the Press now. I am sorry the report of the Nomination Committee is missing. I am sure you gave me but it has been misplaced.Would you kindly send me a duplicate copy ?

Thanks and please excuse trouble.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary,

Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

19/11/55

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AIDE MEMOIRE
OF THE DEPUTATION TO CHIEF MINISTER, BIHAR
ON THE 28th SEPTEMBER 1955

A deputation consisting of the following waited on the Chief Minister on the 28th September 1955 at 5 P.M. to make a representation Re: certain difficulties which the Christian educational institutions have been experiencing ever since the Bihar Local Self Government Act 1954 - Act VII-62-B - was enacted.

2. The members of the deputation who waited on the Chief Minister at his residence at Patna were:-

1. Mr. K.M. Abraham - Leader, representing Bihar Christian Council.
2. Mr. S.K. Roy - Convener of the deputation,
representing Bihar Christian Council.
3. Rev. J.J.P. Tigga - Secretary, Bihar Christian Council.
4. Mr. J. Tigga) - President & Secretary, Catholic Mahasabha.
5. Mr. T. Tirkey)
6. Mr. P. Baske - representing Santal Christian Council.
7. Mr. A.K. Mukherjee - Vice-President, Bihar Christian Council.
- & 8. Mr. S.K. Bage, M.L.A - by joint invitation.

3. The Education Minister and Mr. N.D.J. Rao, Under Secretary to Government Education Department, were also present.

4. The Deputation thanked the Government and the Chief Minister for the help they had received in the past.

5. Opening the discussion the leader stated that the Deputation wanted to place before the Chief Minister certain difficulties which the Christian institutions had been experiencing of late. A memorandum bringing about some of the main points had been submitted in May 1955.

6. The difficulties were:-

- (i) Those experienced in the operation of the Local Self Govt. Act VII of 1954 62- B, which vests all powers of appointments, posting of teachers, disciplinary action including removal and dismissal and lowering or raising the status of primary and middle schools with the District Supdt. of Education - a post newly created. This, the Deputation felt amounted to taking away the rights of the religious and linguistic minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their own choice guaranteed by Article 30 of the Constitution of India. The Deputation wanted such rights of appointment, etc. vested in the managing committee, the Government reserving the right of approving the appointments, dismissals etc. Appointments were ordinarily to be approved of, if the requirements of qualifications and procedure for appointments were fulfilled - the procedure being advertisement and selection in the usual manner. But appointments, transfers and discharge notices were being made and issued without any reference to school authorities. The Minister of Education asked whether instances could be given. The following instances among others were given briefly (details are now added in the Aide Memoire):-

(a) Miss Sukur Mani:

Appointed as teacher in Bamdaha Bisra primary school in Monghyr Dist. This appointment was not approved by the Dist. Supdt. of Education, probably on the plea that the appointment should have been made by the Dist. Supdt. of Education. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister wanted to know whether the teacher possessed the necessary qualifications, and added that if the teacher possessed the

the necessary educational qualifications there was no reason why the appointment should have been objected to. Probably it was due to the Mission's not seeking permission from the Dist. Supdt. of Education for transfer.

(b) Two untrained teachers sent by the Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, to join the Lutheran Church Middle school at Marcha, without any reference to the H.M. even though there was no vacancy. The managing committee was not informed of the appointment.

(c) A lady teacher sent up to join the Lutheran school at Khuntitaly, P.S., Simdega, even though there was no vacancy in the school. The managing committee was not informed of the appointment.

(d) The Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi sent a teacher (a Hindu gentleman) to the Lutheran School at Kocha, P.S. Lohardanga, even though there was no vacancy in the school. The Managing Committee was not informed of the appointment.

(e) The Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, directed the H.M. of the Lohardanga Mission Middle school to relieve two of its teachers to undergo short-course training at Tamar Basic Training school. One of these teachers had put in 20 years of service.

(f) The Dy. Inspector, Khunti, directed the H.M. of the Lutheran Middle school at Govindpur to relieve one of its teachers for training.

(g) The Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, sent a Muslim teacher to an old established Mission school at Kachbani with instructions to raise it to an Upper Primary standard. When the authorities took up the matter with the Dist. Supdt. of Education, the matter was not pressed.

These difficulties were not only being experienced by the Christian Missions. Ramkrishna Mission had been experiencing this difficulty Re: appointment of H.M. for their middle school, Vidyapith, Bilkandi.

Besides these, the transfer of lady teachers to several places summoning them to Ranchi for questioning or examining for suitability as regards further training, was causing anxiety in the minds of christian leaders, as lady teachers were being transferred to uncongenial atmosphere. Vexation and embarrassment have been caused by not allowing schools to be properly staffed on technical grounds. At this stage, Mr. N.D.J. Rao stated that he had discussed the question of transfers and appointments with Rev. Father Whyte of the Catholic Mission on the 11th July 1955 at Ranchi. Therein it had been agreed that transfers should be made only with the prior consent of the Dist. Supdt. of Education. For simplifying the same it had been suggested that the District representatives of the Mission schools should place consolidated proposals of transfers to the Dist. Supdt. of Education and unless there were valid reasons against those proposals they would not be objected to. The Deputation said that if this was made a rule, there would be no objection. The Chief Minister said that necessary rules would be framed.

Re: appointment of teachers:

Mr. Rao read out extracts from the discussion with Father Whyte wherein it was stipulated that all appointment of teachers, even in Mission Schools, should be made from the list of approved teachers prepared by the Planning Committee. Before, however, a teacher is appointed to a Mission school, the Superintendent will obtain the prior concurrence of the Mission authorities. In the case of Mission schools, the selection of the serial number according to priority, may be allowed.

The Chief Minister and the Education Minister added that necessary rules that are to be framed under the Act would cover these points. The Deputation pointed out that even though candidates with necessary educational qualifications might be available they may not be appointed. Moreover, the power of appointing teachers has been vested with the Dist. Supdt. of Education and that virtually amounted to taking away the right of minorities to establish and administer schools of their own. The Education Minister stated that if the Managing Committees wanted to give names of candidates to be appointed to be embodied in the panel of the Planning Committee, the same could be done and candidates from the panel could be chosen without respect to the order in the panel. The Deputation pointed out that there was no way of pressing the point of view of the Missions before the Planning Committee. The Education Minister replied that the Missions could go on appointing suitable candidates from the panel provided the candidates had the necessary qualifications. The Deputation pointed out that the rule of maintaining priority in serial order was difficult to carry out. The Education Minister replied that they were free to appoint anyone from the panel and that they could go on appointing and priority need not be maintained. The Deputation replied that if this freedom of action was given, they would be satisfied.

(ii) The second issue raised by the Deputation was about the difficulty experienced in carrying out the latest orders Re: the reconstitution of the managing committee of the Mission schools. There were two difficulties:-

(a) The managing committee, it had been suggested, should be registered with the Registrar of the Joint Stock Companies under Company's Registration Act 1860, even though the Missions who own the schools are registered under the Societies Registration Act and are the properties of the Trust Association constituted under the Act. This would lead to setting up parallel authorities and would interfere with the day-to-day administration and therefore submitted that this insistence on the managing committees being registered be waived. The Chief Minister said that the matter would be looked into sympathetically.

(b) Another difficulty pointed out by the deputation was Re: the reconstitution of the managing committee. According to the present rules, those who had built and were maintaining schools and hold the schools under the Trust Association mentioned above cannot have adequate representation to determine the policy of the school. Therefore, it was suggested that the right of nominating four members instead of two donors and two subscribers be given to missions. ^{on churches} Further, that the D.P.I.'s nominees be from the panel of names submitted by the managing committees of the mission schools, care being taken by the missions to see that local Scheduled castes and guardians and tribes and backward communities are represented.

The Education Minister replied that the rules Re: the reconstitution of the managing committees to the Mission Trusts and Proprietary schools were being modified practically on the lines suggested and there would be no difficulty about the same when the new rules were framed. The Deputation wanted to know whether the missions could wait to implement the rules Re: the reconstitution of the managing committee till the new rules were framed. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister replied that Missions Trusts and Proprietary schools could wait till the new rules were framed.

(iii) The next question raised by the Deputation was about the arrear grants to the schools ever since the block grant was abolished in 1949. Mr. Rao read out the relevant portion from the discussion with Father Whyte and stated that arrear grants would be paid to teachers direct by money order so far as districts other than Santhal Parganas were concerned and that the missions that had advanced amounts to the teachers may recover the same from the teachers concerned, but the amount could not be paid directly to the missions. It was pointed out that this betrays want of confidence in the management and except the D.A. even now salary was being paid through the managements. Mr. Rao stated that instructions had been issued to pay even salaries to middle and primary schools directly to teachers.

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The Deputation reminded the Chief Minister of the promise that he had made last year when the Deputation of the Bihar Christian Council waited on him in May last Re: grants to the S.P. Mission schools. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister pointed out that so far as the Santhal Parganas was concerned it was a political question and now that the permission to give grants had been given no further back grants could be given. The Government was convinced that some of the missions in the Santhal Parganas had flouted the authority of the Government and therefore this could not be considered. The Deputation pointed out that if some people were guilty they should be dealt with, but the innocent should not suffer and therefore the matter might be considered sympathetically. Both the Chief Minister and the Education Minister were emphatic that the questions could not be re-opened.

(iv) The Deputation pointed out another difficulty experienced Re: religious education. The Deputation asked whether there was any objection to religious education being imparted to Christian students outside school hours in school premises. Both the Chief Minister and the Education Minister stated that there was no objection. Circulars issued on this by the Dy. Inspector of Schools, Chaibassa were placed before the ministers. The Chief Minister said that necessary instructions would be issued to see that such interference did not take place.

7. In the end the Deputation thanked the Chief Minister as well as the Education Minister for the patient hearing they had given to on the points raised by the Deputation and hoped that difficulties would be removed. The Chief Minister assured that the difficulties would be removed and the Deputation may rest assured of the same.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(Affiliated to the National Christian Council of India)

HONY. SECRETARY:

THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A; B.D; M.S.T.

Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

Ref. 597-98/56.

Dated 13th Feb. 1956.

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"Resolved that the Rev. B. Harvey be elected Treasurer of the
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Hazan'bagh

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S. P. G. Mission
Ranchi

BCC
No. 541/56

From Secretary Mr. N. E. Horo, B.A., G.E.L. Church Compound,
Ranchi.
The 6th February, 1956.

To - Mr. S. K. Roy, M.A.,
Tufan Kone,
K A N K E.
Dt. Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Roy,

Thank you for your p.c. dt. 25/1/56. I have not received the copy of the "Five Year Programme - The findings of Ghaghiabad Conference." However, I agree with you in constituting an Enlarged Committee on Economic life of the Church after which the Economic Life Conference can be called.

I do not know whether I have power to constitute this enlarged committee as you suggest. I shall let you know after I have consulted the B.C.C. Secretary.

Sincerely yours,
[Signature]
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Horo ^{hr. 27/1/56} 7 25/1/56
I have not heard from you for a
long time nor have I received any reply to my
letters to you. I sent you a copy of the Far Year
Programme - (the findings of the Physicised Conference
(in tabloid form) - for translation into Hindi. I
have not received any acknowledgement from
you regarding it, nor any acceptance of the re-
quest made. Regarding a card received from Mr.
Siga asking me to take in hand the task of
convening an Economic Life Conference, I sug-
gested that the matter should be dealt with by
an enlarged Committee of the B.C.C. on Econ: life
which should be first constituted by you. I have
not had either your reactions to it nor those

of Mr. Diga. I suppose
Mr. Diga has been out
to Tranquebar, Madras
& all that. I hope by
this time he is home
and will be able to answer
to the above.

Yours sincerely
S. R. Ray

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THE DRAFT BILL OF THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ACT.

(As amended upto February 1954. Final Draft.)

ACT NO. OF 195

An Act to consolidate, amend and extend the law regulating Marriages of Christians in India

Whereas it is expedient to consolidate, amend and extend the law regulating marriages of Christians in India; and whereas Christian Marriage is (essentially) the voluntary union for life of one man with one woman to the exclusion of all others, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I

GENERAL LAW

(Applicable to all marriages solemnised under this Act.)

PART I

Preliminary

1. (1) This Act may be called "The Marriage Act for Christians 195

(2) It shall come into force on the first day of January.

(3) It shall extend to the whole of India.

2. The enactments specified in the Sixth Schedule to this Act are repealed but not so as to invalidate any marriage previously confirmed by, or solemnised under, any such enactment.

And all appointments made, licenses granted, consents given, certificates issued, and other things duly done under any such enactment shall be deemed to be respectively made, granted, given, issued, and done under this Act.

For clause xxiv of section 19 of the Court Fees Act, 1870, the following shall be substituted:—

"xxiv. "Petitions under the Christian Marriage Act,
195 Sections 10, 18, 21, 57."

3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context:—

"Place of Christian Worship" includes any church, or chapel or any other place or building generally used for public Christian worship;

"CHURCH" means an organised body of Christians.

"The Roman Catholic Church" means and apply to the Church which regards the Pope of Rome as its spiritual head;

"Minor means a person who has not completed the age of 18 years;

Christians means;

(a) a person who professes the Christian religion;

or

a person who has been initiated at any age into the Christian religion by baptism or by any other equivalent ceremony of initiation, including an overt act prescribed for such purpose by a Church;

or

(b) a person born of such parents;

Provided that such a person has not formally renounced the Christian religion by a public or overt act, previous to entering upon the ceremonies of marriage;

"District Court" means a principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in the District;

"Registrar general of births, Deaths and Marriages" means a Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages appointed under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.

PART II

General Law Pertaining To Validity

4. Every marriage between persons both of whom are Christians shall be solemnised under this Act and in accordance with its provisions otherwise it shall be null and void.

5. If a person married under this Act, or under Act XV of 1872, contracts a subsequent marriage during the life time of his wife or her husband, whatever may be the religion which the said person professes at the time of such a subsequent marriage, it is null and void, unless the previous marriage has been dissolved or

declared null and void by a decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction, and subject to the provision of Section 57 of the Indian Divorce Act (Act No. VI of 1869).

6. A marriage duly solemnised under this Act is a marriage within the meaning of Section 18 and 19 of the Indian Divorce Act, and any such marriage may be declared null for the cause therein mentioned read with the provisions of the Act, and in the manner provided in that Act.

7. Unless a marriage is solemnised by a person authorised, licensed, or appointed for this purpose under this Act, it shall be liable to be declared null and void, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Indian Divorce Act for nullity of marriage.

8. A marriage duly solemnised under this Act shall not be void merely on account of any irregularity in respect of any of the following matters:

- (a) Any statement made in regard to the dwelling of person married, or to the consent of any person whose consent to such marriage is required by law;
- (b) the notice of the marriage;
- (c) the certificate of translation thereof;
- (d) the registration of the marriage;
- (e) any rule, rite or ceremony required by Section 17 or 21.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 4 of the Indian Divorce Act IV of 1869, the District Judge or High Court may decree any marriage null and void if it finds that the same was solemnised in contravention of the provisions of this Act.

10. Marriage of a minor shall not be solemnised by any person authorised, licensed, or appointed to solemnise marriages under any Part of this Act, unless such person obtains in writing the consent of the father or the minor, if living and if the father be dead, of the mother, if she is living, otherwise of the guardian of the person of such minor; and such consent is hereby required for the same marriage.

Provided that if any person whose consent is necessary for

the marriage of the minor is of unsound mind or for any other reason is incapable of giving consent or if any such person without just cause withholds his consent to the marriage, the parties between whom the marriage is to be solemnised may apply by petition to the District Court who may examine the allegation of the petition in summary way and, if upon examination such marriage appears proper, such Court may direct that such marriage may be solemnised as if the person whose consent was needed had consented to the marriage.

11. (1) A marriage shall not be solemnised under this Chapter between persons who are related to each other in any of the following degrees of consanguinity or affinity, and such marriage if solemnised is null and void :—

A man should not marry his— A woman should not marry her—

Mother.	Father.
Daughter.	Son.
Father's Mother.	Father's Father.
Mother's Mother.	Mother's Father.
Son's Daughter.	Son's Son.
Daughter's Daughter.	Daughter's Son.
Sister.	Brother.
Father's Daughter.	Father's Son.
Mother's Daughter.	Mother's Son.
Wife's Mother.	Husband's Father.
Wife's Daughter.	Husband's Son.
Father's Wife.	Mother's Husband.
Son's Wife.	Daughter's Husband.
Father's Father's Wife.	Father's Mother's Husband.
Mother's Father's Wife.	Mother's Mother's Husband.
Wife's Father's Mother.	Husband's Father's Father.
Wife's Mother's Mother.	Husband's Mother's Father.
Wife's Son's Daughter.	Husband's Son's Son.
Wife's Daughter's Daughter.	Husband's Daughter's Son.
Son's Son's Wife.	Son's Daughter's Husband.
Daughter's Son's Wife.	Daughter's Daughter's Husband.
Father's Sister.	Father's Brother.
Mother's Sister.	Brother's Son.
.....	Sister's Son.
Brother's Daughter.	

(2) Any Church may make a rule that a marriage shall not be solemnised in its Places of Worship or by its Ministers between persons who are related to each other in any additional degrees of consanguinity or affinity which may be prohibited by the rules of the said Church.

CHAPTER II

SACRAMENTAL OR RELIGIOUS MARRIAGES

(Other than Roman Catholic)

PART II

General Law

(Applicable to such marriages as are solemnised under this Chapter).

12. Marriages may be solemnised under this Chapter—

- (a) by any Minister of a Church specified in the first Schedule to this Act provided that he holds a license for such a purpose from such authority as is specific in the said Schedule as competent to grant such licences;
- (b) by any Minister of any Church who is licensed under this Chapter to solemnise marriages;
- (c) by any person who is licensed under this Chapter to grant certificate of marriage between Christians.

13. If only one of the parties to a marriage is a Christian the marriage may not be solemnised under this Chapter, unless the rule of the Church to which the Minister who solemnises the marriage belongs, permit such a marriage.

14. Every marriage solemnised under this Chapter shall be voidable subject to the provision contained in the Section next following :—

- (a) if the age of the man whose marriage was solemnised was less than 18 years at the time of the marriage, or the age of the woman whose marriage was solemnised was less than 15 years;
- or,
- (b) if either of the persons whose marriage was solemnised did not at the time of the solemnisation of marriage

and in the audience of at least two credible witnesses besides the Minister express his or her consent and agreement by word and/or sign with the other to be husband or wife in the sense of a lifelong union of one man with one woman to the exclusion of all others;

or,

- (c) if either of the persons whose marriage was solemnised is made or induced to go through the ceremony of marriage by threats or duress of fraud without any real consent to the marriage.

15. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Section next proceeding, if subsequent to the marriage the persons between whom marriage was solemnised under this Chapter have lived together as husband and wife for a period of three years after having reached the age of majority, they shall be deemed to have affirmed the marriage and shall not be permitted to question its validity under any clause of the aforementioned Section.

16. A petition to the Court that a marriage which has been solemnised under this Act may be declared to be void in accordance with any of the clauses of Section 15 of this Act can be presented by the persons herein mentioned :

(a) petition under clause (a) by the husband or the wife whoever was below the prescribed age at the time when the marriage was solemnised, or father or mother or guardian of such a minor ;

(b) petition under clause (b) by either party to the marriage ;

(c) petition under clause (c) by the party to the marriage whose consent was obtained by threat, duress or fraud.

PART IV

Marriages Solemnised by Ministers Duly Licensed to Solemnise Matriages by the Churches Specified in the First Schedule of this Act

17. Under this Part every marriage shall be solemnised by any Minister who has been duly licensed under the provision of Section 11 (a), and it shall be solemnised according to the rules, rites, ceremonies, and customs of the Church to which the Minister belongs :

18. No such Minister shall be compelled to solemnise a marriage, so long as any of the rules laid down by the said Church in addition to the requirements of this Act remain unsatisfied.

19. No said Minister shall solemnise a marriage—

(a) if to his knowledge—

(i) there is a lawful impediment in solemnising such a marriage ;

(ii) one or both of the parties is or are a minor or minors, and the necessary consent required under Section 10 has not been taken ;

(b) and unless each of the parties between whom marriage is to be solemnised sign a solemn declaration that “I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, A. B., may not be joined in matrimony to C. D.”

20. Any said Church shall deposit, an authenticated copy of its rules concerning marriage, and any subsequent addition or alteration therein, with the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, and for such a Church no rule shall be recognised as being operative for purposes of this Act unless it is contained in such a copy.

PART V.

Marriages Solemnised by Licensed Ministers of Churches other than those specified in the First Schedule to this Act.

21. Under this Part, every marriage shall be solemnised by a Minister who has been licensed in the manner laid down in the Section following, in accordance with the rules, rites, and ceremonies of the Church of which he is a Minister.

22. The State Government, so far as regards the territories under its administration, and the Central Government so far as regards any other territory of India may, by notification in the local Official Gazette or in the Gazette of India, as the case may be, grant licences to Ministers to solemnise marriages within such territories and may, by a like notification, revoke such licences.

23. Whenever a marriage is intended to be solemnised by a Minister licensed to solemnise marriages under the Section next preceding, one of the persons intending marriage shall give notice in writing to the Minister according to the form contained in the Second Schedule to this Act, or to the like effect, giving the information required therein.

24. If the persons intending marriage desire it to be solemnised in a particular Place of Christian Worship, and if the Minister to whom such notice has been delivered is entitled to officiate therein, he shall cause the notice to be affixed in some conspicuous part of such Place of Christian Worship.

But if he is not entitled to officiate as a Minister in such Place of Christian Worship, he shall, at his option, either return the notice to the person who delivered it to him, or deliver it to some other Minister entitled to officiate therein and licensed to solemnise marriages who shall thereupon cause the notice to be affixed as aforesaid.

25. If it be intended that the marriage shall be solemnised in a private dwelling the said Minister, on receiving, the notice prescribed in Section 27 of this Act, shall forward it to the

Marriage Registrar of the district who shall affix the same to some conspicuous place in his own office, and outside of such a dwelling.

26. If it be intended that the marriage shall be solemnised in a public place other than a Place of Christian Worship, the said Minister, on receiving such a notice, shall cause the notice to be fixed in some conspicuous part of such place.

27. Any said Minister consenting or intending to solemnise any such marriage as aforesaid, shall, on being required so to do by or on behalf of the person by whom the notice was given, and upon one of the persons intending marriage making the declaration hereinafter required, issue under his hand a certificate of such notice having been given and of such declaration having been made:

Provided that—

- (a) no such certificate shall be issued until the expiration of four days after the date of the receipt of the notice by such Minister;
- (b) no lawful impediment be shown why such certificate should not issue;
- (c) If a party whose marriage is to be solemnised is minor the consent required by Section 10 of this Act has been obtained.

28. The certificate mentioned in Section 27 of this Act shall not be issued until both the persons intending marriage have signed a solemn declaration to the following effect—

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, A.B., may not be joined in matrimony to C. D.

29. When any person about to be married takes a notice of a marriage to any said Minister or applies to him for a certificate under Section 31 of this Act, such Minister shall, before issuing the certificate, ascertain whether such person is cognisant

of the purport and effect of the said notice or certificate as the case may be, and, if not, shall translate or cause to be translated the notice or certificate to such person into some language which he understands.

30. The certificate to be issued by such Minister shall be in the form contained in the Third Schedule to this Act, or to the like effect.

31. After the issue of the certificate by such Minister, marriage may be solemnised between the persons therein described according to such form or ceremony as the Minister thinks fit to adopt:

Provided that the marriage be solemnised in the presence of at least two witnesses besides the Minister, and provided that the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised express their consent and agreement with each other to be husband and wife in the sense of a monogamic union in the following or equally strict or stricter terms:

"I, A. B., in the presence of Almighty God, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, do take thee, C. D., to be my wedded wife (or husband), and as long as we both live, I will have none other."

32. Whenever a marriage is not solemnized within two months after the date of the receipt of notice of marriage by such Minister as aforesaid, any certificate and all proceedings (if any) thereon shall be void, and no person shall proceed to solemnize the said marriage until new notice has been given.

PART VI

Marriages Solemnised by Persons Licensed to Grant

Certificates of Marriage

33. The State Government or, so far as regards territories administered by it, the Central Government may grant a licence as provided in the Section next following, to any Christian, either

by name or as holding any office for the time being, authorising him to grant certificates of marriage between persons both of whom are Christians.

Any such licence may be revoked by the authority by which it was granted, and every such grant or revocation shall be notified in the Official Gazette.

34. Licence to the aforesaid person to grant certificate of marriage under this Part shall be granted for a period of 5 years at a time by the said Government, on the recommendation of the Head of a Church or a representative committee of Christians appointed or recognised by the Government for such a purpose, by notification in the Official Gazette.

35. Every marriage between parties both of whom are Christians may be solemnized by being certified under this Part, if the provisions of Parts I and II (incl. sections 13 & 14) and sections 14 to 16 and 27 to 32 inclusive *mutatis mutandis* have been fulfilled.

36. When, in respect to any marriage solemnised under this Part, the conditions prescribed in the Section next preceding have been fulfilled, the person licensed as aforesaid, in whose presence the said declaration has been made, shall, on the application of either of the parties to such marriage, and on the payment of a fee of four annas, grant a certificate of the marriage.

The certificate shall be signed by such licensed person, and shall be received in any suit touching the validity of such marriage as conclusive proof of its having been performed.

37. This part of this Act shall not apply to marriages of Roman Catholics.

CHAPTER III

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGES WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC RITES

PA T VII

(Applicable to all marriages solemnised under this Chapter)

38. Every marriage between parties one or both of whom are Roman Catholics may be solemnised by any person who is authorised to solemnise marriages by the Roman Catholic Church.

39. Every marriage shall be solemnised according to the rules, rites, ceremonies, and customs of the said Church.

40. Subject to the provisions of Chapter I and V of this Act the provisions of the Roman Catholic Church Law shall govern the validity of a sacramental marriage solemnised under this Chapter.

CHAPTER IV

MARRIAGES BY CIVIL CONTRACT

PART VIII

General Law

41. A civil marriage between parties one or both of whom are Christians may be solemnised by a civil contract under this Act, provided that the man must have completed his twenty-first year and the woman her eighteenth year otherwise it shall be invalid.

42. Sections 13 (1), 14, 15, 16 and 17 of this Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the marriages contracted under the provisions of this Chapter.

43. Succession to the property of any person who is married under this Act, and to the property of the issue of such marriage shall be regulated by the provisions of the Indian Succession Act, 1865.

PART IX

Procedure

44. (1) The State Government may appoint one or more persons, either by name or as holding any office for the time being to be the Marriage Registrar or Registrars under this Chapter for any District and if there are more than one Registrar may appoint one of them to be senior Registrar.

(2) When there is only one Marriage Registrar for a District and such Registrar is unable to officiate or when his office is temporarily vacant, the Magistrate of the District, or any other Magistrate nominated by the said Magistrate shall act as, and be, Marriage Registrar thereof during such inability or temporary vacant.

45. (1) When a civil marriage is intended to be contracted under this Chapter, one of the parties must give notice in writing to the Registrar before whom it is to be contracted.

(2) The Registrar to whom such notice is given must be the Registrar of a District within which one of the parties to the marriage has resided for fourteen days before such notice is given.

(3) Such notice shall be in the form given in the Second Schedule to this Act.

46. Every marriage Registrar on receiving any such notice given under sub-section (1) of the section 45 shall cause a copy thereof to be fixed in some conspicuous place in his office. He shall file all such notices and keep them with the records of his office, and shall also forthwith enter a true copy of every such notice in a book furnished to him for that purpose by the State Government, to be called the "Marriage Notice Book" and such book shall be open at all reasonable times, without fee to all persons desirous of inspecting the same.

47. (1) Fourteen days after notice of an intended marriage has been given under Section 49, such marriage may be contrac-

ted, unless it has been previously objected to in the manner hereinafter provided in this Section.

(2) Any person may, before the expiration of fourteen days from the giving of the notice of an intended marriage, object to such marriage on the ground that it would contravene some one or more of the conditions prescribed in this Chapter or in Chapter I of this Act.

(3) The nature of the objection made shall be recorded in writing by the Registrar in the Marriages Notice-Book and shall, if necessary, be read over and explained to the person making the objection, and shall be signed by him or on his behalf.

48. (1) If an objection is made under Section 47 to an intended marriage the Registrar shall not allow the marriage to be contracted until the lapse of fourteen days from the receipt of such objection, if there be a Court of competent jurisdiction open at the time, or if there be no such Court open at the time, until the lapse of fourteen days from the opening of such Court.

(2) The person objecting to the intended marriage may file a suit in a District Court having local jurisdiction for a declaratory decree, declaring that such marriage would contravene some one or more of the conditions prescribed in Chapter I and this Chapter of this Act.

(3) If the decision of the Court is that such marriage would not contravene any of the conditions prescribed in Chapter I and this Chapter of this Act, such marriage may be contracted.

(4) If the decision of the Court is that the marriage in question would contravene any of the conditions prescribed in Chapter I and this Chapter of this Act the marriage shall not be contracted.

(5) If the decision of the Court is that the marriage in question would contravene any of the conditions prescribed in Chapters I and IV of this Act the marriage shall not be contracted.

49. Before the marriage is contracted the parties and two witnesses shall in the presence of the Registrar sign a declaration in the form contained in Section 32.

50. The marriage shall be contracted in the presence of the Registrar and of the two witnesses who signed the declaration. The contracting may be done in any form provided that each party says to the other, in the presence and hearing of the Registrar and the witnesses "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I. A. B., do take thee, C. D. to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband), and so long as we both live I will have none other".

51. The marriage may be contracted either at the office of the Registrar or at such other place within reasonable distance of the office of the Registrar as the parties desire :

Provided that the State Government may prescribe the conditions under which marriages may be contracted at places other than the Registrar's office, and the additional fees to be paid thereupon.

52. When any person is married under the provisions of this Part, the Registrar solemnising the marriage shall ascertain whether such person understands the declaration, and, if he does not, the said Registrar shall at the time of the solemnisation, translate, or cause to be translated to such person, into a language which he understands, the declarations made at such marriage in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

(Applicable to all Marriages solemnised under this Act.)

PART X

Registration of all Marriages solemnised under this Act

53. Every marriage solemnised by a person authorised by the Roman Catholic Church, under Chapter III of this Act to solemnise

nise marriages shall be registered by the said person and according to the form directed in that behalf by the Roman Catholic Ordinary of the Diocese or Vicariate in which such marriage is solemnised.

54. Every marriage duly solemnised by any person under any Chapter of this Act, other than Chapter III shall, immediately after the solemnising thereof, be registered in triplicate by the person solemnising the same; (that is to say) in a marriage register-book to be kept by him for that purpose, according to the form contained in the Fourth Schedule to this Act, and also in two certificates, A and B, attached to the marriage Register book as counterfoils.

55. The entry of such marriage in both of the certificates and in the marriage register book shall be signed by the person solemnising the marriage and, also by the persons married, and shall be attested by two credible witnesses, other than the person solemnising the marriage, present at its solemnisation.

Every such entry shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of the marriage register-book, and the number of the certificates shall correspond with that of the entry in that book.

56. When a marriage has been duly registered as above-mentioned, the person solemnising the same shall forthwith issue counterfoil certificate "B" to the parties to the marriage, and shall keep the marriage register-book and the counterfoil certificate "A" in his own custody; and, if he leaves the locality in which he solemnised the marriage before the said book is filled, he shall make over the same to the person succeeding to his duties in the said locality or if there be no such person to the Marriage Registrar of the District.

57. Whoever, has the control of the marriage register-book shall separate the counterfoil certificates "A" at the beginning of each half calendar year and send them to the Marriage Registrar of the District, or if there are more Marriage Registrars than one, to the Senior Marriage Registrar who shall send it to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages to be kept by him

with the records of his office.

58. Notwithstanding the provision of the Section next preceding any Church may make a rule that the counterfoil certificates "A" shall be sent to the person by name or office appointed by the said Church in accordance with its rule. Such a person shall send them to the aforesaid Marriage Registrar.

59. Every person who has the custody of a marriage register-book under this Act, and every marriage Registrar or Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, or any other person having the custody, for the time being, of any register of marriages or of any certificate, or duplicate shall on payment of the proper fees at all reasonable times, allow searches to be made in such register, or for such certificate, and /or copies, give a copy under his hand of any entry in the same.

60. Every person charged with the duty of registering any marriage who discovers any error in the form or substance of any such entry may within one month next after the discovery of such error, in the presence of the persons married, or, in case of their death or absence, in the presence of two other credible witnesses correct the error, by entry in the margin, without any alteration of the original entry, and shall sign the marginal entry and add thereto the date of such correction, and such person shall make the like marginal entry in the certificate thereof.

And every entry made under this Section shall be attested by the persons in whose presence it was made.

And in case the certificate "A" has been already sent to the Marriage Registrar or Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, an application shall be made by such person to the Registrar-General for necessary correction in the said certificate.

PART XI

General law concerning marriages of converts to Christianity solemnised before their conversion

61. If the husband and wife who were married as non-Christians both become Christians, whether simultaneously or successively, they shall not be required to be married again, under this Act, but their former marriage shall continue to subsist; and so long as one of the parties to such a marriage is a Christian it shall be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act.

62. If a married person becomes a Christian, and wishes to continue to cohabit with his or her wife or husband who has not become a Christian and if their marriage stands dissolved by reason of such conversion under the laws or customs under which the marriage was contracted, such persons may have their marriage reaffirmed in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Section next following. Such a marriage when reaffirmed, shall be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act from the very time from which it stood dissolved.

63. If a person whose marriage with his wife, or her husband has been dissolved by the act of his or her conversion to Christianity wishes to have his or her marriage with the non-Christian partner reaffirmed under the provisions of the next preceding Section he or she may apply for this purpose to a Marriage Registrar or to a Minister appointed, authorised, or licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act and shall make, jointly with the other partner, a solemn declaration of their wish and intention to live as husband and wife in a life long union with each other to the exclusion of all others. Thereupon such Minister may marry the parties again if the rules of his Church so provide, or he or the Marriage Registrar to whomsoever the application is made shall issue them a certificate, in the form given in the Fifth Schedule to the Act, showing that they have made such a declaration before him, and their marriage shall be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act from the very time it stood dissolved under the law or custom under which it

was originally contracted and so long as one of the parties is a Christian the provisions of this Act shall apply to such a marriage.

64. (1) If a woman who is a convert to the Christian religion has a lawful husband living at the time of her conversion and he refuses to cohabit with her upon her change of religion she may obtain a dissolution of her marriage under the Native Converts Marriage Dissolution Act (Act No. XXI of 1866) or the Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act (Act No. VIII of 1939), whichever may apply.

(2) If a man who is a convert to the Christian religion has a lawful wife living at the time of his conversion and she refuses to cohabit with him upon his change of religion, he may obtain a dissolution of marriage under the Native Converts Marriage Dissolution Act, if that Act is applicable to such a marriage.

In case he was married to such a wife by Muslim rites and she refuses to cohabit with him for a space of twelve months from the time of the conversion to Christianity, he shall be free to marry again under the provisions of this Act.

Provided that the laws of the Church in which the marriage is to be solemnized do not forbid such remarriage.

PART XII
Penalties

65. Whoever, for the purpose of procuring a marriage or licence of marriage, intentionally—

(a) Where a solemn declaration is required by this Act or by any rule or custom of the Roman Catholic Church, or of a Church specified in the First Schedule of this Act, according to the rites and ceremonies of which a marriage is intended to be solemnised makes a false declaration or,

(b) Where a notice or a certificate is required by this Act signs a false notice or certificate, shall be deemed to have committed the offence punishable under Section

193 of the Indian Penal Code with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and, at the discretion of the Court, with fine.

66. Whosoever, not being authorised, licensed or appointed under this Act to solemnize marriages, knowingly solemnizes or professes to solemnize a marriage under any Chapter of this Act, or whoever solemnizes a marriage which is otherwise invalid, between persons one or both of whom is or are Christian or Christians, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description which may extend to seven years or with fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000 or with both.

67. Whoever knowingly solemnizes a marriage of a minor girl of not less than 15 years of age under this Act, without obtaining the consent of the father, mother or guardian as required by Section 10 of this Act, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000, or with both.

68. Whoever knowingly and wilfully solemnizes a marriage under this Act in the absence of at least two credible witnesses other than the person solemnizing the marriage, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with fine or with both.

69. A Marriage Registrar or any minister or other person authorised to solemnize marriage who knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate of marriage, or solemnizes any marriage, without publishing the notice of such marriage as directed by this Act, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

70. Any Marriage Registrar knowingly and wilfully issuing any certificate for marriage after the expiration of two months after the notice has been entered by him, under Section 50 of this Act shall be deemed to have committed an offence under Section 166 of the Indian Penal Code.

71. Whoever, being authorised to solemnize a marriage under Part V or Part VI of Chapter II knowingly or wilfully issues any certificate for marriage under this Act, without publishing or causing to be affixed the notice of such marriage as directed in those Parts or after the expiration of two months after the certificate has been issued by him, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine or with both.

72. Whoever not being licensed to grant a certificate of marriage under Part VI of Chapter II of this Act, grants such certificate, intending thereby to make it appear that he is so licensed, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine or with both.

73. Whoever being authorised, licensed, or appointed to solemnize a marriage under any part of this Act without just cause refuses or omits or wilfully neglects to perform any of the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of the Chapters and the Part under which the marriage is solemnised shall be liable to be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

74. Any Court in which any such suit as is referred to in sub-section (2) of section 52 is filed, may, if it appears to it that the objection was not reasonable and *bona fide* may order a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,000/- as compensation from the person objecting payable to the parties to the intended marriage.

75. Whoever, by himself or another, wilfully destroys or injures any marriage register-book, or any counterfoil certificate thereof, or falsely makes or counterfeits any part of such register book or counterfoil certificate, or wilfully inserts any false entry in any such register book or counterfoil certificate, shall be liable to be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to five years, or with fine or with both.

76. Whoever, married under this Act, or under the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872 during the life time of his or her wife

or husband, contracts any other marriage in contravention of Section V of this Act shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code for the offence of marrying again during the life time of a husband or wife, whatever may be the religion which he or she professed at the time of such second marriage, unless the former marriage has been dissolved or declared null and void.

77. Whoever, having the control of a marriage register-book under this Act, without a just cause fails to send certificates "A" within one month after the beginning of each calendar half year to the Marriage Registrar as required by Section 57 of this Act, or leaves a place or locality without making over the said register to the person succeeding to his duties in the said place or locality or to the Marriage Registrar as required by Section 60 of this Act, shall be liable to be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees.

78. The prosecution for every offence punishable under this Act shall be commenced within two years after the offence is discovered.

Provided that no offence under this Act shall be tried by a Magistrate below the rank of a First Class Magistrate.

PART XIII

Miscellaneous

79. Every certified copy, purporting to be signed by the persons entrusted under this Act within the custody of any marriage register-book or certificate or duplicate required to be kept or delivered under this Act, of an entry of a marriage in such book or of any such certificate or duplicate shall be received as evidence of the marriage purporting to be so entered, or of the facts purporting to be so certified therein, without further proof of such register or certificate or duplicate, or of any entry therein, respectively or of such copy.

80. The State Government and so far as regards territories administered by it the Central Government may, from

time to time by notification in the Official Gazette make rules to regulate:—

(a) fees chargeable by Marriage Registrars or Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for such duties as are assigned to them in this Act.

(b) fees for sending marriage certificates to other countries under Section 87.

(c) the supply of Marriage Register book and the return of such books when filled;

(d) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed under this Act.

81. The powers and functions exercisable under this Act by the Central Government or by the State Government may be delegated to and exercised, by such officers as it or they may from time to time appoint in this behalf.

82. The Central Government shall have power to amend or add to the entries in the First Schedule from time to time by notification in the Official Gazette.

CHAPTER VI

MARRIAGES BETWEEN PERSONS ONE OR BOTH OF WHOM IS OR ARE OF NON-INDIAN DOMICILE

PART XIV

83. Nothing in this Act applies to any marriage performed in India by an authorised agent of a foreign State between subjects of the State which he represents and according to the law of such State.

84. When one of the parties between whom a marriage is solemnised under this Act is of Indian domicile and the other has his or her domicile outside India, all the provisions of this Act shall apply; provided that each of the parties has the capacity to marry under the laws of their respective domicile.

85. The provisions of Part VI of this Act shall not apply to marriages between persons one or both of whom has or have their domicile outside India.

86. If the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised under this Act both have their domicile in or any country other than India, they shall not be related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity, prohibited by marriage laws of their country of domicile, and the provisions of this Act regarding the list of prohibited degrees shall not apply to such marriages.

87. If one or both of the persons between whom marriage is solemnized has or have their domicile in any country other than India, then either or both of such persons may apply to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, for a copy of their marriage certificate to be sent to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages or equivalent officer of the country of their domicile on payment of a prescribed fee. Then the Registrar General shall call upon the person who solemnized the marriage to send such a certificate direct or through him within fifteen days.

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THE FIRST SCHEDULE

The List of Churches recognised under clause (b)
of Section 20, of Part IV

Official Name of the Church	The "Authority" of the Church competent to give licenses to its Ministers to solemn- nise marriage.	The "Authority" of the Church is compe- tent to frame Rules and Regulations for the solemnisation of marri- ages of its members

THE SECOND SCHEDULE**Notice of Marriage****THE THIRD SCHEDULE****Certificate of Receipt of Notice****THE FOURTH SCHEDULE****Marriage Register-Book****THE FIFTH SCHEDULE***(See Section 15.)*

Certificate of marriage of converts to be deemed to have acquired the legal effect as if they had been solemnised under this Act.

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE*(See Section 2.)***Enactments Repealed**

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STATEMENT ON COMITY

Introduction

The principles of comity have developed through the long experience of churches and missions working in the same or contiguous areas, and with similar aims. Comity continues to be essential to the churches in their divided state, but it should not be considered a reason for them to remain apart. Closer co-operation and agreement should become means whereby the churches realize the importance of considering together how to make their oneness in Christ more manifest to the people of India.

The subject of comity is part of a wider subject. The primary task which lies before the Indian Church and the Foreign Missionary Societies at work in India is the evangelization of this land. For the accomplishment of this task the proper inter-relation of the forces and methods employed is scarcely less important than their adequacy and suitability. Such inter-relation has two principal branches:

1. Co-operative Efforts

Under co-operative efforts would be classed the union of ecclesiastical bodies, or steps taken towards such union, and co-operation between missions in particular works or kinds of work, educational, medical, literary, etc.

With such efforts, important as they are, this statement deals only incidentally, but it is right always to bear in mind their close connection with the other side of inter-relation.

2. Agreement

The inter-relation of efforts which are made separately is the subject of this statement on comity. Comity may be defined as the spirit of considerateness and fair dealing which is the fruit of Christian courtesy and common-sense. The object of this statement is to set forth the principles of comity and their application to Christian work in this country.

The rules given below are to be regarded as agreed statements adopted after a long period of consideration and not as standards to be imposed on churches and missions. Active co-operation in particular tasks between Christian bodies in a given area and not merely their smooth working in isolation should be the purpose we always keep in view.

I. Arbitration and Conciliation

It is agreed that:

1. The principle of arbitration should be applied as widely as possible to all matters of dispute between churches or missions provided that the fundamental principles of the ecclesiastical bodies concerned be not thereby called in question.

2. Regional Christian Councils should be ready to act in the matter of arbitration and conciliation, and should make arrangements by which those matters can be dealt with between the sessions of the Council.

3. In all cases of disagreement the churches or missions concerned should first attempt a settlement between themselves, and that reference should be made to a Regional Christian Council only after such attempts have failed.

4. A Regional Christian Council should arbitrate only when any case is referred to it by the official representatives of both the bodies involved in any dispute. But in case one party declines arbitration, it shall still be open to the other party to appeal to the Council to use its friendly offices to bring about a settlement.

5. The decision of a Regional Christian Council or its appointed representatives will be advisory or final as shall be agreed by the parties concerned before the case is heard.

6. For the settlement of any dispute, the appointed representatives should include an equal representation on behalf of each of the churches or missions directly concerned, chosen by themselves, preferably from the membership of the Regional Christian Council, it being left to the Council to appoint an additional member or members, whether of its own body or not, having regard to the nature of the subject upon which arbitration is sought.

7. A Regional Christian Council may seek the aid of the National Christian Council in any matter affecting arbitration between missions or churches.

8. Any award or agreement arrived at after arbitration or conciliation should be reduced to writing.

II. Territorial Arrangements

(Cases in which two or more churches or missions are working or proposing to work in the same area)

The history of comity in past years has shown that there are some churches and missions which do not see their way to enter into any arrangement regarding territorial divisions, and there are other churches and missions which, while they have no such difficulty in regard to the delimitations of territory, insist upon certain restrictions with regard to the application of the principle. Experience has proved that even such difficulties are not always insuperable.

No attempt has been made to define what may be regarded as the 'effective occupation' of any sphere. Effective occupation depends upon the particular stage the work has reached. To make Christ known to all the people is the ideal in the early stages of evangelization. To equip the Indian Church for permanently dealing with that task constitutes the need of the later stage of development. In the earlier stage conditions differ so widely that neither the ratio of a geographical area, nor the numerical ratio of population to staff employed can be regarded as a satisfactory criterion. It must be left to the judgement of the Regional Christian Council concerned to decide how far any area in any region can be said to be effectively occupied.

It is agreed that:

1. In the event of any church or mission wishing to enter a new and unoccupied sphere in any regional area, consultation with the Regional Christian Council for that sphere should precede any definite steps for occupation.

When more than one church or mission desires to enter an unoccupied area, the Regional Council concerned shall determine what comity terms are to be arranged.

2. Wherever a church or mission is already working in a district in which another mission, for any reason, contemplates operations, the former should be apprised of the fact and consulted before any steps are taken to begin work.

3. Any church or mission proposing to make any further advance in the opening up of new stations or sub-stations¹ in areas already partially occupied by other societies should consult with them before doing so.

4. In areas in which different churches or missions are at work in close proximity to one another and under circumstances that are conducive to co-operative efforts, the different churches or missions should from time to time consult with one another as to the possibility of co-operation in institutional work (educational, medical, industrial, etc.), and no institutional work likely to affect the work of another church or mission should be initiated without consultation, and if possible agreement, with the other Christian organizations occupying the same area.

5. In areas in which two or more similar institutions (educational, medical, industrial etc.) now exist in such proximity to each other as to cause overlapping, it is desirable that negotiations be opened to see whether they can be united, or be utilized for different departments of the same work.

6. Agreements in regard to territorial arrangements already existing, or which may in future be arrived at in any way, should be reduced to writing, and carefully preserved. Where possible, maps should be prepared to show existing boundary lines.

Periodic review of comity arrangements within their boundaries should be conducted by Regional Councils, especially in areas where no active evangelistic work is being done, taking help, if necessary, from the National Christian Council.

7. While the right of Christians to the ministration of their own Communion is recognized, this should be allowed by the Church concerned only in the case of those who have conscientious convictions that do not permit them to accept the ministration of the Church in the area. Congregations or small gatherings of Christians isolated from their own Communion should be expected to engage in evangelistic work on a voluntary basis, but ministration from a Church outside the area, and evangelistic efforts by such congregations should not be regarded as warranting them in undertaking missionary operations that would in any way conflict with the work of the churches or missions occupying the field.

¹ By sub-station is meant a place in which a mission or church has a resident worker.

8. (a) Where comity arrangements have given the Christian responsibility of a city to one denomination, and where such a city has a population of more than 75,000 and has not been declared open to the effort of any denomination desiring to begin work there, churches other than those of the occupying denomination should be permitted to enter for the purpose of shepherding their own members but not for establishing institutions that would conflict with the occupying church or mission. In evangelism harmony should be maintained by close co-operation that will develop to the full the local spiritual resources.

(b) A city having a population of two lakhs or more should be considered open.

A Society desiring to enter an open city, specially if it proposes to work among a particular class or classes, should act on the principle laid down in Rule II (1) above, in order to avoid overlapping.

(c) In smaller cities or towns, where the population is comparatively homogeneous and a mission or missions already have an extensive work, any other mission or church contemplating entrance should act on the principle laid down in Rules 2 and 3 above.

When the mission or church so contemplating entrance into a city or town of this class is at work in the area of which that city or town is the recognized centre, and desires a footing in the town for the sake of its work in the area, this consideration should be recognized as one of much weight.

9. Those responsible for conducting radio programmes and Bible correspondence courses should be expected to observe Comity by informing, wherever possible, the Church in the locality of an enquirer or correspondent who has shown the need of personal ministration.

III. Expansion of the Churches

With the development and organization of churches and local congregations which recognize their responsibility for evangelizing

the people of the neighbourhood and those farther afield who have racial, social or cultural affinities with them, it is desirable that comity allow for their spontaneous growth.

A distinction should be made between this kind of expansion which occurs largely through the activities of Christian people among their relatives and friends of the same social group, and the 'missionary operations' of isolated congregations mentioned in II (7), or the activities of new missionary bodies seeking to begin work in an area.

It is agreed that:

1. In the present divided condition of the churches comity is essential to their evangelistic outlook.

2. While churches and missions should continue to adhere to the principle of making and abiding by territorial arrangements, this should not be so interpreted as to impede the spontaneous expansion of long established and populous churches into adjacent territory. [Any expansion which involves territory previously assigned by agreement to another church or mission should be carried out only in consultation and, if possible, in agreement with the occupying church or mission.]

3. Where Christians of one church emigrate in considerable numbers to an area previously assigned to another church or mission a natural expansion may be possible among those of the same social or racial origin who have emigrated to that place. While the right of this expansion to take place should be recognized by the occupying church or mission, it should not except by previous agreement, be allowed to interfere with the established institutions or the evangelistic work in the area.

4. The Regional Council or Councils may be asked to explore the possibility that previously accepted territorial arrangements may be revised so as to allow for the growth of churches, while at the same time permitting full scope for the work of the occupying church or mission.

5. Agreement by consultation of the bodies concerned, with the knowledge of the Regional Council, should be the normal way of meeting these situations. Where necessary the Regional Council or Councils should be asked to arbitrate as in Section I above.

IV. Transfer of Church or Mission Workers

It is agreed that:

No worker or ex-worker of one church or mission should be employed by another church or mission without full preliminary consultation with the church or mission with which the worker is or was formerly connected. Consultation ought to include such matters as the personal character of the worker, and the question whether he is under any obligation to the church or mission with which he has been connected. In cases where such obligation is financial, as for instance in the case of a worker who obtained his education on the definite understanding that he would serve the church or mission for a certain time, arrangements should be made in the event of a transfer taking place for a discharge of the obligation as may be mutually agreed upon.

The principle of this section shall apply to the case of pupils in a church or mission school whom a representative of some other church or mission may propose to receive.

V. Salaries of Church or Mission Workers

It is agreed that:

1. The adequate remuneration of all grades of workers in a regional area, and especially the need of revising salaries in view of changing economic conditions, are suitable subjects for the consideration of Regional Christian Councils, and are deserving of their careful attention.

2. While there seem to be great difficulties in standardizing the salaries of all Christian workers, educational, medical and evangelistic, it is important that churches and missions should endeavour to remove all occasions of jealousy and misunderstanding that may arise from inequalities in the remuneration of workers whose work and qualifications are similar.

VI. Treatment of Christian Workers Under Discipline

It is agreed that:

1. The disciplinary censure of one church or mission for clearly established fault in character and conduct should be respected by another.

2. Workers dismissed on such grounds by one church or mission should never be employed by another without previous

consultation with the authority dismissing them. In case of disagreement reference should be made to the Secretary of the Regional Christian Council, who may, if necessary, arrange for arbitration.

VII. Relation of Churches to Members of Other Churches

While it is agreed that it will conduce to the interest of the Kingdom of Christ in India that all churches which can unite without compromising their own principles should do so, and also that any churches which can enter into a federation without compromising their own principles should do so, the following three recommendations are offered to such churches as can, consistently with their own laws and principles, adopt them, though they may not at the present time be able to advance either to corporate union or to federation:

It is agreed that:

1. Churches should do their best to give spiritual opportunities and assistance to members of other churches who stand in need of them.
2. Church members from one area temporarily visiting the sphere of another church organization should bring with them certificates of membership to be recognized for such period only as the visit lasts.
3. Church members settling in the sphere of another church organization should be given a certificate enabling that church, if it see fit, to receive them into its fellowship.

VIII. Baptism and Admission to Church Membership

It is agreed that:

1. It seems desirable for Regional Christian Councils to consider the possibility of a more uniform standard regarding baptism and the conditions of admission to church membership.
2. No church should baptize or admit to membership, or accept as a candidate for baptism or admission to membership, any person who is already receiving regular preparatory instruction, or is an admitted catechumen in another church, without first consulting with the officials of that church; but the final choice of the church which he will join must rest with the candidate.

IX. Treatment of Church Members Under Discipline

It is agreed that:

1. Different churches should mutually respect each other's discipline.
2. When no certificate is brought by the member of one church applying for membership in another church, enquiry should always be made into his conduct and standing in the former.
3. When a member of one church desires admission into another, if on enquiry it proves that he is under discipline, or has rendered himself liable to discipline for a grave fault against the moral law of Christ, his admission should not, as a general rule, be considered until he has given evidence of repentance and reformation, and if discipline has been imposed, has completed the term of discipline in the church which has imposed it.
4. When a member of one church desires admission to another, and after enquiry from the former it appears that there has been no grave moral delinquency, but that the difference between him and his church is one of doctrinal or practical principle, on which the views of the two churches also differ, the church approached may proceed to deal with the applicant according to its own laws, whether it be on his own initiative or in consequence of action taken against him by his church that the applicant came to desire to change his Communion.

Conclusion

In commending this statement on Comity to the Christian organizations, the National Christian Council wish to add that all such rules of Comity as those which it has drawn up will be kept easily and loyally in proportion as Christian people of different churches live on terms of Christian fellowship with one another. They should strive to meet not only when matters of difference arise, but in ordinary friendly intercourse and in consultation over the work of their lives, and thus to learn what each other's views and aspirations are. The Council rejoices that men and women of different churches and missions are increasingly meeting in conferences and councils and language schools. The Council would add that besides taking all opportunities for acquaintance and consultation, the leaders and members of different churches should from time to time seek opportunities of joining in common

worship in such ways as their laws and principles may permit, being well assured that nothing will be so full of blessing for the cause that churches and missions have at heart as the common offering of thanks and praise to the Author of all good, and the common seeking of light and guidance from the Author of all wisdom.

*Revised by the National Christian
Council and approved by its Executive
Committee on October 21, 1954.*

AIDE MEMOIRE
OF THE DEPUTATION TO CHIEF MINISTER, BIHAR
ON THE 28th SEPTEMBER 1955.

A deputation consisting of the following waited on the Chief Minister on the 28th September 1955 at 5 P.M. to make a representation Re: certain difficulties which the Christian educational institutions have been experiencing ever since the Bihar Local Self Government Act 1954 - Act VII - was enacted.

2. The members of the deputation who waited on the Chief Minister at his residence at Patna were :-

1. Mr. K.M. Abraham - Leader, representing Bihar Christian Council
2. Mr. S.K. Roy - Convener of the deputation, representing Bihar Christian Council.
3. Rev. J.J.P. Tigga - Secretary, Bihar Christian Council.
4. Mr. J. Tigga)
5. Mr. T. Tirkey) - President & Secretary, Catholic Mahasabha.
6. Mr. P. Baske - representing Santal Christian Council.
7. Mr. A.K. Mukherjee - Vice-President, Bihar Christian Council
- & 8. Mr. S.K. Bage, M.L.A. - by joint invitation.

3. The Education Minister and Mr. N.D.J. Rao, Under Secretary to Government Education Department, were also present.

4. The Deputation thanked the Government and the Chief Minister for the help the Christians had received in the past.

5. Opening the discussion the leader stated that the Deputation wanted to place before the Chief Minister certain difficulties which the Christian institutions had been experiencing of late. A memorandum bringing about some of the main points had been submitted in May 1955.

6. The difficulties were :-

(1) Those experienced in the operation of the Local Self Govt. Act, VII of 1954 62 - B, which vests all powers of appointments, posting of teachers, disciplinary action including removal and dismissal and lowering or raising the status of primary and middle schools with the District Supdt of Education - a post newly created. This, the Deputation ~~felt~~ felt amounted to taking away the rights of the religious and linguistic minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their own choice guaranteed by Article 30 of the Constitution of India. The Deputation wanted such rights of appointment, etc. vested in the managing committee, the Government reserving the right of approving the appointments, dismissals etc. Appointments were ordinarily to be approved of, if the requirements of qualifications and procedure for appointment were fulfilled - the procedure being advertisement and selection in the usual manner. But appointments, transfers and discharge notices were being made and issued without any reference to school authorities. The Minister of Education asked whether instances could be given. The following instances among others were given briefly (details are now added in the Aide Memoire) :-

(a) Miss Sukur Mani :

Appointed as teacher in Bamdaha Bisra primary school in Monghyr Dist. This appointment was not approved by the Dist. Supdt. of Education, Probably on the plea that the appointment should have been made by the Dist. Supdt. of Education. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister wanted to know whether the teacher possessed the necessary qualifications, and added that if the teacher possessed the

the necessary educational qualifications there was no reason why the appointment should have been objected to. Probably it was due to the Mission's not seeking permission from the Dist. Supdt. of Education for transfer.

(b) Two untrained teachers sent by the Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, to join the Lutheran Church Middle school at Marcha, without any reference to the H.M. even though there was no vacancy. The managing committee was not informed of the appointments.

(c) A lady teacher sent up to join the Lutheran school at Khuntitolly, P.S. Simdega, even though there was no vacancy in the school. The managing committee was not informed of the appointment.

(d) The Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi sent a teacher (a Hindu gentleman) to the Lutheran School at Kocha, P.S. Lohardaga, even though there was no vacancy in the school. The Managing Committee was not informed of the appointment.

(e) The Dist. Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, directed the H.M. of the Lohardaga Mission Middle school to relieve two of its teachers to undergo short-course training at Tamar Basic Training school. One of these teachers had put in 20 years of service.

(f) The Dy. Inspector, Khunti, directed the H.M. of the Lutheran Middle school at Govindpur to relieve one of its teachers for training.

(g) The Supdt. of Education, Ranchi, sent a Muslim teacher to an old established Mission school at Kaahabari with instructions to raise it to an Upper Primary standard. When the authorities took up the matter with the Dist. Supdt. of Education the matter was not pressed.

These difficulties were not only being experienced by the Christian Missions, Ramkrishna Mission had been experiencing this difficulty Re: appointment H.M. for their middle school, Vidyapith, Bilkandi.

Besides these, the transfer of lady teachers to several places summoning them to Ranchi for questioning or examining for suitability as regards further training, was causing anxiety in the minds of the Christian leaders, as lady teachers were being transferred to uncongenial atmosphere. Vexation and embarrassment have been caused by ~~xxxxxx~~ not allowing schools to be properly staffed on technical grounds. At this stage, Mr. N.D.J. Rao stated that he had discussed the question of transfers and appointments with Rev. Father Whyte of the Catholic Mission on the 11th July 1955 at Ranchi. Therein it had been agreed that transfers should be made only with the prior consent of the Dist. Supdt. of Education. For simplifying the same it had been suggested that the District representatives of the Mission schools should place consolidated proposals of transfers to the Dist. Supdt. of Education and unless there were valid reasons against those proposals they would not be objected to. The Deputation said that if this was made a rule, ~~there~~ there would be no objection. The Chief Minister said that necessary rules would be framed.

Re: appointment of teachers :

Mr. Rao read out extracts from the discussion with Father Whyte wherein it was stipulated that all appointment of teachers, even in ~~Mission~~ Mission Schools, should be made from the list of approved teachers prepared by the Planning Committee. Before, however, a teacher is appointed to a Mission school, the Superintendent will obtain the prior concurrence of the Mission authorities. In the case of Mission schools, the selection of the serial number according to priority, may be allowed.

The Chief Minister and the Education Minister added that necessary rules that are to be framed under the Act would cover these points. The Deputation pointed out that even though candidates with necessary educational qualifications might be available they may not be appointed. Moreover, the power of appointing teachers has been vested with the Dist. Supdt. of Education and that virtually amounted to taking away the right of minorities to establish and administer schools of their own. The Education Minister stated that if the Managing Committee wanted to give names of candidates to be appointed to be embodied in the panel of the Planning Committee, the same could be done and candidates from the panel could be chosen without respect to the order in the panel. The Deputation pointed out that there was no way of pressing the point of view of the Missions before the Planning Committee. The Education Minister replied that the Missions could go on appointing suitable candidates from the panel provided the candidates had the necessary qualifications. The Deputation was difficult to carry out. The Education Minister replied that they were free to appoint anyone from the panel and that they could go on appointing and priority need not be maintained. The Deputation replied that if this freedom of action was given, they would be satisfied.

(ii) The second issue raised by the Deputation was about the difficulty experienced in carrying out the latest orders Re: the reconstitution of the managing committee of the Mission schools. There were two difficulties :-

(a) The managing Committee, it had been suggested, could be registered with the Registrar of the Joint Stock companies under Company's Registration Act 1860, even though the Missions who own the schools are registered under the ~~XXX~~ Societies Registration Act and are the properties of the Trust Association constituted under the Act. This would lead to setting up parallel authorities and would interfere with the day-to-day administration and therefore submitted that this insistence on the managing committees being registered be waived. The Chief Minister said that the matter would be looked in to sympathetically.

(b) Another difficulty pointed out by the deputation was Re: the reconstitution of the managing committee. According to the present rules, those who had built and were maintaining schools and hold the schools under the Trust Association mentioned above cannot have adequate representation to determine the policy of the school. Therefore, it was suggested that the right nominating four members instead of two donors and two subscribers be given to mission on churches. Further that the D.P.I.'s nominees be from the panel of names submitted by the managing committees of the mission schools. Care being taken by the missions to see that local Scheduled castes and guardians and tribes and backward communities are represented.

The Education Minister replied that the rules Re: the reconstitution of the managing committees to the Mission Trusts and Proprietary schools were being modified practically on the lines suggested and there would be no difficulty about the same when the new rules were framed. The Deputation wanted to know ~~xxxx~~ whether the missions could wait to implement the rules Re:- the reconstitution of the managing committee till the new rules were framed. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister replied that Missions trusts and proprietary schools could wait till the new rules were framed.

(iii) The next question raised by the Deputation was about the arrear grants to the schools ever since the block grant was abolished in 1949. Mr. Rao read out the relevant portion from the discussion with Father Whyte and stated that arrear grants would be paid to teachers direct by money order so far as districts other than Santhal Parganas were concerned and that the missions that had advanced amounts to the teachers may recover the same from the teachers concerned, but the amount could not be paid directly to the missions. It was pointed out that this betrays want of confidence in the management and ~~xxx~~ except the D.A. even now salary was being paid through the managements. Mr. Rao stated that instructions had been issued to pay even salaries to middle and primary schools directly to teachers.

The Deputation reminded the Chief Minister of the promise that he had made last year when the Deputation of the Bihar Christian Council waited on him in May last Re: grants to the S.P. Mission schools. The Chief Minister and the Education Minister pointed out that so far as the Santhal Parganas was concerned it was a political question and now that the permission to give grants had been given no further back grants could be given. The Government was convinced that some of the missions in the Santal Parganas had flouted the authority of the Government and therefore this could not be considered. The Deputation pointed out that if some people were guilty ~~xxxx~~ they should be dealt with, but the ~~xxxx~~ innocent should not suffer and therefore the matter might be considered sympathetically. Both the Chief Minister and the Education Minister were emphatic that the questions could not be re-opened.

(iv) The Deputation pointed out another difficulty experienced Re: religious education. The Deputation asked whether there was any objection to religious education being imparted to Christian students outside school hours in school premises. Both the Chief Minister and the Education Minister stated that there was no objection. Circulars issued on this by the Dy. Inspector of Schools, Chaibassa were placed before the ministers. The Chief Minister said that necessary instructions would be issued to see that such interference did not take place.

7. In the end the Deputation ~~thanked~~ thanked the Chief Minister as well as the Education Minister for the patient hearing they had given to on the points raised by the Deputation and hoped that difficulties would be removed. The Chief Minister assured that the difficulties would be removed and the Deputation may rest assured of the same.

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*Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Bihar Christian Council held at Beldih Triangle
Jamshedpur, Tatanagar, October 13, 1954.*

1. *Devotions* :— The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga conducted the opening devotions.

2 *Attendance* :— The following members were present :—
The Rev P. John (President), the Right Rev. Bishop Hall
of Chotanagpur, Mr. N. E. Horo, Pandit C. M. Tiga, Miss
S. Guille (Treas) The Rev L. Burdett, The Rev. O. W.
Oliver, The Rev. C. C. Vichert, Mr S K. Roy, Miss M.
Tirsgaard, and the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary).

Apologies for absence received from Mr. A.K. Mukherjee,
Miss S. M. Bodra, and the Rev. J. Lakra.

3. *Minutes of April 6-7, 1954*, were read and confirmed

4. *Evangelism* :—Rev. J J.P. Tiga, Rev Oliver and Rev.
John reported on the work being done in Chotanagpur,
North Bihar and Patna respectively.

5 *World Christian Youth Work Camp at Bankok* :

The Secretary reported that the N. C. C. is unable to
comply with the request to pay the sum of Rs. 100/- (vide
B. C. C. Exec Minutes dated April 6 7, 1954, item No 7).
The Treasurer reported that as the matter was urgent the
officers agreed to pay the amount out of the B. C. C. funds
to Mr. R. John.

RESOLVED that the action of the officers be approved.

6. *Willingen report* : The N C.C be reminded about
the necessity of Hindi translation of the Willingen report.

7. *The Blind School* : It was reported that the response
to the appeal was not satisfactory. Miss Goukroger is doing
her utmost to bring the needs of the School to the know-
ledge of the public. She was in Jamshedpur last
December. She is prepared to visit other places if she is
invited. After consideration it was

RESOLVED that (a) the Treasurer be requested to send
reminders to the affiliated churches and missions to send
their contributions as early as possible.

(b) Mr. Vichert be requested to send to some of the news papers informations re. the Blind School, e.g. the Tata Company papers, Searchlight, Indian Nation, and also to inform members of the Rotary Club.

8. *Audio Vidual Aids Committee*: At the request of Mr. Oliver it was

RESOLVED that Mr. J. B. Leach be appointed to take the place of Mr. Oliver on the A. V. A. Committee.

9 *Economic Life of the Church*: Grant of Rs. 150/- from the N. C. C. (vide April Minutes Item 11)

RESOLVED that Miss Tirsgaard be authorised to make necessary arrangements so that this money may be used for a training centre for handwork at Simri, Sahabad.

10. *Foreign Missiconaries*: Read letter from the N. C. C. The following were appointed to draw up a statement in this connection to be sent to the N. C. C.—Mr. S. K. Roy, President P. John and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

11. *Mr Pramanick's letter to the N. C. C.*

Mr. Vichert was requested to study the matter and report to this Committee at the next meeting.

12. *Educational Matters*: In the absence of Mr. Mukherjee Miss Guille reported on the present developments. Messrs S. K. Roy, N. E. Horo and K Abraham also took part in the discussions. After some consideration it was

RESOLVED that the Council of Christian Education for Bihar be asked to meet atonce and to take necessary steps so that the rights and privileges of the aided schools may not be taken away by the Superintendent of Schools appointed by the Government.

It was further resolved that a deputation of the following be appointed to wait on the Chief Minister on this subject.

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| 1. Mr. A. K. Mukherjee | 5. Mr. K.M. Abraham (leader) |
| 2. Mr. S. K. Bage. | 6. } To be appointed by the |
| 3. Mr. P. Baske. | 7. } Bishop of Ranchi R. C. |
| 4. Mr. S. K Roy (Convener) | 8. } Mission. |

13. *Duty on Communion Wine—*

RESOLVED that the Government be requested to exempt payment of duty on wine used for Sacramental purposes and Mr. S. K. Roy be requested to interview the Revenue Minister on this subject.

14. *Dr. Anderson* : Since Dr. Anderson has left the country Dr. Porh of St. Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh be appointed to take her place as a co-opted member.
15. *Christian Literature in Hindi* : Rev. John reported that a new book has been written in Hindi namely, the *Pariwarik Anand* by Pandit C. M. Tiga.
16. *Youth Work* : RESOLVED that the Youth Secretary be asked (1) to send a report on Bangkok work camp and (2) to send a copy of the Constitution which was drafted in 1953.
17. *United Mission to Nepal* : Heard report from Mr. E. W. Oliver,
18. *Relief Work* : Heard a report from President John.
19. Vote of thanks was given to Revd. and Mrs. Vichert for the kind hospitality.
20. The meeting was closed with a word of prayer.

P. JOHN
President.
6.5.55.

J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Catholic welfare Conference
World Council of Churches

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Indo American Agreement

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council held at the Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi on the 5th and 6th May, 1955.

1. *Devotions* : The President read a lesson from the Bible and the Rev. O. W. Oliver led in a word of prayer.

2. *Attendance* : The following members were present :

The Rev. P. John (President), Mr A. K. Mookherjee (Vice President), Miss S. Guille (Treasurer) The Rt. Rev. Bishop N. Hall of Chotanagpur, Mr. O. W. Oliver, The Rev. Brown, Mr. N. E. Horo, Mr. S. K. Roy, Rev. J. Lakra, Miss S.M. Bodra, Mr. C.M Tiga and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga Secy.

Letters were received from the following that they could not be present.—Dr. Miss Porh, Miss M. Tirsgaard, Mr. C. C. Vichert & Mr. Burdett.

3. *Resignation of Rev. S. K. Patro* : Rev. Patro submitted a letter of his resignation from the Council because he is going to England for postgraduate studies. The resignation was accepted and it was resolved that,

(a) The Rev. Brown be taken in his place as a member of the Executive Committee.

(b) Mr. P. L. Lall, be taken as co-opted member of the Council.

4. *Mr J. C. Christie* : The Rev. Christie gave a report about the case.

RESOLVED that a small Committee of the following be formed to draft a letter to be sent to the National Christian Council : The Rev. P. John, Mr. A. K. Mookerji (Convener), Mr. S. K. Roy and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

The Committee prepared the letter which was approved with necessary corrections.

5. *Comity Rules* : A reference was made to the resolutions of the Conference of the Regional Secretaries and also to the report given in the N. C. C. Review

The Executive Committee considered the rules passed by the N. C. C. and found them quite satisfactory.

In view of the fact that the objections of the Gossner Church have been met it was resolved that the G. E. L. Church be asked to sign the affiliation form without any condition or objection.

6. *Finances* : The financial position of the Council was very carefully considered and it was unanimously agreed that the affiliation fee be increased in order that adequate funds may be available for the work of the Council. It was therefore resolved to recommend to the Council that the affiliation fee be raised as follows and the Constitution be changed accordingly :

Missions Rs 40/- per representative p.a.

Churches and other bodies ,, 25/- ,, ,, ,,

It was further resolved to recommend to the Council that special subscriptions be raised for special purposes.

Office assistant : RESOLVED that Rs. 20/- per month be sanctioned for six months for an office assistant.

7. *Theological Education Text Book Committee* : RESOLVED that the following be appointed representatives on the Committee :

1 Rev. P. John

2. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

8. *Visas for missionaries* : Read the N C. C. announcement in the N. C. C. Review of April 1955 issue on the subject and it was noted for information

9. *Educational matters* : Miss Bodra read the recommendations of the meeting of the Council of Christian Education dated 4.5.1955.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Christian High Schools in our area to adopt the following resolution and send it to the Secretary, Education Department, Bihar, if they have not yet sent any similar resolution :

"RESOLVED that the Education Department of the Government of Bihar be requested to grant exemption to the Christian High Schools from the application of Government resolution regarding formation of Managing Committees, of the High Schools."

Regarding Block grants reports were heard that they have been sanctioned but the payments have been withheld by the District Superintendent of schools who is demanding written undertakings to abide by the rules laid down by the department.

RESOLVED that the convener of the Council of Christian Education be asked to send a representation to the Education Department a representation to the Education Department at once to pay the grants to the schools concerned.

It was reported that in Bhagalpur diocese there are special difficulties. Rev. P. John, President was requested to help the Educational authorities there towards solution of the problems.

10. *Rev. J. C. Christie's case* : Read letter from Mr. K. Jacob and also the draft prepared by the Committee. After a few corrections being made, the draft was approved to be sent to the National Christian Council.

11. *United Boys', High School in Patna* : Heard report on the proceedings of the Committee. Its convener Rev. John placed all necessary facts for consideration. The recurring and non-recurring expenses were estimated.

It was then resolved to send the estimates to all the churches in that area for their considered opinion especially with a view to explore possibilities regarding. (1) resources for emassing funds for the purpose, and (2) recruiting properly qualified Christian Staff.

12. *Campaign against T. B.* : Dr. Muthu and the other medical members of the Council be requested to take up this matter and to give suggestions to the council for the intended campaign

13. *Type of Missionaries needed by the Church in this province* : It was agreed that the following types of missionaries are needed :

- (1) Educationists
- (2) Theologians
- (3) Doctors and Nurses
- (4) Agricultural experts
- (5) Those ready to take a training for a few years in India
- (6) Adaptable to the conditions and circumstances
- (7) Christ-Centric—ready to work under the church
- (8) Evangelistic and pastoral
- (9) Others as indicated in the Willingen report.

14. *Indian Christian Marriage Act* : Churches are advised to draw up their own rules under the provision of the Act Part IV section 23 and submit the same to proper authorities The rules drafted by the Anglican Church may be consulted for a guide.

Rev. Benjamin Loren. from S.P. - for information

15. **Committee on Relief Work** : The following are appointed members of the committee on Relief Work—

- (1) Rev. P. John (convenor)
- (2) Mr. Block
- (3) Rev. Palmyra
- (4) Mjss Guille
- (5) Rev. Burdett
- (6) Mr. Biswas

1. N. E. Horo - Convenor
2. A. S. G. Turkey
3. Mr. S. K. Roy
4. Mr. Burdett

Contact persons—

- (1) Mr. C. Hanze
- (2) N. E. Horo
- (3) ~~Mr.~~ Pickworth - Singbhum

16. **United Christian Mission to Nepal** : Rev. Oliver gave a very elucidating report which was thankfully accepted. He also informed the members about the coloured slides.

RESOLVED that,

- (a) The report be received with thanks to Mr. Oliver
- (b) Opportunities be sought to arouse interest of the Churches in the mission.

17. **A. V. A. Conference** : Secretary Rev. Tiga reported on the A. V. A. conference held at Raipur on Feb. 16-19, 1955.

18. **Tabitha School** : Rev. Tiga made a short statement on the work being done by the two sisters Diller and Schmidt in the Tabitha school at Govindpvr. Printed prospectus of the school was distributed to those who were interested.

19. **United Church in N. India** :

- (a) Hindi copies of the plan be asked for
- (b) Information should be supplied to the appropriate authorities re : the boundaries.

20. **Date and Place of the next meeting of the Council** :—
RESOLVED that October 11-13th, 1955 be fixed tentatively, the place of the meeting to be Bhagalpur or Hazaribagh.

21. **Vote of thanks** : Vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur.

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer and benediction.

J. J. P. TIGA.

Secretary.

Resolved that this Council ask the National
Christian Council to ^{receive from the} ~~undertake to negotiate with~~
~~Churches and missions in India~~
~~Government regarding~~ applications for entry or re-entry
of missionaries, ^{where approved} ~~forwarded to it by churches or missions,~~
~~recommend and forward such~~
~~and that it also be asked to scrutinise these~~
~~applications and forward its own recommendations.~~ ✓

Resolved that the Council ^{express its cordial} ~~recommends to the~~
~~also~~ good-will and deep interest in the work
being initiated by the United Mission to Nepal,
and recommends to the Churches to co-operate
with this work, either directly or through N.A.S.

B.H.

N. H. Tract & Book Society, Allahabad
1953-55

I. Production:

Published 27 new books + 69 old books.

Sold: Rs 65,580/- at 50% discount

Support received: Rs 40,527/-

Plan: - Hindi Theological Literature
production.

9 ~~new~~ books of the World Christian
Book Series + those of the Student
Library series are under way.

Regional.
The Christian Councils + Theological
Schools + Colleges are invited to cooperate
in the production + distribution.

N. C. Tract & Book Society, Allentown, Pa.

1953-54

II. Distribution through Church Bookstalls,
Conventions + Melas.

Regular Christian Bookstalls can get
25% discount

✓ On special occasions we can send you
parcels of books on sale + return
basis with free freight for one month's
period.

9 new books of the World Christian
Book Series + those of the Student
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in the production + distribution.

III. Our needs:

- a) we need Hindi authors + translators.
- b) we need artists to illustrate our books to make them more attractive.
- c) ~~Sund~~ Graft Sunday on the 2nd Sunday in August.
- d) Prayer support.

3) The Bihar Christian Council, ^{now gathered for} ~~meeting in~~ its
first meeting since the death of Bishop ~~Bishop~~
^{one of the former Presiding members} Council
Kumar Tarapada wishes to ~~place on record~~ its
sympathy ^{to} the relatives of the Bishop in their loss,
as also its thanks ~~to the friends~~ to the doing so it
wishes to place on record its gratitude to God for the
life and example of Bishop Tarapada, ~~and~~ for his untiring
~~service to the Church~~ work in the spheres of pastoral and educational
work, and of his contribution over many years to the aims
and usefulness of this Council.

4) Resolved that the Council ^{through its Secretary} shall ~~as far as possible~~ ^{endeavor} institute a ^{Center} of Christian ^{literates} ^{over 16 yrs of age} in the area of the Council, and also recommend the churches to appoint promoters of adult literacy.

✓ The churches to appoint promoters of Adult Literacy

1) The Bihar Christian Council, assembled at its 24th Session in Huzaribagh, on 16th November 1955 sends its cordial greetings to the National Missionary Society on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee this year, and thanks God for His blessings poured upon the Society during the last fifty years.

2) This Council urges the Churches and Missions ^{of N. I. C. S.} affiliated to the Council to hear the call to revival and prayer within the Churches. It also appeals to these bodies to hold ~~relat~~, ^{revival} bazaars or similar activities during or near the Christmas Season this year and thus raise funds to apply partly to the ~~memor~~ prepared memorial for Father Chakravarti and partly to the general work of the Society.



P & O CORFU

- 1) we must be High here at least once this evening. *Teach you a*
Relucta:- *Whistles* *by*
betmen.
Thence then *as a round "with*
parts.
Holdig nose.

Brass = Trumpet, Capping one hand,
CHOIR ?

- 2) Story about J. B. M. on piano.
3) Miss Brooke-Smith - comic recitations.
3) Violin Mr. Hussain Mohamed.
Thanks to Captain.
4) Skit "The high house". *Drama*
Andersen must use
in imitation. Re prais will try & tell the story!
Cheer & Boo

Boe *7 See back page*
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HEALTH NEWS SERVICE

MEDICINES AND THEIR PROPER USE—No. 1

Foreword

LEROY R. ALLEN, A.B., M.D., M.P.H.,

Professor of Preventive Medicine Christian Medical College, Vellore

THE BELIEF that good health can be obtained by taking medicines is a very common one. Actually if we made proper use of the knowledge our Creator has given us about the care of our bodies, and the management of our homes and villages, we should have far less need for medicine. On the other hand we believe that our knowledge about medicine is also God given.

Medicines are very useful in helping us to protect our health, and also in restoring us when we are ill. In order that we may understand the important rôle that medicines can play in giving us good health, a series of six articles has been prepared dealing with this important subject. The first two articles, introduce the subject of 'Medicines and their Proper use.'

How Germs and Viruses cause illness

By Dr. Claire Thomson

People very often say to their doctor: 'Give me good medicine, give me an injection'. They seem to think that medicine which is put into the body with a needle is much better than that which is swallowed. They also think that one injection of any sort will make them well. Both these ideas are wrong. The important thing is not the way the medicine gets into the body, but that it is the right medicine to deal with the cause of that particular illness. The causes and cures of many illnesses are known. Some still remain to be discovered. We are foolish if we do not take our doctor's advice as to what medicine we need, and how it should be taken. At one time quinine was the only medicine known to cure malaria. Now the illness is cured by many kinds of new tablets, so injections of quinine are rarely given. Typhoid fever can be prevented by injections, but it can only be cured by a powder taken in correct amounts at regular intervals.

If we want to understand the right use of medicines it is a help to know something about the causes of some of the different illnesses, and what led to the discovery of the way to prevent and cure them. We shall be thinking about these subjects in the next five articles.

Germ and viruses

Whilst many germs and viruses are quite harmless, others cause a number of illnesses. They cause all the illnesses which pass from one person to another as well as several others. Here are some of them: tuberculosis, pneumonia, whooping cough, influenza, smallpox, leprosy, cholera, dysentery, measles, mumps, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, colds, rabies and tetanus.

Germ and viruses are everywhere: in the air, in the dust, on our bodies and clothes, and, unless we are very careful, in what we eat and drink they will cause illnesses. The trouble is that as they are far too small to see, we forget about them, and think that they do not matter. The germs of different illnesses can be recognized. When germs are looked at with a microscope, which magnifies a thousand times, they look smaller than the head of a pin. Viruses are even smaller. Both germs and viruses multiply very fast. When they reach a certain size they divide in half. In this way crores are formed in a very short time. It is the poison released by this large number of germs which cause illness. Our bodies, however, are not defenceless. The white blood cells have the power of dealing with dangerous germs, and they also can increase very rapidly in numbers. A sort of battle takes place, if the white cells win, the person gets well. If the germs win, he is ill and may die.

Three ways in which medicines fight against germs

1. They increase the resistance of the body to the germ.
(Immunity)
2. They prevent the entry of living germs into the body.
(Antisepsis)
3. They stop the growth of germs after they have entered the body.
(Antibiosis)

In the next few articles we shall tell the story of the discovery of those medicines, which by their successful war against germs, have been the means of saving countless lives.

MEDICINES AND THEIR PROPER USE—No. 2

The Development of Immunity

By Dr Claire Thomson

In the last article we were thinking of illnesses which are caused by germs and viruses. We said that one of the ways of preventing any particular illness, was to build up the resistance of the body to the germs which cause it.

When the germs of an illness enter the body, the white blood cells, which are able to destroy them, multiply in great numbers. These may or may not be able to overcome this particular invasion. But even if they cannot, the person is left with such a strong body of cells which

are active against these germs that he is unlikely to have this illness again. This is called 'immunity'.

A hundred and thirty years ago in England the prevention of smallpox was an urgent problem. One out of every fourteen people died of this illness. Of those who recovered many were blind or had had their beauty spoiled. In those days people knew very little about germs and viruses, and nothing about immunity. It was noticed, however, that when once a person had been ill with smallpox he was not likely to be ill a second time. It was thought that it would be a good idea to find some way of giving a person a mild attack of smallpox, to guard against the danger of his having a severe attack later on. To try to do this, they made a scratch on a person's arm and tied on to it a thread which had been soaked with the pus from a smallpox sore. This was called 'inoculation', (the word means 'to hide inside'). We still use this word but for quite a different method of treatment. This early plan was a failure, as although some people had mild attacks, others had severe attacks and died. Also those people who had been inoculated in this way passed the illness on to other people.

Then the method which we now call vaccination was discovered by a country doctor, Edward Jenner. He noticed that cows had an illness very like smallpox, and that the girls who milked them often had sores on their arms very similar to the sores of smallpox. He also noticed that it was very rare for these milkmaids to be ill with this disease. After years of study and experiment Jenner dared to put a little pus from a sore on a milkmaid's arm on to a scratch made on the arm of a boy. This scratch later turned into a small sore, like the ordinary smallpox sore. Later he inoculated the boy with pus from a smallpox patient, but no sore developed. This showed that by the first inoculation immunity to smallpox had been developed. Jenner called this method of obtaining immunity to smallpox *Vaccination*. It is known by this name today, but the method of obtaining the vaccine has been changed.

Slowly people learned to believe in the value of the prevention of smallpox by vaccination. Before Jenner died he had the joy of knowing that his discovery had saved countless lives. Nowadays in England deaths from smallpox are very rare, and the number in India too is decreasing. Deaths from smallpox can be abolished in this country when vaccination becomes a universal practice.

The immunity which we develop against diseases such as smallpox, measles and diphtheria is almost complete. By this we mean that once we have developed immunity through actually having the diseases we are not likely to have that illness again. Immunity for some other diseases like the common cold, pneumonia, usually lasts only a short period. The immunity or protection given us by inoculation differs greatly in various diseases. It is long lasting against diphtheria, tetanus and typhoid but lasts only a few months against cholera and plague.

The next article will give details of the ways of obtaining immunity from some of the more common illnesses.

These are the first two of a series of six articles, which have been

are being

issued to various periodicals throughout the country. Another set is in preparation on various aspects of Child Care. The articles have been issued to the papers free of charge on the understanding that two conditions should be fulfilled. The first, that acknowledgement should be made to the C.M.A.I., the second, that the matter supplied should be printed in full. In this way we hope to make available to a number of people some aspects of medicine about which there is considerable ignorance.

It is hoped that after the articles have been published there will be translations available in various vernacular languages. If so, arrangements for reprinting could be made should there be a sufficient demand.

Please help us by making the Health News Service known, and by sending to the editors suggestions as to suitable subjects for further articles.

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DR DONALD RICE, Disciples' Mission, Damoh, M.P. (In-charge
of Distribution)

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL 1949.

Item 22 ~~xxx~~ COMITY RULES.

Report of the Committee on Comity: During recess the Committee met and submitted the following recommendations which were carefully considered and accepted with necessary amendments :-

A. Form of condition for affiliation

1. Name of Society
2. Name of Board in the Home Country
3. (a) Whether the Society is affiliated to the British Council of Churches, or to The Foreign Missionary Conference of North America, or any other corresponding body in the sending countries.

(b) Name of the Board or Society which would finance the Body

4. Financial support expected.
5. (a) Missionary personnel ordained or unordained.
(b) Married or unmarried.
6. The number of Indian workers.
7. Nature of work.
8. Membership of Church in India.
9. Territory proposed to be occupied.
10. Theological affinity and church polity.
11. That they shall be responsible for the repatriation of any member of their Society if that is necessary.
12. Does this body accept the rules of Comity ?

B. Comity Rules :-

- (i) That we accept the rules of Comity drawn up by the National Christian Council and that they be supplemented by the following bye laws :-
 - (ii) a. The Bihar Christian Council should not give permission to any Society seeking affiliation or already affiliated to enter any new territory unless the Secretary has first ascertained from the body or bodies occupying that area whether they would agree. The term 'occupying' to be defined after the Council has surveyed the area under consideration whether there is room for education, medical, evangelism etc.
 - b. That the Bihar Christian Council recommend to the Churches that they do not receive any body from another church unless they produce a certificate that they are in good standing or failing that without reference to the proper authority of the church to which they belong.
 - c. Every Church is at liberty to minister to its people wherever they may be, but that the courtesy must be observed in each case of consultation with the Church established in that area

EXTRACTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES DATED 5&6th MAY 1955
HELD AT RANCHI.

6. Finances: The financial position of the Council was very carefully considered and it was unanimously agreed that the affiliation fee be increased in order that adequate funds may be available for the work of the Council. It was therefore resolved to recommend to the Council that the affiliation fee be raised as follows and the Constitution be changed accordingly:

Missions Re.40/- per representative p.a.

Churches and other bodies Re.25/- per representative p.a.

It was further resolved to recommend to the Council that special subscriptions be raised for special purposes.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(Affiliated to the National Christian Council of India)

HONY. SECRETARY:

THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A; B.D; M.S.T.

Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

Ref.

Dated 195

22.11.53

Representatives of the two Churches met
at Chandwa

Meeting was opened with a reading of a
scripture passage and prayer led by Mr Becker

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

RANCHI

(BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref

Date 21. 8. 195 5

Mr. Beachy,
Bihar Mennonite Church,
Tori, Palamau.

Dear Mr. Beachy,

You must be wondering why I am doing nothing until now about the statement your Executive Committee submitted to the Bihar Christian Council and on which you spoke personally to the members of the Committee on Comity.

The chief difficulty has been that I don't have the details of the three cases you placed before us. I must present to the G.E.L.Church authorities all these matters giving names of persons and the parties concerned and also the places of occurrence etc. May I therefore request you to kindly let me have the details ? Thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary

Chandwa P. O.
Tori, E. R., Ry. & Tel.
Palamau District
Bihar, India.
25 April 1955

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological Seminary,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Tiga:

You may remember that some time ago Mr. Beachy and I came to see you in Ranchi concerning some comity problems. At that time you said that the meeting of the Comity Committee of the Bihar Christian Council would be meeting in April. At that time you also said that Mr. Christie is on the committee and to contact him. I wrote to him and also spoke to him, but he did not know when the committee would meet. If the committee has not met, would it be possible for our representative to bring a written statement and also appear in person to discuss the problems with the committee? Could you please let me know when the meeting is to be held and where? This would be very much appreciated.

Thanking you very much, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Henry D. Becker

Henry D. Becker, Secretary,

Bihar Mennonite Field Committee.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(Affiliated to National Christian Council.)

HONY. SECRETARY :

THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.S.T., B.D.

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

RANCHI

(BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref

Date 23 April 1955.

Members of the Committee on Comity.

This is to inform you that a meeting of the Committee on Comity will be held at 8 P.M. at 1 Bishop's Lodge on the 4th. May 1955. You are kindly invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary B. C.C.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST MISSION

P. O. NAWA BHANDARIA,
DISTRICT PALAMAU, BIHAR.

The Rev. J.J.P. Tiga,
Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi.

Mission Old Compound,
Daltonganj.
14th April, 1955.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

I have been told by Mr. Becker that I am a member of the Comity Committee of the Bihar Christian Council, and that a meeting was expected to be convened in April. He had this information from you when he met you at Ranchi some weeks ago. I have not heard from you direct so write now to seek your confirmation of these two points.

Mr. Becker's mission would like him to be given an interview by the Comity Committee when it meets so that he may present in person the problem which now confronts them, and which Mr. Beachy and he discussed with you in March. What do you think about it? If the meeting is to be held shortly, can you take it on yourself as Convener of the Comity Committee to invite Mr. Becker? I think he intends to write you direct, though he has made an approach through me, too. In any case, you had best let him have your views at your convenience.

In case the date of the committee meeting is still in process of being fixed, I may mention here that I shall be out of Daltonganj from the 22nd till the 24th, otherwise I shall be available for a meeting at any time in the coming few weeks. This assumes that I am in fact a member of the committee.

With greetings and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,


J.C. Christie.

Handwritten notes in the bottom right corner:
Members:
J.C. Christie
John N. M.
John P. M.
John P. M.
John P. M.

Members of the Committee on Comity.

This is to inform you that a
meeting of the Committee on Comity
will be held at 8 pm at the
Prishoj's Lodge on the 4th May 1953.
You are kindly invited to attend.

Members :

Tiya
Christie
Lahon
Ch. R.
Bh. P.
Oliver
John

J. P. L. G.
Secretary
B.C.C.

Chandwa P. O.
Tori, E. R., Ry. & Tel.
Palamau District
Bihar, India.
April 27, 1955.

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

Enclosed please find a copy of the statetement drawn up by
our Executive Committee.

Because of previous arrangement, I cannot attend the meeting
of the Comity Committee, but Mr. Beachy will attend in my stead.

Thank you very much for the kind invitation to present our
case in person.

Sincerely yours,

Henry D. Becker
Henry D. Becker.

To Comity Committee of Bihar Christian Council

We have several items to present to you for your kind consideration and counsel. We are eager to cooperate and foster good relations with the Lutheran community of Chottanagpur. As Christian brethren we are eager to fellowship with this community. We are aware that non-cooperation and friction give a blurred witness of the Christian message.

The problem of intermarriage has caused us concern. During February of this year one of our boys wanted to make arrangements with a girl from the Lutheran community. The parents were ready to give the girl and the girl was pleased with the arrangements. We then consulted Joel Lakra and he suggested the girl give a written statement. Upon consultation the padri and panch agreed that upon meeting the above condition arrangements might be completed. The girl submitted the statement, but later the panch interfered and prevented the marriage. Even though the parents wanted to give the girl and the girl was ready we did not want to perform the marriage because the panch objected.

At the same time a boy from the Lutheran community was making arrangements for marriage with one of our girls. During the negotiations neither our padri nor the panch were consulted. The parents were ready to give the girl, but the girl was not happy with the arrangement. Wedding arrangements were completed, but not announced in the community. A few people found out about the wedding two days before it took place. Since the girl was a member of the Mennonite Church the panch felt the wedding should be stopped until proper announcement could be made. The panch gave the padri from the Lutheran community a written statement asking him to postpone the wedding until proper announcement could be made. In spite of this plea he proceeded with the wedding. On the following day the girl and the parents were taken into the Lutheran Church. The names of two brothers were called in their absence.

The second problem concerns a few families living near Kuru who want to unite with our group. They have come to us asking us to take them into our fellowship. We have interviewed them and they are insistent. Since they are living in the Lutheran community we want your counsel in this matter.

We seek your guidance and suggestions in order to bring greater mutual understanding and cooperation. A major concern is that the gospel may reach the non-Christian community in such a way that others will accept the Christian message of Life.

Submitted by Executive Committee of
The Bihar Mennonite Church

Chandwa P. O., Tori, E.R.
Palamau, Bihar
5 October, 1955.

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga,
G. E. L. Seminary,
Main Road, Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

Our Evangelistic Council met to discuss again the request of some of your members to join our Mennonite Church. It was decided to write to you, asking that a representative from your G. E. L. Church Council meet with our Evangelistic Council on the 20th of October, at Chandwa, to discuss this problem and others. Thus we hope to come to some satisfactory agreement and bring about better relations and cooperation between the Lutherans and Mennonites.

Would it be possible for you or some other representative from your G. E. L. Church Council to meet with us on that date? Please let us know if that will be possible, and also please send us the name of the representative chosen for that meeting.

Awaiting an early reply, we remain

Yours, in the service of Christ,

Henry D. Becker

Henry D. Becker, Chairman

Mennonite Evangelistic Council.

August 13, 1955

John E. Beachy
Chandwa P.O., Tori E. R.
Palamau District, Bihar

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological Seminary
Ranchi

Dear Rev. Tiga:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 1955. We greatly appreciate your concern for these problems we have presented to the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council.

Since we presented these matters to the Council some of these things have cleared up considerably. Rachael, daughter of Jai Masih from Chandwa, was the girl who was married to a Lutheran boy from Kuru. Her parents were taken into the Lutheran Church at Chandwa. But since then they are again attending our services.

The boy who wanted to marry a girl from Lohardaga is Annand of Hisri. I don't know the girl's name. The panch has since said they would allow the marriage to take place some time next year. We are grateful to the panch for this kind consideration and trust they will allow the marriage.

The third problem we presented concerns a Minj family and Saphania Toppo's family from Tati who want to come into our church. We are not at all eager to take them into our church. They have come many many times begging us to take them in. We have not done so. We have tried so far to get them to make peace with the Lutheran Church at their place and stay with the Lutheran Church. If you have an interview with them we would be glad for a report from you and your advice.

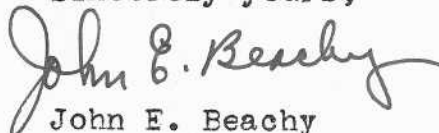
We are extremely eager to foster good relations with your church. We would be happy for some kind of proposition whereby our boys and girls and your boys and girls could intermarry. We would welcome suggestions from you as to how this could be done.

We are praying that the matter of presidentship for your church has been cleared and we want to wish you God's blessing and leading as you carry this responsibility. We are looking forward with anticipation to working with you on mutual interests.

May God grant that a clear light may shine forth from the Christian community in India.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Sincerely yours,


John E. Beachy

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING.
OF THE
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.
P.O. BOX 10, HAZARIBAGH.

T O G E T H E R

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1955.

Arrival of the members of the Executive Committees of Santal and
Bihar Christian Councils.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1955.

- 9.A.M. Joint meeting of the two Executives.
2.P.M. Separate meetings of the two Executives.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1955.

FIRST SESSION - 9.A.M.

Worship..... Rev. Dilbar Hans.

1. Attendance of delegates and visitors.
2. Adoption of the programme.
3. Appointment of Minute Secretaries.
4. Application for affiliation, if any.
5. (a) President's address. (b) Secretary's Report.
6. Greetings from (i) Santal Christian Council (ii) National Christian Council.
7. Appointment of Auditors.
8. Appointment of Nomination Committee.
9. Appointment of Resolution Committee.
10. National Missionary Society-Golden Jubilee (1905-1955).

SECOND SESSION-2.P.M.

11. Evangelism..... Mr. E.W. Oliver.
12. Economic life of the Church..... Mr. S.K. Roy.
13. The Blind School..... Superintendent.
14. Campaign against T.B..... Dr. Mathu.
15. United Christian School for boys in Patna..... Rev. P. John.
16. Mission Schools..... Mr. K.M. Abraham.

- 6.P.M. Public meeting.. United Mission to Nepal..... Rev. E.W. Oliver.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1955.

THIRD SESSION - 9.A.M.

Worship..... Rev. J.C. Christie.

17. N.C.C. Matters..... N.C.C. Secretary. ment.
- (a) Comity Rules (b) Indian Christian Marriage Act. (c) Church & Govern-
18. Youth Organisation..... Mr. R. John.
19. Bible Society..... Mr. D. Featherstone.
20. N.I.C.T. & Book Society
- Theological Text Books | Rev. P. Das.
21. Christian Literature in Hindi..... Rev. P. John.
22. Christian Home..... Miss B. Heaton.

FOURTH SESSION - 2.P.M.

23. Adult Literacy..... Pandit C.M. Tiga.
24. Sunday School..... Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.
25. Report of the Treasurer..... Miss Guille.
26. Raising of Affiliation fee..... Treasurer.
27. Relief Work..... Rev. P. John.
28. Tabita School..... Miss Schmidt.
29. United Church in North India..... Rev. P. John.

- 6.P.M. Public meeting - Evanston - World Council of Churches - Dr. E.C. / Bhatta.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1955.

FIFTH SESSION - 9.A.M.

Worship.. Rev. M.C. Vogt.

30. Report of the Nomination Committee.
31. Report of the Resolution Committee.
32. Place and time of the next meeting.
33. Vote of Thanks.
34. Closing Prayer and Benediction.

J. Tiga
Secretary, B.C.C.

A FULL PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC UPLIFT IN VILLAGES

1. ECONOMIC UPLIFT PROGRAMME OF THE CHURCH.

The time has come for the Christian Church in India to interpret the Gospel as affecting the whole of life, and what is more, to draw up its practical programme to give effect to this concept.

In the words of John R. Mott : "The supreme purpose of the Christian Church is to make JESUS CHRIST known, trusted, loved, obeyed, and exemplified in the whole range of individual life-body, mind and spirit - and also in human relationships. This is incomparably the most important work for every Christian".

Mr. Rathnaswamy formerly Registrar Co-operative Societies, Madras, a leading Roman Catholic has just recently said that the ideal of Social Service alone could justify the preaching and expansion of Christianity in India. It would ~~cool down~~ much of the opposition to evangelisation prevailing at present.

To give effect to this concept there is need for a broadbased and comprehensive programme of service calculated to touch every part of the life of village Christians as well as non-Christians, taking the village as the unit and including their homes, their gainful occupations in village crafts, their hygienic environment, and the civics of village community life, all in the atmosphere and urge of Christian principles.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE.

A. It is therefore, proposed to start VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE to touch all phases of individual and community life under five main heads :-

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| I. VILLAGE HOMES. | 0 |
| II. VILLAGE CRAFTS. | 0 |
| III. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT. | 0 |
| IV. VILLAGE ADULT LITERACY. | 0 |
| V. VILLAGE AGRICULTURE. | 0 |
- Select areas covered by the Bihar Christian Council territory.

I. VILLAGE HOMES: (Christian woman's special sphere & opportunity.)

1. PLANNING OF VILLAGE HOMES with Scientific standards of ~~hygiene~~ hygiene, comfort and convenience, but within the range and means of villagers in materials technique and local psychology.
2. VILLAGE HOME ECONOMICS including house craft, nutrition, preparation and preservation of food, etc.
3. CHRISTIAN VILLAGE HOMES, including the work of Christian Home Movement.

II. VILLAGE CRAFTS including.

LEATHER CRAFT & TANNING
AGRIC. COTTAGE INDUSTRIES, RICE POUNDING, OIL PRESSING,
ROPE MAKING, SOAP MAKING, ETC.

III. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including.

1. IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE HOMES,
2. " " ROADS, DRAINAGE ETC.
3. " " VILLAGE AMENITIES LIKE WATER SUPPLY, WELLS, TANKS, TUBE WELLS, REFUSE DISPOSAL ETC.

IV. VILLAGE ADULT LITERACY

V. VILLAGE AGRICULTURE including :

1. IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL METHODS by adoption of such by literate farmers.
2. IMPROVED METHODS, TAUGHT TO FARMERS by demonstration and publicity.
3. MIXED AGRICULTURE - goats, poultry, bees, pigs.

B. ORGANISATION.

1. The organisation should be very flexible, central arrangement for VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION SERVICE WITH voluntary workers. Branches accessible for inspection. Concentration in select area, Co-operation with Government agencies, village Panchayats, community Projects, A whole time paid Direction on regional or sub-regional basis may be necessary.

2. The Central core must be Co-operative Societies, specially devoted to production and marketing.

C. METHODS.

1. The methods to be such that they will train villagers in initiative and leadership.

2. The development must be made to grow from them by educating them to new desires without which no extraneous imposition of even the best things will have any permanent and a biding value. This method may be slow, but it will be permanent.

3. The methods must be such, that can be easily repeatable and copied in other parts, specially in neighbouring areas.

4. They must be evolved from a study of the local needs and must supply felt needs in ways in finding which the village men, and women have had their share of contribution to the whole of India.

D. IMPACT ON INDIA

This is just a skeleton proposal for the consideration of the Council.

India is engaged in a colossal task of improving the lives of village people and the community Development Projects together with their Extension Services are planned to reach every village by 1960.

The Christian Church has shown to India pioneering and model methods in education and medicine and also to some extent in Rural uplift - 1) Martandam 2) Kathadi 3) Etah. Here is an opportunity for the Church to evolve pioneering and model methods in overall rural community development and suitable co-operative methods in village industries.

The proposed VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION SERVICE at the B.C.C. level will be an experiment for bringing Christ and the Church to the villages in their daily tasks of living and working as individuals, families, communities and citizens.

Manipur Road, Dsodun,

17th Dec. 1953-17

Dear Mr. Horo,

I have now
written to Mr. S. K. Roy asking
him to be convener of the
Economic Life Conference
for Bihar in consultation
with you and Dr. Bhatia.
I am prepared to recom-
mend to the N. E. C. for a
grant which you may
need for such a Conference.
Please let me have a
plan for the Conference
and the amount you
want as a subsidy
from the N. E. C.

I hope you
have by now sent out

the *Stile de-Memoire* to the
heads of Churches & missions
affiliated to the Bihar C.C.

Please send copies to the
Secy N.C.C. and Mr. K.M. Khan
Secy of Jamshedpur.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely,
J. B. Jha



नाम Mr. G. E. H. B. B.
पता Secy, G. E. L. Church
Ranchi
डाकखाना Ranchi, Bihar
ज़िला

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL 1949.

Item 22 ~~xxx~~ COMITY RULES.

Report of the Committee on Comity: During recess the Committee met and submitted the following recommendations which were carefully considered and accepted with necessary amendments :-

A. Form of condition for affiliation

1. Name of Society
2. Name of Board in the Home Country
3. (a) Whether the Society is affiliated to the British Council of Churches, or to The Foreign Missionary Conference of North America, or any other corresponding body in the sending countries.

(b) Name of the Board or Society which would finance the Body
4. Financial support expected.
5. (a) Missionary personnel ordained or unordained.
(b) Married or unmarried.
6. The number of Indian workers.
7. Nature of work.
8. Membership of Church in India.
9. Territory proposed to be occupied.
10. Theological affinity and church polity.
11. That they shall be responsible for their repatriation of any member of their Society if that is necessary.
12. Does this body accept the rules of Comity ?

B. Comity Rules :-

- (i) That we accept the rules of Comity drawn up by the National Christian Council and that they be supplemented by the following bye laws :-
 - (ii) a. The Bihar Christian Council should not give permission to any Society seeking affiliation or already affiliated to enter any new territory unless the Secretary has first ascertained from the body or bodies occupying that area whether they would agree. The term 'occupying' to be defined after the Council has surveyed the area under consideration whether there is room for education, medical, evangelism etc.
 - b. That the Bihar Christian Council recommend to the Churches that they do not receive any body from another church unless they produce a certificate that they are in good standing or failing that without reference to the proper authority of the church to which they belong.
 - c. Every Church is at liberty to minister to its people wherever they may be, but that the courtesy must be observed in each case of consultation with the Church established in that area

EXTRACTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES DATED 5&6th MAY 1955
HELD AT RANCHI.

6. Finances: The financial position of the Council was very carefully considered and it was unanimously agreed that the affiliation fee be increased in order that adequate funds may be available for the work of the Council. It was therefore resolved to recommend to the Council that the affiliation fee be raised as follows and the Constitution be changed accordingly:

Missions Re.40/- per representative p.a.

Churches and other bodies Re.25/- per representative p.a.

It was further resolved to recommend to the Council that special subscriptions be raised for special purposes.

B I H A R C H R I S T I A N C O U N C I L.
Constituted Council for 1955 Sessions (Vide Constitution
P 3)

I. Co-opted Members: -

1. Rev. P. John, Baptist Mission, Patna.....President. ✓
2. Mr. A.K. Mukherjee, C.M.S. High School, Bhagalpur.. Vice-President. ✓
3. Miss Stevens Guille, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi.....Treasurer. ✓
4. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.....Secretary. ✓
5. The Rt. Revd. Bishop of Chotanagpur, Ranchi. ✓
6. Rev. Noel Lakra, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi. ✓
7. Miss M. Stirling, Methodist Church, Arrah. ✓
8. The Rev. E. V. Oliver, I.B.P. Union, Moribari. ✓ *Mr. Harvey* *Quiddett*
9. The Rev. A. E. Brown, D.U. Mission, Hazaribagh. ✓
10. Pt. C.M. Tiga, C/O The G. E. L. Church Press, Ranchi. ✓
11. The Rev. D.B. Hans, S.P.C. Mission, Murhu. ✓
12. Miss S.M. Bodra, Bethesda Girls' High School, Ranchi. ✓
13. Mr. S.K. Roy, TophanKone, Kanke, Ranchi. ✓
14. Dr. Miss. B. Porh, St. Columba's Hospital, D.U. Mission Hazaribagh. ✓
15. Dr. D. G. Muthu, "Mayfiel", Ranchi. ✓
16. The Rev. Pritchard. ✓ *Mr. Harvey*
17. Mr. N. B. Horo, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi. ✓
18. Mr. P. L. Lall, Karinganj, Gaya. ✓

C H U R C H E S.

II. Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

19. Prof: P. C. Horo, St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh. ✓
20. Rev. H. Topno, G. E. L. Church, Burju, P.O. Murhu, Ranchi. ✓
21. Rev. S. Surin, G. E. L. Church Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, Ranchi. ✓
22. Mr. J. Barla, Gossner High School, Ranchi. ✓
23. Rev. N. Bhuiya, G. E. L. Church, Singhani, P.C. & Dist. Hazaribagh. ✓

III. Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ.

24. Mr. Cyrus Tigge, B. C. C. Mission, Nawa Bhandaria, Dts. Palamu. ✓

IV. Church of India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon:

(A) Chotanagpur Diocese.

25. The Ven. J. A. Cable, S.P.C. Mission, Itki, Ranchi. ✓
26. The Rev. P. M. Khalkho, S.P.C. Mission, Christian Lane 2, Mohulbera, Gohuri P.O. Tatanagar. ✓
27. Mr. A. Menon, Khalkho, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi. ✓
28. The Rev. E. Samad, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi. ✓
29. Mr. J. E. Nag, S.P.C. Mission, Ranchi. ✓

(B) Bhagalpur Diocese.

30. The Rt. Revd. Bishop of Bhagalpur, Bishop's House, P.O. Champenagar, Bhagalpur 4. ✓

Substitute Rev. J. C. Bookless, Christ Church House, Collectorate Road, Patna. ✓

31. Mr. J. E. Ghose, C.E.S.M.E. School, P.O. Champenagar, Bhagalpur. ✓
32. The Rev. G. N. Palmyra, The Personage, near Post Office, Purnea, Dist. Purnea. ✓

33. Mr. M. N. Sen, Karuna Kutir, Bhagalpur. ✓

V. Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

(a) Lucknow Conference.

34. ✓

35. ✓

(B) Bengal Conference.

36. Rev. J. E. Titus, Dist. Suptd. Methodist Mission, Bhanbad, Bihar. ✓

M I S S I O N S.

VI. Assembly of God Mission:

37. Rev. Fred Merian, Chottupaloo, Ranchi. ✓

VII. Bihar Mennonite Mission.

38. Rev. Milton Vogt, Balunath, Palamu. ✓

VIII. Baptist Union of North India.

39. Mr. W. H. Solomon, ✓

Sec. Baptist Union of North India

39. Mr. W.H. Solomon, Collier Memorial Hostel, Bankipur, Patna.
- IX. Churches of Christ Mission.
40. The Rev. K.C. Burdett, Churches of Christ Mission, P.O. Nawa Bhandaria Palamu.
- X. Regions Beyond Missionary Union.
41. Rev. E.W. Oliver, Mission House, Motihari, Champaran, Bihar
- XI. United Missionary Society.
- 42.
- XII. Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.
43. Mrs. B.M. Amer
- XIII. Eastern Himalayan Mission Council. Eastern Himalayan Church Board
44. The Rev. D.H. Mukhia
- XIV. Him Missionary Society.
- 45.
- XV. American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission.
46. Rev. C.G. Vichart, Balidh Training Jamshedpur P.O. Singbhum X
- XVI. Christian Medical Association of India.
47. Dr.
- XVII. Brethren in Christ Mission.
48. W.R. Hoke (Rev.)
- 49.
- XVIII. The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission:
50. Rev. Robert Bergesker, Sam Kate Mission House, Kati Kari.
- XIX. Freewill Baptist Mission.
51. ~~Sam Kate~~ Hanuhari, Purnea district.
- XX. The Mission to Lepers.
52. H.W.
- XXI. Pentecostal Holiness Mission. Jhajha, Monghyr district
53. Rev. Kenneth G. Donald
54. H. Howard
- XXII. Methodist Mission in Bengal Conference.
55. Miss R. Eveland, Jilato Girls' Middle School Pakur S.P. Bihar.
- Affiliated Councils.
- XXIII. Eastern Himalayan Church Council.
56. Rai Sahab George Mackbert, Mackbert House, Siliguri, West Bengal.
- XXIV. Affiliated Bodies.
- XXIV. Bible Society of India.
57. Mrs. Bouver, Bible House, 23, Chowranghi Road, Calcutta-13.
- XXV. North Indian Christian Tract and Book Society.
58. The Rev. Paul Das, Secretary, 18, Clive Road, Allahabad.
- XXVI. I.C.A. Jamshedpur.
59. Mr. P.D. Panna, 23, Bandi East Sakchi, Jamshedpur, Singbhu, X
- XXVII. The National Christian Council of India.
60. Honorable Guest.
60. The Rev. W. Scopes, Secretary, National Christian Council, Nagpur 1, M.P.
61. Mr. John G.P. Maumann, Secretary for Literacy N.C.C, Perambur, N.A.
- Dist. B. India.
- XXVIII. Fraternal Delegates from Santal Christian Council.
62. Rev. B. Soran, Secretary, Santal Christian Council, Village Gondo, P.O. Maheshpur Raj, Dist. Santalparganas.
63. Mr. P. Baske, Chairman S.C.C.C.M.S. Taljhari, P.O. Taljhari, Santalpargan X
64. Rev. Dr. W. Dempster, Vice-President, S.C.C. Tisri Mission
- P.O. Tisri, Via Giridih, Hazaribagh.
65. Rev. S. Hornum, Sonajuki, P.O. Pakur, Santal Parganas. X
66. Rev. J.P. Hastings, Donli, P.O. Garh Jaypur, Bankura, West Bengal. X
67. Rev. Bjorkstrand, Bendarjori Mission, P.O. Dumka, S.P. X
68. Rev. Gohin Marandi, Baptist Mission, P.O. Kaliaganj, W. Dinajpur, W. Benga X
69. Rev. Guru Das Soran, Methodist Church, Saranga, Bankura, W. Bengal. X
70. Rev. Satyendra Nath Hemrom, N.M.S. Raghunathpur, Manbhum. X
71. Mr. Raska Murum, Kusum, P.O. Dumka, S.P. X
72. Rev. Dr. R.M. Macphail, Bandah, via Simultala, E.R. X

Notes: Mrs. Douker wants 1st Class berth from Hazaribagh Road to Howrah on the night train on the 17th November.

B.L. 14/11/55.

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Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,

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2. H. Howard, Giridih
3. Kacinal Kachhup Bhandari, Palamu

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Executive Committee, 15.11.1955

9 am 12 am

2 pm 5 pm

1. ✓ Opening Prayers
2. Attendance
3. ✓ Confirmation of the Minutes of May, 1955
4. ✓ Agenda for the Biennial Meeting of the Council
5. ✓ List of delegates and co-opted members
6. Comity Matters : Bhgalpur, Palamau, Gomoh, and Ranchi ✓
7. Affiliation fee : Raising of ✓
8. Amendments of Constitution and the Byelaws, if any. ✓
9. Report of the Deputation ✓
10. Appointment of Committees, if necessary. ✓
11. Appointment of the Chairman for the open sessions on the 16th. and 17th. evening. ✓
12. Any other competent matter.

Chair Association of the B.C.C. & S.C.C.

Dear Mr. Hore,

7/8/55

I believe you will be attending
the next meeting of the Bihar Christian
Council at Hazaribagh from the 14th inst.
I desire to ~~have~~^{have} an informal conference
of yourself, myself and Mr. Herman
Lakra re Economic Uplift - in order to
implement as far as possible the findings
of the Ghazibad Conference. Could ~~you~~ we
therefore meet together ~~at 6 P.M.~~ somewhere
in the Mission on the 14th evening at
6 P.M.? I shall ^{ask} Mr. Brown ~~and~~ fix up

a place. Please
contact me in the
Library of the Mission
fifteen minutes
before 6 am.

Yours sincerely
St. P. K.

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P. O. Kanku, Ranchi.

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Secretary, G. E. L. Church

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Registered Under Indian Societies Act 1860

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : MR. N. E. HORO B. A.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India.

No.

3832/55

The 5th November, 1955.

To

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, M. A., B. D., M. S. T.,
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,
RANCHI.

Sir,

The following will attend the twenty fourth B. C. C. meeting
at Hazaribagh from the G. E. L. Church:-

1. Mr. N. E. Horo, B. A., Ranchi.
2. Mr. J. Baris, M. A., B. D., Dip-in-Ed., Ranchi.
3. Rev. H. Topno, Burju, P. O. - Murhu, Dist. - Ranchi.
4. Rev. S. Surin, Govindpur, P. O. - Jariagarh, Dist. - Ranchi.
5. Miss S. M. Bodra, B. A., Dip.-in-Ed., Ranchi.
6. Mr. C. M. Tiga.

Accommodation may kindly be arranged for the above.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Original letter
Sent to Miss Smith
8/11/55

B.L. 5/11/55.

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To 3828/55

- 3829/55 (1) Mr. J. Barla, M.A., B.D., Dip-in-Ed., Principal, G.H.S. Ranchi.
3830/55 (2) Rev. H. Topno, Burju.
3831/55 (3) Rev. S. Surin, Govindpur.
(4) Miss S.M. Bodra, B.A., Dip-in-Ed., Bethesda H.S. Ranchi.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are informed that the 24th meeting of the Bihar Christian Council will be held at D.U. Mission Compound, Hazaribagh from 16th-18th November, 1955. You will represent the G.E.L. Church in the Conference.

Those in the Executive should reach Hazaribagh by 14th night. Others should arrive by the evening of 15th inst. The Mission Car can only take five persons including Rev. J. J.P. Fige, Secretary of the B.C.C. and will leave Ranchi in the afternoon of 14th inst. Those who want to accompany us may please inform the undersigned so far I understand Miss S.M. Bodra and the undersigned are in the Executive and they will go on 14th inst.

This is for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

B.L.S/11/55.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi (India)

Dated 18. 10. 1955.

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING.
OF THE
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.
D.U. MISSION, HAZARIBAGH.

P R O G R A M M E.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1955.

Arrival of the members of the Executive Committees of Santal and Bihar Christian Council.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1955.

9.A.M. Joint meeting of the two Executives.
2.P.M. Separate meetings of the two Executives.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1955.

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10. National Missionary Society-Golden Jubilee (1905-1955).

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 12. Economic Life of the Church..... Mr. S.K. Roy.
 13. The Blind School..... Superintendent. *Adult Literacy - Norman F. Vanman Committee*
 14. Campaign against T.B..... Dr. Mathu. *Report of the Council to the General Council*
 15. United Christian School for boys in Patna..... Rev. P. John.
 16. Mission Schools..... Mr. K.M. Abraham.
- 6.P.M. Public meeting- United Mission to Nepal..... Rev. E.W. Oliver. *Chair. Bishop Hall*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1955.

THIRD SESSION - 9.A.M.

Worship..... Rev. J.C. Christie.

17. N.C.C. Matters..... N.C.C. Secretary. *to be mgmt.*
- (a) Comity Rules (b) Indian Christian Marriage Act. (c) Church & Govern-
18. Youth Organisation..... Mr. R. John. *or Paul Lakhan Hall*
19. Bible Society..... Mr. D. Featherstone.
20. N.I.C.T. & Book Society!
- Theological Text Books | Rev. P. Das.
21. Christian Literature in Hindi..... Rev. P. John.
22. Christian Home..... Miss B. Heaton.

FOURTH SESSION - 2.P.M.

23. Adult Literacy..... Pandit C.M. Tiga. *See 14.*
24. Sunday School..... Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.
25. Report of the Treasurer..... Miss G. G. G. *medical mission or - Secy*
26. Raising of Affiliation fee..... Treasurer.
27. Relief Work..... Rev. P. John. *Rev. J. J. P. Tiga*
28. Tabita School..... Miss Schmidt. *Bhatty.*
29. United Church in North India..... Rev. P. John.

6.P.M. Public meeting - Evanston - World Council of Churches - Dr. E.C. *Chas. - Rev. Brown*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1955.

FIFTH SESSION - 9.A.M. Worship.. Rev. M.C. Vogt.

30. Report of the Nomination Committee.
31. Report of the Resolution Committee.
32. Place and time of the next meeting.
33. Vote of Thanks.
34. Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Secretary, B.C.C.

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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

NO. 3846-48/55.

G.E.L.Church Compound,
Ranchi.

From Secretary Mr.N.E.Horo, B.A.,

The 8th November, 1955.

The under mentioned document is forwarded to the Secretary Bihar Christian Council (2) Rev.N.Bhuinya, Hazaribagh and (3) Rev.C. B.Minz, Gumla. for information and needful.

B.L.8/11/55.

W. E. Horo
8/11
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

An Extract from the resolution of the Full C.C.Meeting held on the 22nd October, 1955.

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Representative for the Bihar Christian Council.

In view of the fact that Mr.N.E.Horo, a representative of the Gossner Church in the B.C.C. has been co-opted in the B.C.C. Executive it is

(a) RESOLVED that Rev.Nicodim Bhuinya be elected a Gossner representative for the Bihar Christian Council.

(b) It is further RESOLVED to elect Rev.C.B.Minz to be a substitute delegate.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

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J. J. J.
Secretary, B.C.C.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(Affiliated to National Christian Council.)

HONY. SECRETARY :

THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.S.T., B.D.

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

RANCHI

(BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref. 613 - 647

Date 17. 9 .1955 . 5

The Heads of Churches and
Church Organisations affiliated
to the Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that
after much thought and consideration on the
part of the officers and the authorities of
the D.U. Mission in Hazaribagh the dates for
the next meeting of the Council and the
Executive have been fixed as follows :

MONDAY, 14.11.55

Members of the Executive Committees of the
Bihar Ch. Council and the Santal Christian
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With all good wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

*Min. of Education
Secy. to Govt. of Bihar*

J. J. P. TIGA

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HON. SECRETARY
THE REV. J. P. TIGGA, M.S.T. 80

Ref. 613 - 647 Date 17. 9. 1952

Those Heads of Churches and
Church Organizations affiliated
to the Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that
after much thought and consideration on the
part of the officers and the authorities of
the B.U. Mission in Ranchi, the dates for
the next meeting of the Council and the
Executive have been fixed as follows:

MONDAY, 18.11.52

Members of the Executive Committee of the
Bihar Ch. Council and the Central Christian
Council arrive by the evening at Ranchi
Dublin University Mission.

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Joint meeting of the two Executive Coms.
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1. **Devotions :** The President read a lesson from the Bible and the Rev. O. W. Oliver led in a word of prayer.

2. **Attendance :** The following members were present :

The Rev. P. John (President), Mr. A. K. Mookherjee (Vice President), Miss S. Guille (Treasurer) The Rt. Rev. Bishop N. Hall of Chotanagpur, Mr. O. W. Oliver, The Rev. Brown, Mr. N. E. Horo, Mr. S. K. Roy, Rev. J. Lakra, Miss S.M. Bodra, Mr. C.M. Tiga and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga Secy.

Letters were received from the following that they could not be present.—Dr. Miss Porh, Miss M. Tirsgaard, Mr. C. C. Vichert & Mr. Burdett.

3. **Resignation of Rev. S. K. Patro :** Rev. Patro submitted a letter of his resignation from the Council because he is going to England for postgraduate studies. The resignation was accepted and it was resolved that,

(a) The Rev. Brown be taken in his place as a member of the Executive Committee.

(b) Mr. P. L. Lall, be taken as co-opted member of the Council.

4. **Mr. J. C. Christie :** The Rev. Christie gave a report about the case.

RESOLVED that a small Committee of the following be formed to draft a letter to be sent to the National Christian Council : The Rev. P. John, Mr. A. K. Mookerji (Convener), Mr. S. K. Roy and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

The Committee prepared the letter which was approved with necessary corrections.

5. **Comity Rules :** A reference was made to the resolutions of the Conference of the Regional Secretaries and also to the report given in the N. C. C. Review.

The Executive Committee considered the rules passed by the N. C. C. and found them quite satisfactory.

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with Dr. Christie
as convener in
the case.*

In view of the fact that the objections of the Gossner Church have been met it was resolved that the G. E. L. Church be asked to sign the affiliation form without any condition or objection.

6. *Finances* : The financial position of the Council was very carefully considered and it was unanimously agreed that the affiliation fee be increased in order that adequate funds may be available for the work of the Council. It was therefore resolved to recommend to the Council that the affiliation fee be raised as follows and the Constitution be changed accordingly :

Missions Rs 40/- per representative p.a.

Churches and other bodies „ 25/- „ „ „

It was further resolved to recommend to the Council that special subscriptions be raised for special purposes..

Office assistant : RESOLVED that Rs. 20/- per month be sanctioned for six months for an office assistant.

7. *Theological Education Text Book Committee* : RESOLVED that the following be appointed representatives on the Committee :

1 Rev P. John

2. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

8. *Visas for missionaries* : Read the N. C. C. announcement in the N. C. C. Review of April 1955 issue on the subject and it was noted for information

9. *Educational matters* : Miss Bodra read the recommendations of the meeting of the Council of Christian Education dated 4.5.1955.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Christian High Schools in our area to adopt the following resolution and send it to the Secretary, Education Department, Bihar, if they have not yet sent any similar resolution :

“RESOLVED that the Education Department of the Government of Bihar be requested to grant exemption to the Christian High Schools from the application of Government resolution regarding formation of Managing Committees, of the High Schools. ”

Regarding Block grants reports were heard that they have been sanctioned but the payments have been withheld by the District Superintendent of schools who is demanding written undertakings to abide by the rules laid down by the department.

RESOLVED that the convener of the Council of Christian Education be asked to send a representation to the Education Department a representation to the Education Department at once to pay the grants to the schools concerned.

It was reported that in Bhagalpur diocese there are special difficulties. Rev. P. John, President was requested to help the Educational authorities there towards solution of the problems.

10. *Rev. J. C. Christie's case* : Read letter from Mr. K. Jacob and also the draft prepared by the Committee. After a few corrections being made, the draft was approved to be sent to the National Christian Council

11. *United Boys', High School in Patna* : Heard report on the proceedings of the Committee. Its convener Rev. John placed all necessary facts for consideration. The recurring and non-recurring expenses were estimated.

It was then resolved to send the estimates to all the churches in that area for their considered opinion especially with a view to explore possibilities regarding. (1) resources for emassing funds for the purpose, and (2) recruiting properly qualified Christian Staff.

12. *Campaign against T. B.* : Dr. Muthu and the other medical members of the Council be requested to take up this matter and to give suggestions to the council for the intended campaign

13. *Type of Missionaries needed by the Church in this province* : It was agreed that the following types of missionaries are needed :

- (1) Educationists
- (2) Theologians
- (3) Doctors and Nurses
- (4) Agricultural experts
- (5) Those ready to take a training for a few years in India
- (6) Adaptable to the conditions and circumstances
- (7) ~~Christ-Centric~~—ready to work under the church *Church-centric*
- (8) Evangelistic and pastoral
- (9) Others as indicated in the Willingen report.

14. *Indian Christian Marriage Act* : Churches are advised to draw up their own rules under the provision of the Act Part IV section 23 and submit the same to proper authorities. The rules drafted by the Anglican Church may be consulted for a guide.

15. *Committee on Relief Work* : The following are appointed members of the committee on Relief Work—

- (1) Rev. P. John (convenor)
- (2) Mr. Block
- (3) Rev. Palmyra
- (4) Mjss Guille
- (5) Rev. Burdett
- (6) Mr. Biswas

Contact persons—

- (1) Mr. C. Hanze
- (2) " N. E. Horo
- (3) " M. Pickworth

16. *United Christian Mission to Nepal* : Rev. Oliver gave a very elucidating report which was thankfully accepted. He also informed the members about the coloured slides.

RESOLVED that,

- (a) The report be received with thanks to Mr. Oliver
- (b) Opportunities be sought to arouse interest of the Churches in the mission.

17. *A. V. A. Conference* : Secretary Rev. Tiga reported on the A. V. A. conference held at Raipur on Feb. 16-19, 1955.

18. *Tabitha School* : Rev. Tiga made a short statement on the work being done by the two sisters Diller and Schmidt in the Tabitha school at Govindpvr. Printed prospectus of the school was distributed to those who were interested.

19. *United Church in N. India* :

- (a) Hindi copies of the plan be asked for
- (b) Information should be supplied to the appropriate authorities re : the boundaries.

20. *Date and Place of the next meeting of the Council* :—
RESOLVED that October 11-13th, 1955 be fixed tentatively, the place of the meeting to be Bhagalpur or Hazaribagh.

21. *Vote of thanks* : Vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur.

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer and benediction.

J. J. P. TIGA.

Secretary.

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Date

July 15, 1955

The Secretary,
G. E. H. Church

Dear Mr. Horro,

Mr. S. K. Roy has fallen ill and he has asked me to take up negotiations with the Chief Minister re. the interview of the deputations. Yesterday I had gone to the Private Secy of the Chief Minister. He has asked me to go to him today with all necessary documents. They are all with Mr. Roy.

I have to fetch them from
him, before 4 Pm. today.
May I have the car?
I shall pray for the
petrol and extra that
may be asked for.

Please excuse me for
the trouble. — Thanking
you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely
J. J. J.

I should leave
for Banke at
about 2 1/2 pm

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JAMSHEDPUR 3

Ref. No. ~~103/1/55~~

Date ~~20th May~~ 1955.

The Secretary,
C.E.L. Church,
Jamshedpur.

Dear Sir,

Re : Clash of Timing in Easter Cemetery Service.

As per proposal of our Parish Council of Jamshedpur, I am taking the privilege to bring the following facts for your kind consideration and whole-hearted co-operation.

At the very outset, I shall wish to remind you of my letter last November, addressed to you requesting you to manage to hold a Round Table Conference of members of both C.E.L. Church and Anglican Church of Jamshedpur consisting of seven members from each side with a view to bridge the gulf of mis-understanding that have been created amongst us, so that the progress in God's work should not be jeopardised in any manner whatsoever.

If you could recollect the ~~last~~ year of 1951, you will find that we had made an attempt to have a joint Cemetery Service on the Easter Morning and you gladly took the lead to meet this end. But according to your letter, unfortunately this could not be done as our timing did not suit Lutherans. However, in our mutual talk that we had in the Radio Shop on Easter Eve, you desired to start the Lutheran Cemetery Service at 4.30 pm. against ours which was scheduled to start at 3.30 am., and this time we all kept our timings well and done everything nicely.

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Since then there was no clash of timing and everything was going smooth. But this year due to some mishappenings in the Cemetry Service, I and other members of our Parish Council felt it our duty to approach you with a request to liquidate the matter in a peaceful manner and for this very purpose I am writing this letter to you, as per proposal of our Parish Council.

This year, while the Anglicans were having their Cemetry Service during the Easter Morning as usual, someone (whose name we, due to some reason, do not like to disclose) decided to start the Lutheran Cemetry Service and actually did so by galling and singing, facing towards the Anglicans, in the Loud Speaker set up for the purpose. This disturbed the Anglicans' Worship and we could not be able to gather the mood of meditation in presence of the shrill voice of the Loud Speaker. This I hope, will be sufficient to draw your notice towards the dis/satisfaction amongst the Anglicans.

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In view of above facts, I wish to have your co-operation and desire you to look into the matter and to make such arrangements that from next time, no such incident takes place and for this we shall be ever grateful.

Reply is being awaited at your earliest convenience.

cc. The Lord, Bishop of Chotanagpur,
R a n c h i.
cc. The President, G.E.L. Church,
R a n c h i.

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P. M. Khalkho
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18. Relief Work: Heard a report from President John.
19. Vote of thanks was given to Revd. and Mrs. Vichert for the kind ~~maximik~~ hospitality.
20. The meeting was closed with a word of prayer.

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Self J. J. P. Tige.
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

~~Comity meeting~~

8³⁰ am - 11³⁰ am. & 2pm - 5pm
Comity meeting - evening - 8pm

B. C. C.

5/5/55

Executive Committee —

1. Dr. Anderson is replaced by Dr. Hiss from the medical mission.
2. J. K. Patro was co-opted in place of Rev. Harvey, Sk. Patro suggests that Rev. Brown be taken in place of Harvey, if possible. Rev. Brown is taken in to serve on the Executive.

Mr. Christie — Heard Mr. Christie — about the two cases going against him. He has been sentenced to 4 months v.i. in each case.

Application for — 90 delegates X 3/- churches
22 " X 15/- missions
4 " X - affiliated bodies

Re 96/- annual income on aft of affiliation fees,

Missions — 49/- } affiliation fees
Councils — 25/- }

How money be asked from the member churches —

Theological Committee — + Mahabod. To elect representatives on the Committee from the B.C.C.

Educational matters —

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Ref. 230 - 46/ 55

Dated 15th April 1955

The Members of the Executive Committee.

Dear friends, This is to inform you that our Executive Committee will meet at Ranchi on the 5th. and 6th. May. You are all cordially invited to attend. In this connection I want to inform you that there are some very important matters in connection with the church schools and therefore the President, in a conference of the officers, asked me to convene a meeting of the members of the Council of Christian Education for Bihar on the 4th. of May just before the Executive meeting. I therefore take permission from the convener Mr. A.K. Mukerji and announce that a meeting of the Council of Christian Education will be held on Wednesday, the 4th. May 1955. at which all members of the Executive Committee are also invited.

Matters for consideration will be:

1. Appointment of a full time or half time Secretary.
2. Comity Rules and affiliated churches.
3. Financial report and consideration of the ways and means to raise the income of the council.
4. Amendments to the constitution regarding affiliation fees.
5. Theological matters - Text Book Committee.
6. Rules regarding Visa for missionaries - types of missionaries needed by churches.
7. Indian Christian Marriage Act.
8. Campaign against T.B.
9. An assistant for office work. Cf. No. 1
10. Relief work - appointment of a new committee for Bihar.
11. Draught in Chhotanagpore - need for help.
12. Relationship with the State Government officers.
13. Educational matters : (a) L.S.G. Act. (b) Resolution of the Board of Secondary Education re formation of Managing Committee of the High School. (c) Block Grants.
14. Statistics of missionaries from abroad engaged in Bihar.
15. Any other competent matters. (Members are requested to send in subjects for consideration.)

With best wishes.
(a) Nepal mission
(b) Church Union
(c) Arrangement for Bible Conference
(d) Date & place for the next biennial Conference.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga

P.S. Accommodation for those coming (J.J.P.Tiga) for the meeting from outside will be arranged. Please inform the Secretary about time and date of arrival.

Note : The meeting will be held at the Bishop's Lodge. The first session will be at 3P.M. on the 4th. of May.

Church Council
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Dated *21. 2.* 195 *5*

NOTICE

Is hereby given that a meeting of the local members of the Regional Committee of the Council of Christian Education Bihar Christian Council will be held on Friday, the 25th. February, '55 at the Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi at 3:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to be present.

SUBJECT : L.S.C. Act (Amendment)
 in connection with supervision and control of schools.

[Signature]
J. J. F. TIGA
 for the Convener.

1. Miss S. Guille, St. Margaret's Women's Training School
2. Mr. Rajray, Superintendent of Schools, S.P.C. Mission.
3. Mr. M.P. Foro, Headsupervisor, Lutheran Schools.
4. The Rev. Father Whyte, Inspector of Schools, R.C. Mission (invited)
5. Mr. S.K. Roy, Kanke

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Dated 5. 11. 1954

Notice

Members of the Chhotanagpur Regional Committee of Christian Education are hereby informed that a meeting will be held in the premises of the L. TH. College Ranchi. at 3 p.m. tomorrow the 6th. Nov. 1954.

Subject: The New Act and mission schools.

You are cordially invited to attend.

J. J. P. Tiga

Secy. B. C. C.