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- Union Study group met on 13-11-1932 at 1:30 PM and Rev. J.Lakra led the Group.
- Present:- Mr. S.K. Roy, Rev. J. Lakra, Mr. P. Hurad.



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## The Group Study

Present — Mr. S. K. Ray,  
Mr. Richards  
Mr. Say,  
Mr. Gurli  
Mr. Hared.

Mr. Labra was absent as he had to leave for Patna to attend the Text Book Committee.

Mr. Hared then announced that the matter will be given to the Study Group.

Mr. Ray also expressed that this matter will be placed before the Diocesan Council in the next session.

Let us meet on May first & then we shall see what we can do next.

Mr. Hared read out the Resolution of the Synod of the Church of S.B.C. <sup>and</sup> its Standing Committee, passed on <sup>30</sup> January 1933 and published in The Statesman of Febry, 7, 1933 in which the validity of the ministry of other churches not having <sup>historic</sup> episcopate was treated and said that this resolution as it stood seemed to divide the ministry in any united church in its early stage into 2 classes <sup>as</sup> of inferior & superior grade & now it called in question the validity of non-episcopally ordained ministry. He pointed out that there have been certain churches which <sup>entirely</sup> <sup>have</sup> <sup>disacral</sup> <sup>Bishops</sup> maintain regular ministry & <sup>also</sup> unlike congregationalists attach great importance to the office of ministry & if this validity is called into question, the <sup>move</sup> <sup>for</sup> union will be frustrated for a long time to come. He further informed that the Chota Nagpur Diocese was ~~for~~ to break away bound by that Resolution of the Synod & whether it can have a free hand to ~~negotiate~~ enter into negotiations with the local churches by ignoring that Resolution of the Synod.

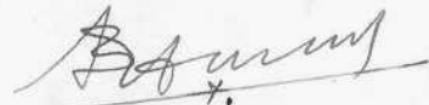
Mr. Ray assured the Group that the intention of the Resolution was not to create <sup>degrees</sup> ~~any~~ class of ministry but because of certain objections with the regard to <sup>receiving</sup> ~~having~~ communion from ministers & for unepiscopally ordained ministers in the United church which called for some amount of bitter comment & controversy. As to the question of "validity" of ministry

in non-episcopally ordained Churches he said that such questions  
have since a very long time been discussed without any satisfactory  
solution while here in C. N. U. the matter of "validity" will  
not be so much a part of the ~~union~~ project of "union"

UNION STUDY GROUP MEETING.

The Study Group on Church Union will meet tomorrow, Sunday, the 25th. February, 1933, 2.P.M. sharp.

All the members are cordially invited to attend.



CONVENER.

G.E.L. Compound.  
Ranchi.  
The 24th. February, 1933.

Union Study Group.

The Union Study Group had its first sitting on Sunday the 13th of November 1932 1.30 P.M. and the following were present :-

1. Mr. S.K. Roy.
2. Rev: J. Lakra and
3. Mr. P. Hurad - Convener.

Rev: J. Dayal of the S.P.G. sent in his apology for inability to come owing to Sunday services which needed his ministry.

The Rev: J. Lakra led the Group in prayer. It was expressed that this day should be settled the line of thoughts and actions on which the Group should proceed. Certain suggestions were made and agreed as follows :-

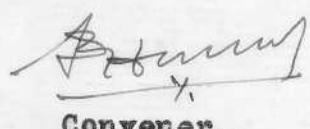
- a. That the Group meet twice a month at 1.30 P.M.
- b. That it should meet every month on the 4th and 5th Sundays, if there be a 5th Sunday.
- c. That the present Group of 4, coopt another ~~panel~~ of 4 men, 2 from each Church. Names of these may be intimated to the Convener in due time.

It was urged that the cooption be made by the members of each Church of persons whom they know and think that they would best be able to contribute something towards the elucidation of the subject matter, without misunderstanding the intention of the Study.

It was further agreed that in the next sitting the following points be preliminarily discussed to clear the grounds of main study:-

- (1) What we ourselves feel regarding the movement of Church Union.
- (2) Is Union or nnity desirable ?
- (3) If Union is desirable what methods should be adopted to achieve this end ?

Note - That to enter into the subject, the material already at hand may be utilised i.e. the literature on Church Union by the S.I.U.C. and the new Union Scheme etc. Also "News and Notes" published by the Madras <sup>P.L.S.</sup> may be obtained to get an insight into the present day thoughts on this subject.

  
Convener.