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Minutes

~~24 March, 1942~~

7 Jan to 24 Feb 1942

1. Khatitoly Ilaka : (a) Lathakhaman and (b) Kirpani :- All letters in connection with these two congregations were given to the President with the request to take them up locally when he will go there on his tour also with the Church Supervisor.

2. Koronjo matters : The following letters were read and considered :

- (a) Letter from Mr. S. S. Topno.
- (b) Letter from some brethren and the Rev. S. Bage.
- (c) Koronjo Ilaka's letter reg: Lombok Bahin Binti Sasaj.

After consideration the Secretary was asked to write to the Rev. M. Bage and the brethren that the Church Council did not find any fault with the Rev. S. M. Bage and his transfer is not a punishment. The letter regarding the Bahin Binti Sasaj was read and recorded.

3. Rev. J. A. Kujur's petition for a help of Rs. 30/- :- After consideration for special reasons Rs. 30/- was sanctioned as a help for Rev. J. A. Kujur.

As regards his special allowance for working in the Jaspur Upper that is was said that the matter will be considered when he will send a report about the income and expenditure and his need after he has been there for some time.

4. Letter from Rev. M. D. Lakra, Ratobirkeria :- The letter was read. The C. C. does not think it proper to print Mr. Jaypal Singh's letter in the Gharbandhu. A gist of the same may be sent to the Rev. M. D. Lakra for his information.

5. Transfer of Rev. Kushalmay Topno : Read letters of objection from the brethren. The Committee did not see the necessity of changing the transfer order.

6. Letter from Rev. A. Topno, Singhani regarding his work : Read and noted. He should inform the C. C. when he is prepared to work in any one of the Lutheran schools.

7. Rev. L. Kongari's report : Report par bichar kar phaisla kiya gaya ki Rev. L. Kongari ko niman jabab bheja jay :

I. Jharsugda Ilaka ki Amsabha ko khatas karke we Koronjo awen. Isi mahina ke bhitar jarur Koronjo pahunchna chahiye. C. C. memberon men se koi bhi ukt Ilaka Amsabha ke liye jane nahin sakte hain karon ki un dinon men yahan Ranchi men bishes ka hai.

II. Jaymasih Barla : Yah bat multabi kii gayi.

III. Marcus Horo : Wah apni rakhsi ko chhor dewe nahin to usko bari saja di jaygi.

IV. Johan Baba : In ke sambandh men report saf nahin hai.

V. Antony Horo : Report saf se ye joron ke bishay batawe ki we sadi wale hain athwa bina sadi wale. In ke bich sadi banega ki nahin ityadi baton ko janch kar C. C. ko janaya jawe.

8. Rev. C. K. Ehengra's letter reg: the Gua brethren dated 9-12-41 to the President :- The letter was read and considered. The Church Supervisor was asked to go there and settle the affairs locally.

9. Rev. M. Topno Umbulbaha's letter dated 27-11-41 : Bichar kiya gaya. Rev. M. Topno ko sallah di jawe ki yadi sadi hone men koi rok tak nahin hai aur we anek barshon se ek sath rah chuke hain to Mandli men.

men pukar kar dewe ki ye sadi ke niyam anusar sadi chahte hain. Pukar ke bad we kam se kam ek hafta ke liye ek dusre se alag rahen. Tab unko niyanit Registered sadi de di jawe.

10. (a) Application from Kahupani dated 2-10-41 and (b) Pastor's house at Kahupani :- The President was requested to take up these matters locally with the brethren when he will on tour with the Church Supervisor.

11. Petition of Augustus Lakra dated 22-12-41 expressing his inability to pay his house rent amounting to Rs. 12/- : The Secretary was asked to find out from him his monthly income.

12. Letter from Rev. Christ Jiwan Tirkey reg: Jaspur Upperghat affairs : (a) Mandli Paiss - Wahan ke bhaiyon ko samjhana chahiye ki Mandli paiss dewen aur centralise karen. Jaspur Committee ke Secretary Mr. C. D. Birka ke pas President ki Charwahi Patri bheji jay aur un ko likhi jay ki uske anusar kam karen.

(b) Ichkela School - Jaspur Committee ko iske sambandh men yaddasht bheja jay ki Ichkela men manjur kiye huwe naksho ke mutabik o manjur kiye huwe jagah men school ghar banane ka prabandh karen.

(c) Marriage License for Rev. S. Lakra :- The application will be sent when Rev. Lakra will go back to Calcutta.

16. Universal Week of Prayer : Since the Prayer Leaflets came very late it was arranged to be observed in Ranchi only. For future they should be sent at least 6 weeks' before time.

17. Letter from the N. C. C. : (a) Draft Marriage Act : Read Dr. Manikam's letter on the Draft Marriage Act of dated 22-12-41. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of this letter to the Rev. J. Lakra, Convener, of the Sub-Committee for necessary action.

(b) Memorandum on Closer Co-operation : Postponed.

18. Application from the teachers of the Lutheran L. P. School Ranchi for increment : The C. C. sympathises with the teachers and wishes to do something but there is no money in the funds. Then again it is the primary duty of the Ranchi Ilaka to consider this question. The application should therefore be sent to the Ilaka for their favourable consideration.

19. Petition of Takras teachers : Read the application dated 10-12-41 : I. Request for advance : As there is no money the C. C. is unable to give the desired advance.

II. 15% cut : As it is the decision of the Mahasabha the C. C. is unable to comply with the request of the teachers to abolish the 15% cut.

20. Repair of the Teacher's barracke at Govindpur : After consideration and in consultation with the decision of 28-5-1941 it was, Resolved that Rs. 100/- be sanctioned for this purpose.

21. Inspection Remarks on the Korunjo M. E. School : Noted.

22. High School : (a) Letter from Dr. L. A. Gotwald dated December 31, 1941 and the Secretary's reply to him were noted.

(b) Replies from Mr. A. L. Tirkey dated 30-12-41 Nos. 304, 305 and 306 were read. The Secretary was asked to draft replies to these letters and to send them with the approval of the members.

- (c) Letter from Dr. Cannaday dated 23-12-41 : Read and noted.  
(d) Statement to Dr. Gotwald : The Secretary was asked to prepare a statement for presentation to Dr. Gotwald.

23. Almiraahs for the Seminarists : The Principal explained the necessity of giving Almiraahs to Seminary students with one compartment for each student with a view to give them proper training in preserving things and keeping them in systematic order. The Committee approved the idea and sanctioned Rs. 50/- from the present. The planks in the store should be used for the purpose.

24. Application of Salesman Barla and Jayfal Nearom of Govindpur : The Fracharaks want that the Church lands there be leased out to them. The Asst. Manager reports that the term of the present lessee has not yet expired and under the circumstances this application cannot be entertained. The Secretary was directed to inform them to this effect.

25. Application of Babu Johan Panna for reduction of Thika rent : The Tahsildar reported that he has withdrawn the petition and is prepared to pay according to the rent which he has already agreed to pay. The matter was dropped.

26. Tour Diary of Tahsildar D. Topno for December 1941 :- Noted.

27. Mr. Panna's letter dated 24-12-41 :- The contents of the letter were noted.

28. Letter from the Lohardaga Ilaka re: Dharadas Toppe :- Lohardaga Ilaka ki chithi ta: 4-1-42 jismen we Kuru Parish ki chithi par eifarish karte hain ki Dharadas Toppe ko fir sadi dene ki anumati di jay so parhi gayi. Phaisla huwa ki sadi karne ki ijaajat Dharadas ko di jay.

29. Financial Statement for December, 1941 : Postponed.

30. Programme for the next Mahasabha : The President was requested to prepare an Agenda and to present the same at the next meeting.

31. Diakel Chapel Repair :- Read Report and recommendation of the Asst. Manager and after consideration it was, Resolved that Rs. 100/- be sanctioned for the purpose.

32. Repair of Khutitoly School :- On the recommendation of the Headsupervisor it was resolved that Rs. 40/- be sanctioned for this purpose, it being understood that the District Board is granting Rs. 40/- for the same also.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4/2/42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Figa.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee.  
The 12th January, 1942.

Prayer : The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. L. Jojowar.

Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Mr. N. Soy, Treasurer, Rev. L. Jojowar, Rev. J. Lakra, Mr. P. S. Vengra, Mr. Th. Surin and Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, Secretary.

Girls for High School :- Read a letter from Mr. A. L. Tirkey dated 10th January, 1942, which he sent in reply to an enquiry made by the Secretary. From different reports it was learnt that there were boys who were not finding seats in the High School as a number of girls have been admitted into the 8th Class. It was also learnt that some girls were not finding seats in the class and that some of them were in want of hostel arrangements. Miss Diller is not in favour of taking G. H. S. girl under her care as such girls want more freedom. Miss Sokey is not willing to accept them in her hostel as the discipline of the G. H. S. is very low. It is not possible to accept Mr. Tirkey's proposal to make a hostel for the girls near the Principal's bungalow as there is no body there to look after them. It is also a matter of regret that Mr. Tirkey admitted so many girls without consulting the C. C. Miss Sokey told the members that the Mahilla Samiti has not yet collected any money for the purpose of Girls' High School.

The difficulties were so many that the Church Council did not find its way to give hostel accommodation for the G. H. S. girls. It was suggested that Class VIII be started attached to the Bethesda M. E. School. This also was not found quite practicable and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4/2/42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the C. C.  
The 14th January, 1942.

I. Prayer :- Rev. J. Lakra led in the opening prayer.

II. Present :- President Rev. J. Stosch, Mr. N. Soy, Mr. Th. Surin, Rev. L. Jojowar, Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, Rev. J. Lakra and Mr. P. S. Vengra attended by special invitation and the Rev. Dr. L. A. Gotwald, President of the U. L. C. Mission who came in accordance with the resolution of the Triennial Conference of the Lutheran Federation held at Gudur on December 16-18, 1941.

III. Welcome :- The President gave warm welcome to Dr. Gotwald.

1. The High School :- The Secretary had already presented to Dr. Gotwald a Statement accepted by all the members. Dr. Gotwald discussed with the members on some of the questions raised in the Statement. He asked several questions to which the members gave answers.

2. An American Missionary for the Gossner Church :- Dr. Gotwald asked many questions in this connection and the members answered them.

After this Dr. Gotwald went to meet the members of the Managing Committee.

3. Agenda for the Mahasabha : The President placed before the members a draft of Agenda which was accepted with some modifications.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4/2/42.  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee.  
The 22nd January, 1942.

I. The meeting was opened with prayer by the President.

II. Present : President Rev. J. Stosch, Secretary Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, Treasurer, Mr. E. Soy, Rev. J. Lakra (Special visitor), Rev.

Rev. S. A. B. Lakra was called for a discussion regarding the question why he left Calcutta.

Messrs. Th. Surin and P. S. Vengra could not come to the meeting on account of illness.

1. Calcutta work :- Rev. S. A. B. Lakra referred to his letters dated 23-12-41 and his Telegram dated 6-1-42 and the reply of the Secretary dated 4-1-42. He said that on account of the present situation he could not move about freely, there was locking in the compound where he lived and also that there was danger of life, there is no Church building for the Lutheran congregation, the Church collection and the number of attendance fell and therefore he thought it was better to get away from Calcutta, later it might be impossible to remove oneself.

The members of the Church Council reviewed the situation and justified him in sending away his family to Chotanagpur before last Christmas, and himself coming now for consultation. They however unanimously felt that as it is just a panic and as other missionaries and pastors etc of other missions are still in Calcutta it is right that Rev. S. Lakra should go back and look after the brethren however small in number they be. He was given time to consider this and then to give his answer to the C. C. whether he will go back to Calcutta or not.

2. An assistant for the C. C. Office : In view of the fact that work in the office is much increased before and after the Mahasabha it was unanimously agreed that an assistant to Babu Binode Minz be appointed immediately until the end of March 1942 @ Rs. 6/- p. m. He should be paid Rs. 3/- for the days of January he will be working.

3. Girls for Class VIII in Bethesda :- Miss K. C. Sokey reported that Class VIII has been started attached to the Bethesda M. S. School in consultation with the officers of the Church Council.

The action was approved on condition that the Church Council is not asked for any money in running this class.

4. Messrs. Jaimasih Ekka and Julius Tiga :- The Secretary reported on his correspondence with Mr. Jaimasih Ekka which he did in due consultation with the members of the Church Council Executive and other local

members regarding a meeting on 21-1-42. Mr. A. Khess's written report dated 22-1-42 about the said meeting was also read. After a long discussion it was unanimously Resolved that whereas on 13-1-42 the Ranchi Mandli Panch ordered that Mr. Jaimasih Ekka could not hold a meeting ~~without the permission of the Church Council~~ within the Church Compound on 21-1-42 without the permission of the Church Council, but inspite of this order he issued a printed notice to the public, and whereas after the issue of the public notice the Secretary Church Council again forbad him in writing to hold the notified circular on 21-1-42 and in spite of this prohibition he held the public meeting on that day, hereby he be informed that Executive Committee of the Church Council charges him under section (I), Subsection (g) of the "Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Kalisha ka Christani Chal Chalan ki Sudhar Pranali" and he is asked to appear before the Executive Committee of the C. C. and Mandli Panch officers to explain his conduct at 5 p.m. tomorrow at the C. C. office. If he does not come, his case will be decided in his absence.

5. Letter from Dr. L. A. Gotwald dated 18-1-42 : Copies of the two letters from Dr. Gotwald of 18-1-42 containing his advice and suggestions were sent to all members.

After consideration Dr. Gotwald's advice and suggestions were all accepted.

6. Application of Rev. B. Minz dated 13-1-42 : The application was read and it was thought advisable to ask Mr. Panna to investigate how much of his Press Bills are his own and how much are those of the Church Council. On getting a report of this the C. C. will consider the question raised in the application.

7. Letters from the Superintendent, Jaspur State Nos. 176/28 and 177/28 both dated 17th January, 1942 were read and considered.

(i) Resolved that Rev. Jivan Kirkey be asked to continue his work in the Upperghat until further orders.

(ii) The Superintendent be informed that the Jashpur Lutheran Committee is responsible for raising funds for erection of the school building at Ichkela.

8. Mr. Th. Surin's draft of Rules re: Property :- It will be printed when the Sub-Committee will have gone through it.

9. Chaukidari Tax on Barnately and Darigutu Compounds : As the taxes have been fixed the C. C. should pay it.

10. T. A. Mills of Headmaster Mr. P. Dumdung :- On the recommendation of the Headsupervisor the C. C. passed for Rs. 29-4-0 only.

11. Case of Banpur ( Lali Parish ) and Mangal Bhutkumar :- Heard report of the excommunication of Mangal Bhutkumar and it was decided that the Secretary of the Property Board be asked to dismiss him from the services of the Lutheran Press.

12. Audit of C. C. Treasurer's account for October to December, 1941 : Resolved that Mr. Asaf Lakra be requested to audit the accounts of the last three months of 1941.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4/2/42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council  
along with the officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch  
held on 23-1-1942.

Prayer :- Rev. J.J.P.Tiga led in the opening prayer.

Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Mr. N. Soy, Treasurer, Rev. J. Lakra (visitor), Mr. P. S. Vengra (visitor), Mr. Th. Surin, Rev. U. E. Kujur (Chairman, Ranchi Mandli Panch), Mr. Asaf Lakra (visitor), Mr. C. N. Tiga (Secretary, Ranchi Mandli Panch), Mr. M. Khees (Treasurer, Ranchi Mandli Panch), Mr. M. D. Minz (visitor) and the Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, Secretary.

Subject :- Mr. Jaimasih Ekka :-

Read letter No. 218/42/F-1 dated 23-1-42 of the C. C. Secretary to Mr. Jaimasih Ekka and the latter's reply Memo No. 1 dated 23-1-42.

There was a long discussion on the matter contained in these letters. The President's Charwahi Patri and Mr. Julius Tiga's 'Khulla Challenge' were also brought under consideration. After a full and thorough consideration it was, (i) Resolved that under Section (I), Sub-Section (ga) of the "Gosner Evangelical Lutheran Kalisha ka Christani Chal Chalan ki Sudhar Pranali" Mr. Jaimasih Ekka be declared guilty and therefore he be placed under Chhoti Saja discipline.

(ii) Messrs. Julius Tiga, Theodore Lakra and Nichot Khees :- In bhaiyon ko likha jay ki 21-1-42 ko jom aithi Christ Girja ke nikat Bar gachh ke niche baithi thi so aniyasit thi. We age ko sawdhan rahan aur aise aniyasit panchayaton men bhag na lewen.

Pathalkudwa Mandli ke Chairman Mr. M. C. Ekka aur Rev. Dh. P. Minz ko likha jay ki Pathalkudwa ke Girja hata ke andar aise koi aniyasit meeting hone na dewen.

(iii) Mr. Julius Tiga :- Phaisla hawa ki Mr. Julius Tiga Church Council office men anewala Somwar tar 26-1-42 ko sam 5 baje (Standard Time) bulaye jawen ki unse unke sambandhi baton par batchit howe.

The Meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4/2/42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council  
along with the officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch,  
held on the 26th January, 1942.

Prayer :- Rev. J. Lakra led in the opening prayer.

Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Messrs N. Soy, Mr. M. D. Minz (visitor), P. S. Vengra (visitor), Rev. U. E. Kujur, Mr. C. N. Tiga, Mr. M. Khees (officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch), Mr. Asaf Lakra (visitor) and the Rev. J. Lakra (visitor) and the Rev. J.J.P.Tiga.

Subject :- Excommunication of Mr. J. Ekka :- Hear report that Mr. J. Ekka's excommunication was announced yesterday in the Christ Church and that Mr. Julius Tiga and a few others showed a demonstration then and there followed by a protest meeting under the Bar tree. Then the Secretary read a letter from Mr. Julius Tiga dated 26-1-42 expressing

expressing his inability to attend this meeting now. He then read a letter signed by Mr. M. D. J. Tiga and Mr. J. Ekka designated Secretary and President respectively of Lutheran Laymen's Association. During discussion it was stated that it is learnt with authority that Mr. A. L. Tirkey and his wife took active part in the said demonstration.

After consideration it was, Resolved that (i) Rev. U. E. Kujur, the pastor of this Congregation be asked to write a pastoral letter to Mr. J. Ekka (ii) Rev. J. Stosch President and the Rev. J. Lakra be appointed to talk with Mr. Julius Tiga on Thursday, the 29th inst at 6 p. m. (Standard Time) in the President's bungalow on his 'Khulla Challenge' and his conduct on 21-1-42 and 25-1-42 (iii) Mr. A. L. Tirkey be invited for a talk to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the C. C. on Wednesday the 28th January, 1942 at 5 P. M. (Standard Time) on the part he and his wife took with Mr. Jaimesih Ekka on Sunday the 25th inst, the Church money which he has withheld and his wife living still in Tatanagar. (iv) As there is no Laymen's Association no action be taken on the letter which came from Messrs J. Ekka and M. D. J. Tiga dated 25th January, 1942. (v) The President be requested to write a short article in the February Gharbandhu stating that there is no Lay men's Association in the Lutheran Church and that there is no need of such an Association.

The meeting ~~xxxxxxxx~~ was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 4-2-42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council.  
The 28th January, 1942.

Prayer :- Mr. N. Soy led in the opening prayer.

Present :- President, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. J. Lakra attended as a visitor towards the end of the meeting.

1. Church Supervisor's Report regarding Gua brethren :- Read the Report dated 23-1-42. Read also letter from Rev. C. E. Bhengra dated 23-1-42. Both of them describe that the matters have been settled. The contents of letter dated 23-1-42 from the Church Supervisor were noted for future guidance.

2. Rev. J. Kujur's letter re: Kondra bungalow :- Read Rev. Kujur's letter dated 23-1-42 and after consideration agreed that Rs. fifteen and annas six (Rs. 15/6/-) be sanctioned for repair of the Kondra bungalow.

3. Rev. Ch. Guria's letter re: giving charge of March Parish dated 17-1-42 :- Read and noted.

4. Rev. C. E. Guria's letter re: Diankel Chapel Repair :- Referred to the Asst. Manager for his opinion and recommendations.

5. Babu Samuel Surin's (Dhorhibahar) letter dated 8-1-42 re: transfer of Rev. S. M. Bage :- The Secretary reported that he has already given him the reply that the transfer has been made and that it could not be cancelled.

6. Financial Statement for January to December 1941 :- Read and accepted. The C. C. is pleased to learn that all the bills up to December, 1941 for the Gharbandhu have been paid up out of Gharbandhu subscription and there is some balance.

7. Letter from Mr. Manjit M. Chetsingh Secretary, Friends' Settlement dated 30-12-41 :- Read and noted.

8. Rajgangpur Ilaka's resolution for permission for Basra Pracheraks to realize Church collections in the Lutheran Congregation of the Basra State (dated 2-12-41) :- Resolved that a list of the Church Collections passed by the Mahasabha be sent to the Diwan of Basra State for his information.

9. Koronjo Ilaka :- Babu Simon Samad's letter dated 14-1-42 :- The letter be given to the President to be dealt with locally when he goes on tour.

10. Babu Daniel Kha/Kha's letter dated 10-1-42 :- The letter ought to be sent back to the Ilaka for their consideration and necessary action.

11. Ahupani Parish - Letter from Rev. Y. Bage dated 12-1-42 :- President be requested to take it up locally.

12. Rev. J. Toppe's letter dated 9-8-41 regarding Betri (Chainpur Ilaka) :- The Secretary was asked to correspond with the authorities of the Chotsnagpur Raj for a piece of land at Betri for the purpose of building a chapel for the Lutheran Congregation.

13. Jasper Superintendent's letter dated 24-1-42 giving permission to the Rev. Paulus Beck to work in the Jasper State as a visiting pastor subject to the usual conditions :- Noted with thanks.

14. Banpur Report :- Read Ilaka Chairman's report about some brethren who want to go to the S. P. G. Mission after the last actions taken on some of the brethren.

The President was requested to write to the Anglican Bishop not to receive them.

15. Talk with Mr. A. L. Tirkey and consideration thereof :- Mr. Tirkey did not turn up. A letter was received from him during the course of the meeting which was read. Consideration was postponed.

16. Inspection Remarks on Kondra M. V. School dated 9-1-42 :- The Secretary of the S. M. C. should be directed to give advances when he has not got enough money to pay the teachers their salaries.

17. Pandit Raguel Barketta's letter dated 20-1-42 :- Read and considered. He should be asked to stay in the school for some time more and that he should try to bring his family to Kondra.

18. Marcha M. V. School proposed to be given over to the District Board :- The President was requested to invite the opinion of the new pastor, Rev. Dharmdas Curia which should be taken into consideration.

19. Two tables and two benches for the Seminary :- Agreed that the carpenter be ordered to make two tables and two benches out of the planks which are in the stock. Necessary expences will be met by the Church Council.

20. Gossner High School Hostel Superintendent's note reg: the two gates on the northern boundary wall of the Compound :- As these gates have stood for a long time the C. C. finds it difficult to ask the occupants of the respective houses to close them. But it is decided that they should be asked not to allow outsiders to get into the compound and the hostel boys not to go out through these gates without permission. They should close them at times. Failing these the matter will be brought for consideration again.

21. Electric light for the Seminary hostel :- As it is difficult to get Kerosine oil for studies it has been proposed that the Seminary hostel be fitted with electric light.

The matter will be considered when an estimate will be made and placed before the C. C.

22. The Sub-Committee's report reg: Rules for Station Committees :- Read the report of Messrs D. M. Panna and J.J.P.Tiga dated 23-1-42. It is stated that as long as the relationship of the Church and the Board of Management and their rights and powers have not been defined and approved by the Mahasabha it is considered immature to frame any rules for the guidance of the Station Committees. :- Noted.

23. Chakradharpur House Rent :- Read the pastor's report dated 5-1-42. Decided that Mr. N. Toppe Asst. Manager be asked to deal with the case.

24. Gumla Tank : Joint Application dated 14-1-42 of Alfred Kujur, Rev. K. M. Lakra and Christopal Barha for Rs. 100/- to complete the work of digging the tank :- The application be forwarded to Mr. Panna, Manager of Properties for necessary action.

25. Singhani bungalow income and expenditure :- Read the Annual Statement for the year 1941 sent by Mr. Panna dated 13-1-42 and noted. The balance in hand at the end of the year was Rs. 1702-4-0 only.

26. Babu Yakub Toppe's application for land in Thika dated 29-12-41 addressed to Mr. Panna and sent to the C. C. for consideration :- After consideration the Council recommended that the petition be rejected because the fallow land in question if made into a paddy field may cause ill-health.

27. Babu Dhankumar Lakra's letter dated 14-1-42 for a Karanj tree near his land where he wants to build a house :- On the recommendation of the Ilaka Chairman it was agreed that the tree be sold to Mr. Dh. Lakra for Rs. 4/- only.

28. Letter from Mr. Augustus Lakra re: his house rent for 1941 amounting to Rs. 12/- only :- Read his letter dated 9-1-42 and decided to remit the entire amount.

29. Khutitoly jungle trees :- Read the resolution of Khutitoly Ilaka dated 3-10-41, the Tahsildar's report dated 2-1-42 and the Manager's note dated 12-1-42 :- Resolved that the trees be cut and sold and new trees be planted and the jungle be preserved.

30. Draft Rules for the Management of Properties :- The Secretary informed the members that Mr. Surin is arranging to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee to go through the Draft.

31. Babu Christochit Tiga's application for a room near his house (Ranchi Compound) :- The Asst. Manager's opinion be invited.

32. Fencing the Secretariat :- The Secretary was asked to place a definite proposal before the Church Council.

33. Ranchi Compound Chaukidar Christophakash Lakra :- The Chaukidar had disappeared for some days without leave. He was called by the Secretary and he explained that on account of the death of his daughter he had no peace of mind and therefore he had gone home. He was warned strongly not to neglect his duty.

It was further brought to the notice of the members that he did not prove himself faithful in handling some public money of the Mata Samaj and the Ranchi Mandli Panch. :- These were noted.

34. Pilgar House Repair :- A part of the Pilgar house which is in use of the Bethesda School fell down and the Headmistress engaged Paul & Bros to repair it. They have submitted an estimate of Rs. 454/- for the room and Rs. 291/- for the verandah. Out of this the Headmistress prays for a help of Rs. 635/-. The school will meet the rest. Some more repairs are to be undertaken which will be borne by the school.

Resolved that the Asst. Manager be asked to examine the estimate prepared by Paul & Bros and to submit his recommendations.

35. Calcutta work :- The Secretary reported that he sent a letter to the Rev. S. A. B. Lakra on the 24th January, 1942 but that he has not received any reply. The Treasurer told that he forwarded his Bill for January to Dr. Cannaday which will have to be paid this time through him to Rev. S. Lakra.

Resolved that the Rev. S. A. B. Lakra be paid for January as per the Bill. From February 1942 he shall have no claim for the present salary unless he goes to Calcutta.

36. Reports for the Mahasabha :- Resolved that those who have to submit reports to the Mahasabha be asked to submit one copy of their reports to the President of the Church before the commencement of the Mahasabha.

37. The Kondra School Bill :- The Headmaster has billed for the salary of M. V. Section teachers. The C. C. has stated from the very beginning that no additional amount should be charged from the C. C. The Headmaster should be informed about this. He should ask the Ilaka to pay this.

38. A teacher for March M. V. School in place of Babu Titus Topno :- It is reported that Titus Babu can no longer work in the school on account of his illness.

Resolved that Babu Anandasih Surin be appointed in his place.

39. Next meeting :- The next meeting be held on Wednesday, the 4th February 1942.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stesch. 4/2/42  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee.  
The 4th February, 1942 at 3 p. m.

I. Prayer :- The President led in the opening prayer.

II. Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Mr. H. Soy, Treasurer, Rev. J.J.P. Tiga Secretary. Rev. J. Lakra attended the meeting after some items had been transacted.

III. Minutes :- The Minutes of 7-1-42, 13-1-1942, 14-1-1942, 22-1-42 23-1-42, 26-1-42 and 28-1-42 were read and confirmed.

IV. Matters arising from Minutes :- (Item IV C of 7-1-42) :-

(a) Application of Mr. C. M. Tiga for a piece of land for Bookshop near the Main Road, Ranchi :- The Secretary reported that he wrote to Mr. Tirkey as decided previously but no reply has been received as yet.

It was decided that if Mr. Tirkey will not send in his reply within a fortnight the application should be forwarded to Mr. D. M. Panna with the recommendations of the Church Council to allow the applicant a piece of land for a Bookshop.

(b) Application of Rev. B. Minz (Vide Item 6 of 22-1-42) :- The Secretary reported that he asked for the Press Bill against Rev. B. Minz and on perusal he found that a sum of Rs. 103/13/- out of the total of Rs. 191/9/- was due from the Church Council, not from Rev. B. Minz because he had got the work done as Secretary of the Church. It is quite clear from the Bill. The sum of Rs. 87/12/- are for two books which he ordered from the Press.

It was resolved that the sum of Rs. 103/13/- should go to the debit of the Church Council and that the Secretary be asked to find out from Rev. B. Minz about the books worth Rs. 87/12/- whether he sold them or he distributed them.

(c) Audit of the C. C. Treasurer's a/c for the months of October to December 1941, :- The Treasurer reported that Mr. Asaf Lakra audited the a/cs for the last quarter of 1941.

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Asaf Lakra expressing C. C.'s gratitude for the work he did.

(d) Letter from Mr. Julius Tiga No. 5 dated 1-2-42 :- Mr. Julius Tiga be informed that there is no Lutheran Laymen's Association and therefore no reply can be given to this letter. This information should be given orally.

(e) Miss Shanti Tirkey :- Letter from 6 brethren of Babu Lane dated 24-1-42 :- The letter was given to the President with the request to make enquiries into the matter.

(f) Ranchi Compound Chaukidar :- The Secretary was asked to give him specific work and then see his work and report to the Council.

(g) Mercha School :- The Headsupervisor informed the Council that Babu A. M. Surin is underqualified. The school is in need of an I. A. It is proposed that Mr. Masihdas Haxrom from the Santal Parganas be brought.

The matter was postponed. The President will write to Mr. Gausdal.

1. Singhani Grant :- After consideration it was, Resolved that Grant of Rs. 20/- p. m. to the Singhani Ilaka be continued for January, February and March 1942. The matter should be reconsidered in March when Mr. C. D. Ekka and Rev. H. Topno will also be in Ranchi to give their opinions on the matter.

2. Additional teacher in the Kinkel M. S. School :- Daniel Khakha cannot be taken in again. The Headmaster should be asked if he

he can accept a mistress for his school.

3. Rs. 150/- for the repair of the Chainpur school building :- Mr. N. Toppe be asked to go to Chainpur and study the situation and then report to the C. C. with recommendations.

Meanwhile the school should try to meet the dire necessities with the sum of Rs. 40/-.

4. Marcha School : Whether it should be made M. E. and the question of appointment of an I. A. passed Headmaster : Postponed (See IV g above).

5. Takarna big bungalow and three teachers of the M. E. School :- An application was read by the Headsupervisor signed by one Mr. J. Bagge asking the Church Council to allow the use of the bungalow for Class VIII and also to allow three teachers of the M. E. School to teach Class VIII.

The Church Council does not see its way to give the permission asked for.

6. Tukutoly Raghunathpur School :- It is requested that the Church Council should pay salaries of three teachers of the school or to arrange to get salaries from the District Board for these three teachers.

Resolved that the District Board be requested to approve raising of the Tukutoly school to U. P. Standard and to enhance the Grant in aid in order to pay the teachers of the school their proper salary.

7. Chaibassa Headmaster's stolen money :- The Headmaster writes that the following monies have been stolen :-

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|-------------|--------------|
| Seat Rent   | Rs. 19 -10-9 |
| Chanda      | Rs. 76 - 2-6 |
| Game        | Rs. 20 - 8-0 |
| Admission   | Rs. 11 - 9-0 |
| School fees | Rs. 6 -10-0  |
| Total Rs.   | 134 - 8-3    |

The Headmaster should give further informations as to why the money was not deposited in the Bank, why he kept them in a Suit case and so on. The Ilaka Chairman Rev. C. K. Bhengra's report and opinion on the whole matter should also be invited.

8. Khutitoly school :- It was reported that Khutitoly people opened ~~an~~ Class VI in the existing U. P. School without the permission of the Church Council and also appointed some mistresses.

Resolved that the Khutitoly ~~ex~~ people be asked to close Class VI and to send away the mistresses.

9. Letter from Mr. Panna re: Mangal Bhutkumar :- Mr. Panna writes that Mangal Bhutkumar was not a member of the Press Provident Fund and therefore no action was needed. This was noted.

10. Letter No. 37/42 dated 31-1-42 from Mr. Panna re: the Provident fund of the Asst. Manager Mr. N. Toppe and Tahsildar U. Topno :- Mr. Panna writes that he has opened a separate account for the Provident Fund of the two gentlemen, employees of the Property Board. This was noted.

11. Letter No. M 142 dated January 20, 1942 from Dr. R. B. Manikam:- Read and noted.

12. Lathakhaman :- Letter from Samuel Kiro dated 30-1-42 was made over to the President to deal with the matter on his tour.

13. Asst. Manager's report on the Repair work of the Bethesda School (Pilgr House) :- The estimate drawn by K. Paul & Bros was sent to the Asst. Manager for verification. He saw it personally and reports that the estimate is reasonable. As the materials have become very costly these days the expence estimated is correct. The Church Council is unable to meet the entire cost charged for the various repairs but because the western part of the Pilgr house fell down and the school cannot rebuilt it, it was, Resolved that the cost of rebuilding the portion of the Pilgr house which is estimated at Rs. 454/ be sanctioned and that Mr. Panna be requested to pay this through the C. C. Treasurer. Desire was expressed that the a/cs of the Bethesda School and hostel be checked. The C. C. members who sit in the M. C. of the school will please see to it.

14. Revds. Jojowar and Kula's report on Bamsjor :- Read the report of the Commission dated 30-1-42. The C. C. is pleased to note that the dispute has been settled.

15. New Garden Athletic Club's request for renewal of the permission of the playground south west of Derakhana :- Permission renewed on usual conditions.

16. Govindpur Church Repair :- Read Govindpur Ilaka Secretary's letter dated 30-1-42 and it was, Resolved to ask Mr. Toppe Asst. Manager to go to Govindpur to draw up an estimate of the cost of repairs of the Govindpur Church. This should be done as early as possible. It should also be reported how much of the cost the Ilaka Panch is prepared to meet and how much the Church Council shall have to give.

17. Rev. K. M. Lakra's ~~request~~ request for Rs. 500/- to complete the new Church building at Guala :- Read Rev. K. M. Lakra's letter dated 30-1-42. He should be asked to give more detailed information about the collection, the expenditure, work to be done etc.

18. Tour report of the Asst. Manager of Properties dated 30-1-42 :- The following actions were taken :

Report parhi gayi, is report men Kinkel ke bangle aur Girja ghar ke bishay likhte hain ki we ati buri dasna men hain aur unko maramat karna nihayat hi darkar hai. Yah report (d/- 30-1-42) Property Board ke Secretary ke pas bhi bheji gayi hai jisse we khud hi baton ko samajh liye honge. Bahut soch bichar kar yah phaisla kiya gaya ki :

Church Council sifarish karti hai ki Property Board Kinkel bangle aur Kinkel Girja ghar ko maramat karne ka bhar lewe aur jitna jaldi ho sake maramati kar dewe.

Anye baton multabi ki gayin.

19. Rev. J. Topno's letter regarding Gangpur-Bamra disturbance :- Messrs Tiga and Surin were appointed to deal with the matter.

20. Babu Julius Tiga's Memorandum dated 31-1-42 :- Read the Memorandum and also heard report from Revds J. Stosch and J. Lakra about the talk they had with Mr. Julius Tiga at 7 a. m. on 30-1-42

After consideration it was, Resolved that, Whereas he was jointly responsible with Mr. Jaimasih Ekka in holding the public meeting on 21-1-42 under the Bar tree near the Church against the orders of the

Church authorities and whereas he walked out of the Church and thereby disgraced the worship and disturbed the worshippers, and whereas he led a demonstration defying and mocking at the administration of the Church, and whereas he held a public meeting under the Bar Tree on 25-1-42 against the definite order of the authorities, and where as through his "Khulla Challenge" he has been making an adverse propoganda against the administration of the Church, he be informed that the Executive Committee of the Church Council charges him under Section I, subsection (g) and (jh) of the "Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Kalisha ka Christiani Chal Chalan ki Sudhar Pranali" and that he be asked to appear before the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Ranchi Mandli Panch officers to explain his conduct with reference to the above matters at 5 p. m. ( Standard Time ) ~~on the 6th inst.~~ day after tomorrow, the 6th inst in the C. C. office. In case he does not come his case will be decided in his absence.

(b) Mr. A. L. Tirkey :- Read his letter dated 28-1-42 :- Resolved that Mr. A. L. Tirkey and Mr. Sanatan Mandal be asked to come before the Church Council Executive and the Ranchi Mandli Panch officers on Friday, the 6th inst. Mr. Tirkey should be informed that his letter does not tally with the report which was given by Mr. Sanatan Mandal. He should be told that he has to speak on behalf of Mrs. Tirkey and in case he does not want to do that he should ask her also to come with him.

21. Request from Petsera Mandli for money to complete their new Chapel :- They should be advised to apply to their Ilaka.

22. Letter from Rev. Y. Dang re: Diankel Chapel repair :- Enquiries should be made about their money which is said to be in the Bank.

23. Letter from the Agent and General Manager, B. N. Ry. Re: Martin Ritker's application.:- The Petition is not granted by the B. N. Ry. Co., the applicant should be informed about it. -

24. Rev. S. A. B. Lakra's letter dated 29-1-42 and Dr. I. Cannaday's letter to Mr. Soy Re: Calcutta work :- Rev. S. Lakra is panic stricken. He says he will not go as long as the situation is not clear. The C. C. cannot find any suitable man to go and do the work there as a beginner at such a time.

Resolved that the work in Calcutta be suspended for the time being and the Federation should be requested to approve it.

(2) Work for Rev. S. Lakra :- This will be considered if he will come for it. The Federation should stop paying him for the time being from February, 1942.

25. Joining report from Rev. S. M. Bage :- Read and noted.

26. The Gossner High School :- It was reported that the M. C. is going to meet on the 11th February. C. C. members should not go there.

27. Next meeting :- The next meeting should be held on 20-2-42.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 20-1-42.  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council along  
with the officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch d/- 6-2-1942.

Prayer :- Rev. U. K. Kujur led in the opening prayer.

Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, Secy., Mr. N. Soy, Treasurer, Mr. Thl/ Subin, Rev. L. Jojowar, Rev. U. K. Kujur, Mr. C. M. Tiga, Mr. M. Khessa and Rev. J. Lakra, Mr. P. S. Vengra, Mr. M. D. Minz, Mr. A. Lakra the last four as visitors.

(i) Mr. Julius Tiga :- Read his 'Baktabya' d/- 31-1-42, his letter d/- 6-2-42. He did not come to the meeting.

After discussion it was, Resolved that under Section I Sub-Section (g) and (h) of the "Goswar Brangalical Lutheran Ka Ish Ka Christiani Chul Chalan Ki Sathar Pranali" Mr. M. D. Julius Tiga be declared guilty and that he be placed under Chhota Saja discipline. In case he goes on with his ulgulan activities against the Church, he will be placed under Bari Saja.

(ii) Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Kkx Tirkey :- Mr. Sanatan Mandal gave the following statement about the demonstration on 25-1-42 :-

"Mr. Tirkey school taraf se Girja samapt hone ke pahile kitnon ke bahar nikle huse dekhe kar aye - Girja ke puchhis bare darwaja ke samne. Main wahan bahar men unke bich men the jo bahar nikle the. Mr. Tirkey bole ki Jaisaish kahan hai? Iske bad usne line karna ke kaha, tab puchhe phul kahan hai? Is men nichot mera cycle lekar ke bazar gaye phul kharidne ke. Jo fir wahin aye aur main bhi wahin laye. Tab Mr. Tirkey ne main ko Mrs. Tirkey ke hath men dekhe. Usne puchha ki main koun pahinayga? Usne Mrs. Tirkey ke hath men main dekhe kar kah - O, Mrs. Tirkey pahinaygi. Line men Jaisaish Babu aye. Usne Mr. Tirkey ne hath milaya. Tab we chale gaye aur purab dakhin (school ghar ke) ek gach ke niche khare hoker dekhte the. Iske bad Mandli nikli. Usi samay Mrs. Tirkey ne Jaisaish ke main pahinayi. Tab Julius Babu ke agwai men cheers diye gaye aur har gach ke niche gaye. Wahan meeting huwi. Meeting karne keliye Julius Babu le gaye aur meeting khole. Line karna ke sambandh men Mr. Tirkey ne kaha ki Girja ke purab or line karna chahiye. Lekin auron ne kaha ki yahin thik hai- yahan bahut log idhar se niklenge aur dekhenge.

Sd/- Sanatan Mandal. 6/2/42.

After this Mr. Kkx Tirkey's letter dated 28-1-42 was read. Resolved that Mr. A. L. Tirkey and Sanatan Mandal should be called as their statements do not tally. Mr. Tirkey should be asked to speak on behalf of Mrs. Tirkey also and if he does not want to do that he should ask her also to come.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch. 20/2/42.  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council  
held on February 20, 1942.

I. Prayer :- Rev. Wiga led in the opening prayer.

II. Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Mr. N. Soy, Treasurer, Rev. J.J.P. Tige, Secretary.

III. Minutes :- Minutes of 4-2-42 and 6-2-42 were read and confirmed.

IV. Matters arising from the Minutes :-

(a) Govindpur Church Repair :- The President reported that the Headmaster of the Govindpur M. E. School has promised to prepare an estimate. It was therefore, Resolved that Mr. N. Toppo's going to Govindpur for the purpose be cancelled and the Ilaka Chairman be requested to get the estimate prepared by the said Headmaster and send the same to the Church Council at once.

(b) Gangpur State :- Request be sent to the Diwan to allow the usual collection of the Church.

(c) Mr. Theodore Panna :- It was reported that Mr. Theodore Panna has been siding with those who have been excommunicated and has also been taking active part in their ulgulan activities.

Resolved that Mr. Theodore Panna be ordered to stop at once the above mentioned activities. The Church Council wants that none of the Church workers should be involved in this kind of revolutionary activities.

A copy of this decision should be sent to Mr. D. M. Panna, Superintendent of the G. E. L. Church Press for his information.

1. XXXX Tour Report of the President and the Church Supervisor :- as Mr. Jojowar has gone to Jharsugda, this Item was postponed for Wednesday, the 25th inst when a meeting should be held.

2. Kinkel M. E. School :- The Headmaster is prepared to accept a mistress.

Resolved that Miss Susana Bakhla daughter of Lucas Bakhla be sent to Kinkel M. E. School.

3. Stolen money of Chaibassa School :- Read the reports of the Headmaster and the Ilaka Chairman.

After consideration the Committee accepted the recommendation of the Ilaka Chairman. The Headmaster should refund the Money @ Rs. 5/- per month.

4. Takarma Class VIII :- The Secretary has asked the Takarma Ilaka Chairman for a report and his opinion on the matter. Until now it is not clear in what relationship this class stands with the Ilaka Panch. The Headmaster of the Takarma M. E. School writes that he has no concern with this class.

The matter was postponed waiting for the report of the Ilaka Chairman.

5. Kinkel M. E. School Headmaster's petition for Rs. 15/- for Books and Rs. 60/- for furniture :- ~~XXXXHeadmasterXXXXXXauthorizexXXXXXX~~

The Headsupervisor was authorised to ask the Headmaster to spend Rs.15/- from the Library fund and Rs.60/- from the Equipment fund of the said School.

6. Guala School ; Rs.125/-wanted for a thorough repair :-

Agreed to sanction Rs.100/- This amount should be paid to the Guala School in April 1942.

7. (a) Financial Reports for submission to the next Mahasabha.

Resolved that they be printed and distributed among the delegates.

(b) Provident Fund of Pastors :

- (i) Resolved that Church Council contribution be paid towards the Pastors' Provident fund @ -/-/6 per rupee with effect from January, 1942.  
(ii) Resolved that the Church Council contribution towards the pastors who are paid their salaries direct by the Church Council be paid @ -/1/- per rupee with effect from January, 1942.

8. Letter from Dr. L. A. Gotwald re: Gossner High School and the American Missionary d/- 3-2-42 :- Copies of this letter were sent to all the members of the Church Council.  
Consideration postponed.

9. (a) Report from the Secretary, Assam Chhoti Sabha :- The report was made over to the President who will incorporate it in his report to the next Mahasabha.

(b) Delegates :- Three names have come and all are ordained ministers. According to the decision of the last Mahasabha one of the three must be a ~~single~~ delegated layman. In case no layman is prepared to come, only two pastors should come.

10. Financial Statement for the month of January, 1942 :- Read and accepted.

11. Church Council Commission's report re: Arthur Kujur of Birmitrapur d/- 1-2-42. The Commission confirmed the action of the Ilaka Panch. This is also reported that peace has been established among brethren. These were noted.

12. (a) Letter from Rev. C. J. Tirkey re: Chhoti Baja of Babu Marcas Tiru d/- 14-2-42 :- The letter was read. The Rev. C. J. Tirkey should be asked to excommunicate Babu Marcas Tiru without hesitation.

(b) Rev. C. J. Tirkey's license to work in the Jaspur State : From the letter of the pastor it is not clear whether and how the license has been withdrawn. The Secretary has asked him to give fuller information.

13. Press Bills of Rev. B. Mins :- In continuation of the decision of the Executive Committee of the C. C. d/- 4-2-42 Item IV (b) the Commt. considered about these Bills. The Bills are too lod, namely of 1934 - 27, and the greater portion is purely the Church Council's obligation. The other portion was also not Mr. Mins's own in strict sense. It was therefore, Resolved that the entire amount be recommended to be written off. The Secretary of the Property Board be requested to kindly write off the amount as the Church Council is unable to pay.

14. Rev. L. Lakra's joining report :- Noted.

15. Rev. J. Toppe's letter re: the Mandli Paissa of the teaches :- The Headsupervisor was asked to explain to Rev. J. Toppe, Ilaka Chairman of Chainpur.

16. Rev. B. Hearom's request for refund of his Provident Fund money: Resolved that the money in the Provident Fund account of the Rev. B. Hearom be paid to him.

17. Mahasabha delegates from Chainpur Ilaka :- No layman's name has been sent. The Secretary has written to the Chairman to send layman delegate.

This was enclosed.

18. One representative of the G. B. L. Church to the Board of Directors of the C.C.C.C. Bank, Ranchi :- Resolved that Mr. Wasihdas X Hinz be appointed to be the representative of the G. B. L. Church of the ~~Bank~~ to the Board of Directors of the C.C.C.C. Bank, Ranchi for the period of three years.
19. Portrait of the Adult Literacy Campaign in India as carried on by the W. C. C. :- This should be sent to Rev. J. Lakra for necessary action.
20. Rev. P. John's letter regarding Closer Co-operation :- The Secretary was authorised to send a reply in consultation with the President and the Rev. J. Lakra.
21. Mr. D. M. Panna's letter No. 66/42 d/- 13-2-42 re: the Draft Rules for the management of Properties :- The Secretary reported that Mr. Surin has not yet received from Dr. Manikam the drafts of the various Missions and Churches.
22. Mr. D. M. Panna's letter No. 65/42 d/- 13-2-42 re: Church Properties in the Political States :- The President will give the required document being the representative of the Berlin Board.
23. Rev. C. K. Guria's letter re: Diankel Chapel Repair :- The Secretary has enquired about the Bank money. Reply from Rev. Y. Dang is being awaited.
24. Tahsildar's Tour Programme :- Noted.
25. Mr. A. Manzni's application to cut down the tamarind tree near his house and to construct one dhaba :- The Asst. Manager should be asked to report whether he has paid his rents or not.
26. Babu Ishardat Lakra's application for Thico arrangement of the Church landed properties at Kinkel. :- The Secretary reported that the Tahsildar has already made settlement of a portion of the Kinkel property with Babu Ishardat Lakra :- This was endorsed.
27. Mrs. Anandini Tirkey's request to excuse her house rent arrears amounting to Rs. 11-8-0 :- Agreed to excuse half of the amount in case she pays the other half in two months.
28. Babu Theophil Toppe's petition for a door in his house :- On the recommendation of the Asst. Manager it was accepted.
29. Application of the Seminarist :- Voted that until the end of the Session (April '42) Rs. 15/- p. m. be paid to the Seminarists as Mess grant. In June it should be reconsidered.
30. Miss A. Diller's contingencies :- Miss Diller says that Rs. 15/- p. m. is not sufficient for the leaflets which are printed and sent for help to the Bahin Sasajes. She wants Rs. 20/- p. m. It was accepted.
31. Application of Babu Daud Toppe for increment : There was a discussion.

32. Rev. Andrias Topno :- The Headsupervisor was asked to write to Rev. A. Topno if he is willing to go to Kondra school in place of Pandit Raguel Morketta resigned. If he is willing he should be sent there.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J. Stosch.  
25-2-42.  
President.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the C. C. Executive Committee along with the Officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch.

The meeting was held in continuation of the meeting of the Executive of the Executive Committee of the C. C.

At this stage the following came :- Rev. U. S. Kujur, Ilaka Chairman; Mr. M. Khess, Ilaka Treasurer; Rev. J. Lakra, C. C. member; Mr. Asaf Lakra, Ranchi Mandli Panch and Mr. M. D. Mins, Ranchi Mandli Panch.

I. Mrs. A. L. Tirkey :- The President told the members that Mrs. A. Tirkey came to him and told him that she would not come to the meeting here. She however admitted to him that she garlanded Mr. Jainsah Ekka at the Church door on Sunday, the 28th January, 1942.

The case is clear and therefore it was not felt necessary to call her to the meeting.

II. Mr. A. L. Tirkey :- Read his letter dated 20-2-42. After consideration it was Resolved that Mr. Tirkey be asked to come to the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch on Tuesday, the 24th inst at 5 p. m. (Standard Time). He should consider that this is an order to come. If he does not come, his conduct will be considered as continued disobedience and action will be taken against him on account of that. As his written statement dated 28th January, 1942 about his activities on 25-1-1942 differs much from what other persons assert to have seen on that Sunday, the matter can only be settled in Mr. Tirkey's presence. The explanation must be given in person. A written statement will not be sufficient. He has to explain (1) His conduct on 25-1-42, (2) his conduct in sheltering and fostering the revolutionary activities in the Church and (3) his conduct with those who are excommunicated.

III. Mr. Theodore Panna :- It was reported that Mr. Theodore Panna has been siding with those who have been excommunicated and has also been taking active part in their illegal activities.

Resolved that Mr. Theodore Panna be ordered to stop at once the above mentioned activities. The Church Council wants that none of the Church workers should be involved in this kind of revolutionary activities.

A copy of this decision should be sent to Mr. D. M. Panna, Superintendent of the G. E. L. Church Press for his information.

Mr. S. Mandal was asked to go.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council along with the officers of the Ranchi Mandli Panch dated 24-2-42 at 5 p.m.(st.T.)

Prayer :- The President led in prayer.

Present :- Rev. J. Stosch, President, Mr. N. Soy, Treasurer, Rev. L. Jojwar, Mr. Th. Surin, Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, Secy. Rev. J. Lakra (visitor), Mr. P. S. Vangra (visitor).

Rev. U. B. Kujur, Mr. M. Khass, Mr. A. Lakra, Mr. H. D. Minz.

Mr. A. L. Tirkey :- The President, in the light of what was decided on 20-2-42 explained to Mr. Tirkey why he was called to this meeting, namely to answer in person some questions which he must be asked on the matters which were already communicated to him.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Sanatan Mandal was also present at the meeting. The President wanted the Secretary to read the statement of Mr. Mandal from the last Minutes.

Mr. Tirkey at this stage interfered and told the President that the reading of Mr. Mandal's <sup>statement</sup> ~~statement~~ at this meeting was not going to mean anything to him as he was not going to answer to any question that might be put orally. He wanted every thing in writing and decided to answer all questions in writing.

The President pointed ~~xxx~~ out to him that the Church Council knew the procedure. It was not possible to do every thing in writing, it was not even the rule or practise of the Church to do every thing in writing. Mr. Tirkey had to answer certain questions orally and at the meeting of the Council and that it was the right of the Church to ask him certain questions in this connection and to get replies from him orally.

Mr. Tirkey did not accept to ~~xxxxx~~ answer orally.

Rev. L. Jojewar then moved that Mr. Tirkey be given one days time to consider and that this meeting be postponed until the 25th evening when he should come and answer to ~~p~~ questions orally. The statement of Mr. Mandal was read out to Mr. Tirkey. Mr. Jojewar's proposal was unanimously accepted. The President told Mr. Tirkey to come at 5 p. m. ( Standard Time ) on 25-2-42 and made it clear to him that he had to give oral answers to oral questions and that if he did not do this, it will also be disobedience.


Mr. Tirkey then wanted to go and he was permitted to go. Mr. Sanatan Mandal was also ~~xx~~ asked to come on the 25th evening at 5 p. m. ( Standard Time). Mr. Mandal prayed that the time be fixed at 6 p. m. ( St.T. ) in order to suit his convenience. This was accepted and the Secretary was asked to inform Mr. Tirkey about the change of time.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.  
Secretary.  
24-2-42.

Memo No. 827-33/42. Dated Ranchi, the 24th March, 1942.

The minutes of the C. C. meetings from the 7th January to 24th February, 1942 is forwarded to Rev. S. Kula, Takarna, Rev. L. Popno, Govindpur, Rev. S. Bage, ~~Matatoly~~, Rev. J. Lakra, Ranchi, Mr. D. Tirkey Tigawal, Mr. C. D. Ekka, Hazaribagh and Mr. P. S. Vengra, Ranchi for their kind perusal.

  
Secretary,  
G. S. L. Church.