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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

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

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

Ref. No

Dated, the 21st July, 1949.

My dear Director Lokies,

Herewith I beg to enclose a copy of the resolution of the Mahasabha of April 1949, regarding Rev. Schulz whom the Church wants for teaching at the Seminary at Ranchi.

I have been corresponding with the Federation of the Lutheran Churches in India for the financial support of Rev. Schulz. The Federation can tell me only after the meeting of the Committee on subsidised Churches and the Council of the Federation which will take some time.

As soon as I know the means of financial support of Rev. Schulz in India and also of his passage money, I shall move the Govt. of India through the National Christian Council to issue a permit for Rev. Schulz.

In the meantime, I would like to know if the Kuratorium can try to get financial help for Rev. Schulz from any other sources.

The Mahasabha was glad to hear the letter you addressed and the whole conference rose to send their Yishusahay to the Kuratorium and herewith I convey the same through you. The Mahasabha also asks the Kuratorium to continue their prayer for the unity of the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Ever in the Lord,
Yours very sincerely,

Encl. --- 3

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

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TERMS OF REFERENCE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARIES WORKING
IN GOSSNER CHURCH.

Based on actions of the Mahasabha dated 19.6.1943, Joint meeting C.C. and Federation Committee at Purulia, C.C. dated 13.11.43, C.C. dated October, 1944, C.C. dated 20.3.46, C.C. dated 3.7.46 and C.C. dated 26.2.47.

1. The Agreement contracted between the G.E.L. Church and the Kuratorium of the Gossner Board in Berlin has been terminated according to clause 8 of the Agreement.

2. The relationship between the G.E.L. Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany remains like that of the daughter and mother.

3. Lutheran Missionaries from any Lutheran Church in any part of the world, may be received into the service of the G.E.L. Church.

4. The Missionaries now on the Field are working as friends and helpers in the development of the G.E.L. Church for a specific period by personally accepting the terms of reference offered by the G.E.L. Church to each individual Missionary.

5. The sending Lutheran Organizations, in Christian love and Charity, undertake to support the Missionaries on the Gossner Field and the policy is to receive such help through the Church Treasury.

6. The Missionaries serving in the Gossner Church will not be in charge of any Department or institution nor will they have any executive power.

7. A Missionary ~~may~~ may be invited to sit in the Mahasabha, the Church Council and in the Executive Committee of the Church Council with full power to speak, but he will not vote.

8. All Missionaries working in the Gossner Church are accepted as regular members of the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam without the powers as provided in clauses 6 and 7 above.

9. Each Missionary is given a specific work in Church such as evangelistic work among non-Christians, teaching in the Theological Seminary, production of religious literature, conducting divine services and such other works which may need the services of an expert.

10- The G.E.L. Church provides accommodation for the Missionaries working on the Field.

Sd. J. Lakra,

President.
7.2.49.

Sd. C.H. Herenz,

Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
7.2.49.

Presented to the Mahasabha session dated 1.4.49.

Sd/- J. Lakra,
President.
1.4.49.

Extract from the minutes of the Mahasabha meeting held from March 28 to April 1, 1949.

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President ne Missionariyon ke babat Mahasabha our C.C. ke vibhinn meetingon ke adhar par ki bat ko Mahasabha ke samne pesh kia jo nimn likhit hai. (Sate huwe kagaj ko dekhiye).

Iss par pratinidhiyon ne yah bat pragat ki ki Jin Terms of Reference men hamare bartman Missionary hamare bich kam karte hain jin ko President ne hamare samne rakha unhin Terms of Reference men dusre Missionary bhi laye ja sakte hain tatha isi tarah ka ek pras tao bhi mahasabha ke samne pesh kiya gaya jis men kuchh sanshodhan ke uprant Mahasabha ne apni swikriti di.

Prastao is prakar hai :- " Jin Terms of Reference ke anu-sar Rev. H. Borutta aur Rev. Klimkeit aye hain unhin ke anu-sar naye Missionary Rev. Schulze bhi awe. Church Council jitna jaldi ho sake is ke liye awashyak karwai kare ".

Sd/- J. Lakra,
13-6-49.

Sd/- Christ Anand Tirkey 1/4.
Sd/- Niral E. Horo, 1/4.
Recording Secretaries.

Translation.

Extract from the minutes of the Mahasabha meeting held from March 28 to April 1, 1949.

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The President placed the Mahasabha the actions based on the resolution of the Mahasabha and different meetings of the Church Council regarding Missionaries and they are as follows :- (See the paper attached).

Then the representatives expressed that on the same Terms of Reference which the President placed before us on which Terms of Reference our present Missionaries are working amongst us, other Missionaries also may be brought and likewise a resolution was placed before the Mahasabha which accepted it after some alterations.

Resolution is as follows :- "The new Missionary the Rev. Lic. Schulz should come on the same Terms of Reference as Rev. H. Borutta and Rev. J. Klimkeit".

Sd/- Joel Lakra,
13/6/49.

Sd/- Christanad Tirkey, 1/4.
Sd/- Niral Horo, 1/4.
Recording Secretaries.

520/49/F-36.

14th March, 9.

Dear Prases Stosch,

This is to thank you very much for translating the Greeting of the Kuratorium into English and forwarding it to me. The Annual Conference of the G.E.L. Church is going to commence with effect from March 28-31, 1949.

You know, that a large number of our Lutherans from Chota Nagpur every year go to Bhuttan in Tea Gardens and many of them have settled down there. It is said that there are between 8 to 10 thousands Lutheran Christians who are now under the care of the Scottish and other Missions. Out of these ten thousands, four thousands have disassociated themselves from the Scottish Mission and have applied for affiliation to their mother Church of Ranchi this month. The Council has sent Rev. S. Kula to visit all those congregations which are coming back to the G.E.L. Church. Rev. Kula will submit his report to the Council which is sitting just before the Mahasabha.

It is a regrettable fact that there has been shooting in the subdivision of Bamanghati, Mayurbhanj where we expect to do Evangelistic work. Several hundred have been shot dead even women and children by the Orissa Government. All Adibasi leaders of Mayurbhanj have been arrested before the shooting takes place. There is no peace and the people are also retaliating. Hence there is trouble there. Our Christians who are very few in number in Mayurbhanj are safe.

P. T. O.

Miss Diller and Miss Schmidt were at Ranchi for ten days for there was some trouble from their puppy which went mad at Burju. The matter was not so serious.

On my part, I am very thankful to you all for the two candidates whom you are calling from here for study in Germany.

Yishusahay.

Yours sincerely,

E. E. L. Church
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

CBBCM/2C.

519/49/F-36.

14th March,

9.

Dear Director Lockies,

This is to acknowledge receipt with thanks your letter dated 27.1.1949 and the Greeting of the Kuratorium to the G.E.L.Church Mahasabha which is to commence with effect from March 28-31, 1949.

The action of the Church Council as well as the Mahasabha on your letter will be communicated to you after the Annual Conference is over.

I am glad to inform you that Rev. Borutta has taken his abode at Chaibassa. He may not be able to work at present at Mayurbhanj for there has been political trouble.

Rev. Klimdeit has been making a very good progress in the Evangelistic work. It is hoped that a good number of non-Christian will accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

CBBCM/2C.

No. 2383/48/F-36. Dated, the 27th November, 1948.

Dear Director Lokies,

Herewith I beg to enclose an extract from the resolution of the Council of the G.E.L.Church; passed at its session held from October 25-30, 1948. The President and the Rev.J.J.P.Tiga gave full report on their visit to Europe and on hearing the report the Council resolved that;

" (1) The Church Council deeply appreciates the welcome given by the Kuratorium to our two representatives to the home base in Germany (the Mother Church).

(2) The Church Council gratefully thanks the Kuratorium for the Baptismal vessel and the Chalice which the Council receives from the Mother Church as a token of their love to the daughter Church.

(3) The Council notes with deep appreciation the offer of two motor cars and few motor cycles from the Kuratorium to the Church Council and hopes that the way be clear to transport them to India as soon as possible.

(4) The Council learns with great joy and thankfulness that the Kuratorim is still ready to welcome two Theological students into Germany as soon as the way is clear.

(5) The Council thanks heartily all the friends of the Gossner Church in Germany who so cordially welcomed our two representatives into their congregations and homes!"

The Council also had a talk on the need of missionaries in the G.E.L.Church and it was felt that the time was not yet mature for a definite action.

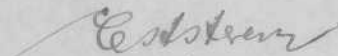
You will be interested to know that from January 1949 Rev.H.Borutta will be posted at Chaibassa for evangelistic

evangelistic work in the district of Singhbhum and in the States of Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. Dr. J. Roy Stroock will teach at the Seminary. Also the Council has placed ~~xxxxxx~~ Tabitha School on the budget from January 1949. The Federation had some idea of sending sisters Diller and Schmidt to Jeypur Field (Schleswig-Holstein). But the Gossner Church needs them and they are going to be retained here and the Council hopes to utilise them for Tabitha in future.

The Gossner Church is progressing in every direction. Please remember us in prayer.

Yishusahay to the Kuratorium,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

To

Director Rev. H. Lokies,
Berlin-Friedenau.
Stubenrauchstrasse 12.
Germany.

CBECM/EC.

485/48/F-36.

11th March,

8.

To

Director Rev.H.Lokies,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Stubenrauchstrasse 12.

Dear Director Lokies,

All your letters addressed to me reached me rather late. The Council is very grateful of them.

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The Council is very grateful to the Kuratorium for the undertaking of training two young men at Berlin. The church has got two such young men and is ready to send them provided they get passage to Germany.

Rev.J.Lakra, the President is coming to Amsterdam in July 48 for the Lutheran World Convention and at the same time, we hope that Rev. Tiga will complete his study and will be returning to India.

Our Annual Conference, Mahasabha will begin from the 12th to 15th of April, 1948. Constitutional changes are going to be introduced in our Church. I mean the Synod System. Many of us who know the internal condition of the Church and the people are of opinion that Synod System will further weaken the Church.

Inspite of our financial weakness, the Lutheran Church is slowly making progress each year and almost every year nearly 2000 converts are joining our Church. With the merging of States into civil States, fields are thrown open for mission work, both in Orissa and Central Province, but we have not enough money to meet the mission work. We have one competitor - the Roman Catholic everywhere and this Church can spare much money for its mission work.

Our American subsidy has been cut down by Rs. 24000/-.

Miss Diller and Miss Schmidt are doing excellent work but they are handicapped on account of fund. Similarly Rev. Klimkeit is trying hard to spread the Gospel among the non-Christians in Orissa. He has been successful in many places. In one place named Kujridipa near Kalunga Railway Station in Gangpur State, he got 140 converts out of which 112 were baptised on 2.11.1947.

Rev. Borutta is handicapped owing to the shortage of teachers. Recently one of our pastor Rev. B. Minz, Headmaster and the Ilaka Chairman of Lohardaga died. We have not enough pastors for the field work also, many parishes are vacant.

Our hearty Yishusahay to you, Rev. J. Stosch and the Kuratorium.

Yours in the Lord,



Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

CBBCM/2C.

London, Sept 3
1947

J Stosch

To the C. C., Gethsemane
Ranchi

Dear Friends

Before leaving England
to-morrow I wish
to thank you for your
kindness on the last
day of my time in
Ranchi. I had a good
voyage, by land as
well as by sea, no
storm and no rough
sea. Here in London
the International
Missionary Council
Mr Ransom and other
friends have been

extremely kind and
helpful during the
days of my staying
in London and waiting
for my visa to go
to my homeland.

I need not say but
I shall not forget you.
God bless our Lutheran
Church and the work
of the Church Council.
Especially I shall
remember you during
October when our
Pastors will be in
Ranchi for their Conv.

Convey please, my
heartly thanks to
Dr and Mrs Stosch

for their kind hospitali-
tality

My Jisu Sahay to
our Ranchi Con-
gregation

Yours sincerely
J S Tosh

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AIR LETTER

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Church Council
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India Ranchi Bihar

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Sender's name and address :-

Rev J S Tosh
2 Patongate
London SW1



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To

Director Rev.Lockies,
Berlin-Friedenau, Handjerystr. 19/20.
Fernsprecher: H 3 Rheingau 3375.

Dear Director, Rev.Lockies,

It is with great pleasure that I received your both of your letters dated 9th July 1947 and the 30th of July, 1947. The first letter reached me just after the arrival of Rev.J.Lakra from Europe and the other was received by me to day the 24th of September 1947. The first letter was placed before the Church Council and Rev.J.Lakra also gave us his full report of his experiences in Europe and particularly of Germany. The Church Council has been very grateful to you for all the help and assistances rendered to the President J.Lakra and we fully appreciate the deep love of our German brethren who supported the Gossner Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam in the past. It is due to their active help with men and money, the Gossner Church has been a success and it is hoped that it would with the guidance of our Lord Jesus, be a mighty force in future for the furtherance of the Gospel in India and elsewhere.

Further the Church is grateful to you for inviting some students from among us to study Theology at Berlin, which the Church accepts with appreciation and thankfulness. The Church is now in a position to send two graduates to you to study Theology at Berlin. We shall be thankful to you about the date when these students be expected to start for the purpose. We respectfully request you to enlighten us about their passages from Ranchi to Ranchi and if possible their approximate period of stay at Germany.

The Church cannot, but expresses its deep gratitude for this invitation too.

We are also very glad and thankful to you for the support of the ecumenie collaboration of the Churches by literary issues and setting apart Director Lic J. Stosch for the purpose.

I am also enclosing a copy of the resolution of the Church Council held on 1-9-47.

As Editor of Gharbandhu, I request that you will kindly supply me from time to time some news of the activities of the Church in Germany for the publication in Gharbandhu and I shall try to supply you copies of the Gharbandhu which is now suspended for want of paper.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Stosch
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

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separate Governor's province comprising the said aboriginal tracts is vital for the peace and good government of the said aboriginal tracts;

This conference which is representative of all sections of Adibasis demands the immediate creation of Jharkhand Province comprising of the Adibasi tracts, together with any adjacent areas which can be conveniently included."

Sd. JAIPAL SINGH.
(Member, Consambly and
Council of State)
President
All-India Adibasi Mahasabha.
13-4-47.

Sd. M. D. JULIUS TIGA.
General Secretary
All-India Adibasi Mahasabha
13-4-47.

Extract from the minutes of the C. C. Executive Committee held on the 1st September, 1947.

Item No. 3.

" REPORT BY PRESIDENT J. LAKRA :-

(a) On Lund Conference and (b) Message from Curatorium :-

Heard report from the President J. Lakra about the Lund Conference and about his visit with the Curatorium and a definite proposal from the Curatorium that qualified men be deputed to Germany for Theological studies whose support is undertaken by Curatorium and that the Curatorium presented the Church the inkpot (China inkpot) and duster of the same material ^{once belonging to Dr Gossner} the picture of father Gossner with his own handwriting under it and the 1st Constitutin of the Gossner Mission written in the ~~his~~ hand-writing of father Gossner himself in October 1838 and ^{which} a cross was presented to the President J. Lakra. The President also showed many pictures which were present by the Curatorium and friends in Germany and also read the letter dated 9th July, 1947 from Director Lokies.

RESOLVED THAT :-

(a) The Executive thankfully received the above mentioned articles presented to the Church by the Curatorium and they will be housed properly in a proper place.

(b) The Executive thankfully accepts the offer of the Curatorium to support qualified young men in some German Universities to study Theology there and proper step will be taken to recruit them immediately.

(c) The Executive thankfully accepts the love and affection as expressed by the Curatorium and other friends of the Lutheran Church in Germany for the Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam and in the name of the Church the Executive reciprocates the same towards the mother Church.

(d) The Executive deeply appreciates the pictures taken on different occasions while the President was in Germany and expresses grateful thanks to the givers.

(f) The Executive notes with pleasures the action of the Lund Conference and congratulates the President on his election as a member of the Executive World Lutheran Federation representing the Younger Churches of Asia and Africa.

(e) We congratulate the President on his receiving the cross from the Curatorium presented by Director Lokies.

(g) The Executive records its hearty appreciation of the greetings to the Council and to the Church conveyed in the ~~above~~ above mentioned letter of Director Lokies and expresses its grateful thanks for receiving the President as the Representative of the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam in Germany during his recent visit.

Sd. J. Lakra.
President.
3.9.47.

Sd. C. H. Heranz.
Secretary.
1.9.47."

Gossner'sche Missionsgesellschaft

Postfach-Konto: Berlin 79 50

Berlin-Friedenau, am 30. Juli 1947.

Stubenrauchstraße 12

Telefon: 24 80 71

Lo./Re.

Mr. C.H. Herenz

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chota Nagpur & Assam

Ranchi (Behar)

Last-India

Dear Mr. Herenz,

Maybe that President Joel Lakra will have returned to Ranchi before this letter gets into your hands, but I am striving not to neglect my duty to send you a report of the Rev. Joel Lakra's visit to Berlin and to the Lutheran parishes in Ostfriesland (Province of Hanover). We esteem the visit of Mr. Joel Lakra to be a gratuity of God to us. We had a great deal of gladness by him and got much strengthening of our faith and willingness for mission-work. Here, in Berlin, we at first held a service in the Church Hall of the Gossner Mission, just near the ruins of the down burned house of our Society. In the afternoon of the same Sunday, a Missionary Festival took place in the same room, and President Joel Lakra delivered a detailed report of the development of the Independent Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam. The Meeting felt very thankful for this report. The following days President Joel Lakra was allowed to have a glance over the various branches of our daily work. He saw the office of our Society, the new Seminary for catechists, he made a speech before the students of theology in Berlin, he officially paid visits as well to the British as to the American Military Government, and was present at an official meeting of our Board of Trustees (Kuratorium). Besides this official meeting, one evening a discussion was held with members of the Committee about the co-operation in years to come between this Committee and the Church Council at Ranchi. This discussion took place by full mutual confidence, and nobody tried to bring forth any agreement with paragraphs and statutes. There was but one aim, viz.: that President Joel Lakra as representative of the autonom Church should learn that here, since a century, a large Gossner Community has been backing the work of mission in India by deep love and perpetual prayer. We hope he might have felt this clearly.

From Berlin we went - by railway- to Ostfriesland, where all the Lutheran parishes of the district do back the Gossner Mission by praying an money-offering. Through a whole week President Joel Lakra, accompanied by the missionary Mr. Radsick and me, paid visits to many parishes. Everywhere he was heartily welcomed. He will himself report to you, and we hope that the impressions he got could convince him what great a treasure of love for the missionary work in Chota Nagpur and Assam has come together here with us in Germany during a hundred years. God bless us, that this visit be a new commencement of closer communication between the Indian and German Churches.

Particulars of this journey you will hear from the mouth of the President himself. I am now on the point to express, in the name of our Committee, the thanks for the visit of Mr. Joel Lakra and much love to you and the Church Council. We are glad, very much

glad, and we hope that in future we may receive more guests from India. Especially the Committee would - to their hearts' content - like to invite young diligent students of theology from the churches of Chota Nagpur and Assam that they, in Germany, might have the possibility to get acquainted with German theology and, personally, with us. We should be able to entertain them with us and let them get assistance by our sister Auguste Fritz as their house-keeper. Beyond this, we would like to support the ecumenic collaboration of the churches by literary issues. We expect the Director Lic. Stosch to spend the rest of his life - this being our desire - upon translating many theological books of greater importance into the Hindi language.

Such are the ideas that followed from all the various discussions and dialogues with President Joel Lakra, and I am convinced, our intimate personal connection will produce much more good results. Mr. Joel Lakra will surely give stimulative suggestions by himself.

About all these facts I felt compelled to inform you as soon as possible in order that your Church Council should learn what deep impressions the recent visit of the President has made on the German Community of missionary work for India. Mr. Joel Lakra was looked upon as being one of our Christian brethren, living far from us in India, and being the official representative of a foreign Church to which we feel closely connected through Jesus Christ our Lord, and we hope this relation will prove as an everlasting one.

With kind regards we send our best wishes for your work.

Yours truly,

Lutke

Ruratorium

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Postfach-Konto: Berlin 79 50

Berlin-Friedenau, am 9th o/July, 1947.

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Stubenrauch Str. 12

Mr. C.H. Herenz
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Chotanagpur and Assam

Ranchi / Ostindien.

Dear Mr. Herenz!

Thank you most heartily for your kind letters of June 4th and 7th, which we received by airmail. I hastened to send a message of welcome and an invitation to London, which was to be handed by a special messenger to President Joel Lakra personally. I now learn that President Joel Lakra never received this letter. Fortunately I had asked some friends going to a meeting of the Lutheran World Convention at Lund, to take him my greetings and to make him certain proposals concerning his visit to Germany. On Monday, 7th of July, President Joel Lakra arrived at Hamburg, accompanied by the delegation of Lund. We have been able to send our missionary Mr. Radsick to receive President Joel Lakra in the name of our board of trustees. By the kindness of the British Military Government President Joel Lakra has been permitted to come to Berlin. He will probably arrive here to-morrow with the missionary Mr. Radsick, who will accompany him all the time. We are overjoyed to see this representative of our dear Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam. We promise to receive President Joel Lakra with all that love which the friends of mission here in Germany have had for the Gossner Church in India for more than 100 years now. We hope to give President Joel Lakra an insight into our work here in Germany first in Berlin, and then in West Germany as well. I intend to accompany him there myself too. We also hope, missionary Schiebe will get the permission of travelling into the Sowjet Zone, so that he will arrive in Berlin this week. He wishes to take President Joel Lakra with him to South Germany, so that he may see the friends of the Gossner Mission in that part of Germany also.

We are sure, that you follow President Joel Lakra with your prayers. We also pray God to grant us to come to a brotherly understanding about our future collaboration. We beg you, to give our cordial greetings and all good wishes to the consistory and all the parishes of Ranchi.

I delivered your letter of Rev. O'Connor to Rudi Wagner, youngest son of missionar Wagner, who lives here in Berlin. His adress is as follows: Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Kreuznacherstr. 52. Will you kindly forward this adress to Rev. O'Connor. Rudi Wagner will write to him himself.

We thank you for telling us, that Director Stosch will very soon be able to leave India and to return to Germany. Though we regret that he cannot stay in India, we think it very useful to have him here in Berlin, as our adviser. During all the time of the war we received so few communications from India, and we should be very glad to hear from him how things are in the parishes of Chotanagpur and Assam. All our love belongs to that country and all its inhabitants, and you may be sure, that many thousand Christians in Germany remember it in their prayers.

Before I finish this letter, I should like to ask you something. Would you be so kind to give us in future from Ranchi news and accounts about the work and religious life in the parishes of Chotanagpur and Assam? I askes our brethren, Klimkeit and Borutta and our sisters Anni Diller and Hedwig Schmidt to whom we send our love, to keep us informed about the situation in India, especially with regard to the Gossner Church. We should be very thankful for these informations.

With many good wishes for your so important work in the consistory I remain

Yours faithfully

L. Kries

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From The Rev. W. O'CONNOR,
Wychem,
Summerleys Road,
PRINCES RISBOROUGH,

Bucks, England.

March 7, 1947.

(Yours 2476/46/7-42. of 23rd Nov^r 1946.)

Dear Mr. Herenz,

I would have written
long ago to thank you for
your kind letter of the 23rd
November, but I was hoping
that either you or Mr. Storch
would have heard some
news of the Wagner family.

I am still not without hope,
and I am sure that if you
get any news of them you
will kindly pass it on to me.

One of Mr. Wagner's sons

(Werner) was a clergyman, if I remember rightly. If he is still living it might be possible to get news of the other members of the family ^{through him}.

Besides Werner there were Ingeborg (rather delicate) Siegfried and Rudi. I do not know what Siegfried's profession was; Rudi had theatrical leanings. Ingeborg used to mention her aunt Lenchen who seems to have been very good to her.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

W. O' Connor.

I am writing to Mr. Stosch.

Dear Director Lokies,

President J. Makra, on his way to Lund, from Bombay desires me to inform you that he wants to be in Berlin after the meeting at Lund.

Rev. J. Stosch is expecting to leave India in the 1st week of July, 1947. All the missionaries are well.

The Church has decided to construct a Centenary Jubilee Building this year where the Theological Seminary classes will be held.

The work of Evangelism is extending wide and God is blessing our work. Reports from our Mission field workers reveal most hopeful signs for which we thank God and pray for His Holy Spirit to guide us in this all important task of the Church.

The Church thanks you and the Board for your love and keen interest for this Church.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. Herz

Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

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To

The Director Lokies

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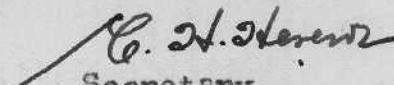
I am enclosing a copy of letter dated March 7, 1947 from an English gentleman who wants to help the Wagner family who was here at Ranchi. He wrote to me twice but neither I nor Rev.J.Stosch could give him the address of the family.

I therefore request that you will kindly supply him the address as I believe that they are still alive safe.

President J.Lakra left Bombay by Franconia. Rev.J.Stosch will also leave India very soon. He came yesterday to Ranchi to get his pass port.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Secretary,
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TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND THE MISSIONARIES
OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH OF CHOTA-NAGPUR AND ASSAM
RANCHI. P.O. BEHAR AND ORISSA - LUTHERAN COMPOUND -

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

CONFLAGRATION OF THE MISSION HOUSE.

It was on April 27th towards 11 o'clock a.m. when the Russian armored cars stopped before the Mission House. About 150 people from the neighbourhood, forged together during hundreds of bombing nights, abided in the airshelters in deathly quietness the things that were to arrive. The small house community had in the early hours in the midst of artillery bombardment gathered for morning service whilst reading the device of the day, a mission promise, as unreachably high, as improbably bright, that it seemed to mock our inability and to challenge the scorn of disbelief. "The peoples shall come up and many heathens shall go and say: Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of James, so that he may teach us his ways and we shall walk on his road." (Micah 4, 1-2). Hereto added the stanza of the well known mission song, which ends with the verse: "Where the day has not yet risen, there kindle your fire." "Your fire": "Your fire": that is holy fire, pure glow.

Just a few hours later and quite another fire was to be lighted and the dear old Gossner-house - precisely in the year of the hundredth jubilee of the Kols mission - was to be a prey of the war torch. At first it seemed, to be true, as if the last hour of the war had arrived and that peace was at the door. Already the horror of the first meeting had been overcome, already the Russian officers were washing themselves in the Mission kitchen with warm water ---. There, all of a sudden detonations of German armored guns (Panzerfäuste) and rifle reports in close proximity. Dead and injured on the side of the Russians. For retribution several houses, amongst which also the Mission House, were burnt down without remorse. Nobody was allowed to leave the cellars, before the conflagration had deployed fully and no one was allowed to save anything. As the fire reached the cellar rooms, also the extensive Mission library was completely destroyed; only the most important documents could be saved. We also, being the house inmates, have lost nearly everything. In this way I saved of my own library only that which I carried about me: - a pocket bible, a hymn book and a device booklet were left to me. Rancour and bitterness would nearly possess us for a moment, as from the splinter trench of the Mission garden we had to view powerlessly, how the large 3 floor building was burnt down in a few hours; we felt as if God, our Lord, had suddenly beaten us in the middle of the face and that He wished to say, that He did not need our services any more. Then, a sign of His still facing us mercy was presented to us. Already the fire

had jumped over from the house to the dependance and on the roof of our praying hall, which was built on the ground floor during the church struggle of 1935 : the assemblage place of our avowal- and at the same time Mission community. We could yet see, how through a burnt out hole in the roof smouldering fire logs fell down and set the hall room on fire. Already the most extreme row of chairs caught fire. Then, however, oh wonder, the flames were extinguished without human effort - as from a hand unseen - . We viewed the only strongly blackened chair leg and ask each other to-day yet with a shake of the head, however it might have been possible, that the fire stopped here. For also the neighbouring was burning and also to this the hall is joined, so that it is continually situated between high smoke- and fire columns and in the sparkrain of both conflagrations. Nevertheless, the church room was saved to us, of the whole Mission area alone the location, where the parishioners congregates round God's word and sacrament,- the place which prevents, that a mission house stands isolated in the centre of the home church, the place, which accords the life of a Mission association to the life of the home church and puts it in its work, its struggles, and its sufferings and through this only is empowered to be Mission on orders of the church: in summary the place, where the unity of church and mission visibly appears.

CHURCH AND MISSION.

This gift of God, that the church room still stands, we look upon as hint and instruction, to take up the reconstruction of the Gossner-mission in Gods name there, where its work stands in closest connection with the church. Still during the days of campaign daily evening services were held. At the moment when the confessing church took over the church management and was joined again to the collective church, we put at disposal the rooms to the collective community Friedenau, whose church is so far unusable yet, as a further public place of worship. On Ascension Day I held there the first Mission service after 8 years of speech prohibition by the Reich in full liberty. The organ built during the war, during the awful days and nights after the conquest of Berlin a protecting hiding place for our wives and daughters, accompanied our praise- and thanksgiving hymns. It was then also the church room, where we held the 100 years celebration of the Gossner Kols Mission. In the forenoon prebendary Dr. Böhm and Rev. Dr. Jannasch had held celebration service at the congregation houses of the Nathanael-community and the „Good Shepherd“ community, myself held it at our prayer rooms. Here took also place the festival celebration in the afternoon, which the chairman of our curatorium, Dr. Moeller, now director of the city synodal union Berlin, directed and to which bishop D. Dr. Dibelius and Prebendary Dr. Böhm submitted the blessings of the church management and of the confessing church. As celebrating speakers served besides me the brothers Graetsch, Bethke and Symanowski, the last two expressly with the theme „Church and Mission“.

Rev. Schiebs of Stuttgart, succeeded to transmit to your address through intermediation of Dr. Vissert-Hooft our wishes of blessing by cablegram. We hope that the cablegram has reached the celebrating church in good time yet.

MISSION AND YOUTH EDUCATION.

From the new review presented to us during the last years as to Church and Mission I accepted finally also the appointment into the newly formed church directory by Bishop D. Dr. Dibelius and at the same time the commission, to lead besides my official duties the chamber for education and lectures with the Evangelical Bishop of Berlin. Mission is not only the proclamation of the christian message of salvation to outsiders, to the heathen world, but also the transmission here at home to the next generation. If this service for juveniles is not done, the Mission community becomes aged and becomes extinct. From this perception the Gossner Mission has already from the year 1934 onwards in the sphere of church education collaborated with the union for christian education at home and at school, and the schools chamber of the confessing church in the closest manner. Now, the working experiences gathered during that time may become fruitful in the service of the collective church. In the first place it was a question to re-install the religious lectures ordered by the Berlin Magistrate for the schools, now on behalf of the Church. In 14 of 20 administrative districts religious teaching has been taken up again. 75 to 100 percent of all parents had their children registered thereto. Working communities were formed with the teachers and lady-teachers who joined to a large extent comparatively for teaching. Supplementarily was hereto joined the coaching of church auxiliaries (so far about 200) at whole day and evening courses. Simultaneously the parents' mission was commenced. If one adds finally the literary work with the issue of schedules, books, assistance for childrens' service, picture sheets etc. an abundance of work will result, which is to be executed. Our office is now situated at 12-Stubenrauchstrasse- Friedenau together with the offices of the Chamber for education and teaching and of the Union for christian-evangelical education in homes and schools.. As helpers in Mission Work I have the Brothers Graetsch and Simanowsky, and at the education chamber chief director of studies Dr. Kalischer, Study-Councillor Meschkowski, Brother Dzubba professionally and Study Councillor Dr. Paeslack in extra-occupation. My residence is situated is located in close proximity of the Mission Home: Albestrasse 12.

THE MISSION COMMUNITY AT HOME.

We were completely cut off from circles of friends outside of Berlin; for it was impossible for a long time even to get into connection with our friends in Berlin itself. Now we know, that the chairman of our Saxon Provincial Aid Society, Consistory Councillor Foertsch of Halle, as soon as circumstances were disentangled to some extent, at once commenced to stimulate Mission services and -lectures within the communities and to direct them himself. To his and our great sorrow, his son, Rev. Walter Foertsch of Anorn has died at a field hospital at the end of war. He was the representative of the Gossner Mission for Bavaria and we shall always keep in grateful memory his devoted and joyful collaboration. So long as no deputy in his place

has been found, the Rev. MAGNUS SCHIEBE of 128- OLGASTRASSE at STUTTGART - S. takes over that work, to attend to our South German community of friends (Württemberg, Bavaria, Baden a.o.)

For Western and North-Western Germany the members of our Curatorium Land Superintendent Elster at Riepe (East Friesland) via Oldersum and Rev. Lic. Holsten at Hasbergen near Osnabrück come to a special arrangement. They chose our trustee for Eastern Friesland, Pastor Linnemann into the Curatorium and called up our professional worker, Pastor Hess, for the time being, during which no connection was existent with the Mission Directorate at Berlin, as Mission inspector. According to the agreement reached, Pastor Hess retired from the Mission inspectorate at the moment when connection with the centre at Berlin was reestablished. Besides him, the Rev. Dr. Thude, formerly clergyman at Swakopmund (S.W. Africa), now at Stockhausen, is active for the Gossner Mission.

Similarly as the Berlin Mission Society, the Gossner Mission has to bear a heavy burden, that the back land of Eastern and Western Prussia, in Pomerania, in Brandenburg, on the right side of the Oder and in Silesia has been taken from it. The faithful Mission communities of the East are scattered to all the winds together with their clergy. Pastor Simanowski, who himself has gone through the terrors of the Eastern invasion with his family, is now endeavouring to gather the broken circles of friends again. The Chairman of our Silesian provincial aid society, Rev. Gerhard at Rogau-Rosenau, had left Treck together with his community and has now returned again to his old home location in order to serve faithfully his ordination vow under the most difficult exterior circumstances of his community-congregation. The chairman of our East-Prussian provincial aid society, Rev. Müller, has also remained with his community at Königsberg (East Prussia). A letter of shocking gravity reached his wife in September of last year. Among other things, it was stated therein: "Mother, pray if you are still alive, we also do so unceasingly. No house devotion and no service passes without our thinking of you all...Already when I was in war imprisonment in April and also now I must over and again think of your words: "Your way is the most difficult, but also the best -" ... And yet something else! Should I not have the possibility any more, then tell the children: the chief thing is to live in belief and to die in belief. Tell them also that there is really a living God. He has saved me from the terrible bombardment on 7/8 April, He has saved me from our burning house and the sea of flames of the Haberberg, He also can save us from the force of devil and death if we but persist in belief until the end." We beg that you will think of our Brothers Gerhard and Müller and of all our Brothers and Sisters, who are persevering in the East German chaos as on a drowning boat faithful unto death, with all the force of intercessing love.

THE CURATORIUM AND THE CIRCLE OF OUR COLLABORATORS.

Of our collaborators, who were still at the front towards the end of war, only Mission secretary Mühlnickel has been saved and has returned by the grace of the Lord. Missionary Schulze sent us a last message from Prisoner of War camp Landsberg (Warthe):

but since some months we have heard from him just as little as from our young Missionaries Schubert and Meckel. Sister Auguste Fritz had announced herself after end of war once more from Eastern Pomerania; but since then it has become still around her also. ~~Mr.~~ Mrs. Stosch is allright according to the circumstances. Lokies' lost their daughter Sabine by a malicious illness, a week after she was able to return. Rev. Prehn and his family is still at Hertzberg, but they had to go through hardships, but they will gladly commence anew. Rev. Kerschies was able to fly in good time to Steinhagen to his relatives. Similarly, Mrs. Schiebs could get away in time from Hoff and found shelter at Bad Boll (Württemberg). Here her husband, who had returned from Italy, met her again. He was now able to commence duties at Stuttgart. (Schiebs)

Of our Curatorium members pastor Roterberg and Pastor Harless were succumbed by sickness, but among them all, inasmuch as they were here in the East during the last war time, there is none, that was not approached by death or did not get into touch with eternity, before all Superintendent-General Diestel, who got a shot in the middle of his face in the cellar of his house, whilst his wife and one of his most faithful friends fell dead at his feet. Pastor Bethge and Rev. Dr. Böhm were just in arrest with the Gestapo, when the final battles commenced. Like a miracle, they were reinstated to life. However, Assessor Perrele, who had been arrested in connection with the happenings on July 20th, has become a victim of judicial murder shortly before end of war. Only indistinct traces at the debris of a bombed out house betray something of the tragedy, which there took place around him. He was one of the most faithful collaborators, the Lord may illumine his face in eternity!

OUR INDIAN MISSION FIELD.

The last letters from India are of February 1945. We have communicated all matters of interest to the Gossner friends. Especially we were pleased about the successfully passed theological examinations of Missionaries Klimkeit and Borutta. Our hearty congratulations. As to what we know furthermore about India as Mission field, we are indebted to the informations of both English representatives of the International Mission Council, Miss Gibson and Prof. Dr. Phillips, who were present at the session of the German Evangelical Mission Council at Hermannsburg, as also Dr. Long of New York and Dr. Michelfelder of Geneva, with whom I had an extensive discussion here at Berlin. I was able to express thanks for all the largehearted assistance to Dr. Long, Director of Lutheran Council in America, on behalf of our Curatorium as also of the Gossner Home Community, given to the Kols Church during war and at the same time submit to him the reconstruction plans of the Gossner Mission at home, for which not only he but also Dr. Michelfelder of the Oecumenical Council at Geneva showed a far-reaching sympathy. Whatever the future may bring and how much or how little of our plans may be realized: one thing remains! The mission order of the LORD also for Gossner. When I informed Bishop D. Dr. Dibelius the day after the conflagration of the loss of our Mission House, he said: "If there is a work present

and men who feel obliged to it, then nothing is lost.. We should now like to call out to all our friends from the Mission management here at Berlin: In view of the ruins of our Mission House and despite all the destruction around us, we know ourselves indebted to the work of Gessner and request you also, to remain faithful to him. We greet all Pastors who are friends of ours as also the communities with the year text of this new work year: Where no road is visible to us - HE IS THE ROAD; if in this world untruth is still a force - HE IS TRUTH; where in the midst of life we are surrounded by death - here the reversion of this sentence applies: In the midst of death we are surrounded by life, which has overcome all powers of destruction - CHRIST WHO IS LIFE. To HIM we shall also recommend the recommencement of our work and the reconstruction of our task.

With brotherly greetings

LOKIES

Director of Mission

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My dear President Rakra,

Many thanks for your letters, dated 13th and 16th inst, and for the friendship and cordiality that prompted your writing. Along with your letter I was handed a letter from Dr. Manikam, dated March 6. He urges me to assure you that I agree to the Resolution of the Mahasabha 1943 regarding Dr. Roy Stosch and myself. I have before me your letter of 8-7-1943 with 'Terms of reference' annexed; 4 points are given. On this Resolution Dr. Manikam comments. The gist of his comments is that Dr. Roy Stosch (and so myself) should not have any executive function nor voting power, but that his advice would be welcomed and thought by the Church. I subscribe to that. My main work will, it is understood, be in the

Theological Seminary, I am prepared
to help you conducting a Pastors' course
and to give the aid the church may
ask me to give. I do not claim
an executive office nor voting power.
I also understand that this agree-
ment with me would not prejudice
~~the~~ any contract the church may
make with the Home Board later.

I do hope all the obstacles in
the way of my return to Chota
Nagpur can be removed soon.
Should you have to negotiate
with the Bihar government, the
late Metropolitan may be a
good helper. He has been doing
his very best for me these years.

May it be in God's good Providence
that we meet soon.

Yours very sincerely
J. S. To. S. S.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, G. E. L. CHURCH PROPERTIES,
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Secretary :— D. M. Panna Esq. B. A.,
Deputy Magistrate (Rtd.)
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Ref. No. 414/44

Date 23.9.1944.

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

Ref:- Letter No. 2041/44/F-25 dated 20.9.1944 forwarding Extract from the Minutes of the C.C. Executive Committ. held on the 2nd September 1944, from the Secretary, G. E. L. Church.

Dear Sir,

You have already been informed in one of my previous letters that the house known as the Adibasi Office Building at Ranchi does not belong to me, but is the property of Mrs. H. Panna.

However I am directed by her to say that she is unable to let the building have for the Bethesda School purposes by the Church Council on rent. There are a number of tenants occupying the several rooms in it on rent, and the House-Rent Control Ordinance does not permit her to oust the present tenants without incurring litigation and pecuniary losses.

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Yours faithfully

D. M. Panna
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TERMS OF REFERENCE UNDER WHICH
DR. & MRS. J. ROY STROCK COME
TO
THE G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Preamble :- By a resolution of the Church Council approved by the Mahasabha, Dr. & Mrs. J. Roy Strock, had to come out in 1942 to India and join the G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi under the same Agreement as was contracted for Foreign Missionaries between the G. E. L. Church and the Kuratorium of the Gossner Board in Berlin. Under the exigency of the War, the said Agreement is terminated by the Mahasabha and the following terms of reference are issued to Dr. & Mrs. Roy Strock for their acceptance in agreement with the U. L. C. Mission.

1. The services of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Strock are lent to the G. E. L. Church by the U. L. C. Mission for a ^{certain} ~~period~~ ^{say} five years and the G. E. L. Church accepts them as friends and helpers in the development of the Autonomy of the Church in Every sense of the word.

2. The U. L. C. Mission as a sister organization in Christian love and charity undertakes to support Dr. and Mrs. Strock on the Gossner Field. The Autonomous Church shall set apart one of her buildings for the accommodation of the Stocks.

3. The Stocks shall be accepted as regular members of the Autonomous Lutheran Church, ~~and they will be allotted works by the Church Council of which body Dr. Strock is entitled to be a member.~~ ^{eligible}

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3. The G.E.L. Church shall set apart one of her bungalow for the accommodation of the Strocks.
4. The Strocks shall be accepted as regular members of the G.E.L. Church, Chotanagpur and Assam.

Resolution :- (a) On account of the exigency of war it is resolved that the Agreement with the Berlin Board be kept in abeyance and hence be declared inoperative to all intents and purposes for the duration of the war with the definite understanding that the Agreement ceases to be from the centenary in 1945.

(b) If by the providence of God Rev. J. Stosch returns to Chotanagpur, he will work on a similar terms of reference as offered to Dr. and Mrs. J. Roy Strock.

Memo No. 1162/43/F36 dated, the 2nd June, 1943.

The abovementioned document (Resolutions of the Mahasabha 1943) is forwarded to the Rev. J. Stosch for information.

Th. Surin
Hon. Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

Meri pyari Trachami aur Mistress
 log, aur sab bahin logon ke liye
 jo mujhe abhi tak yad karti hain,
 Main tum sabhon ke liye Yisuk
 La hay aur pyar bhejti hun. Main
 bahut khush hun, ki kabhi 2 ek
 chhoti chitthi tum logon ke taraf
 se mere pas ati hai. Main asra kar-
 ti hun, ki tum sab log arhi hogi
 apne gharane samet, aur ki Ishwar
 tumhare sab kamon par ashish
 deke, ki Uska raj phail jaye aur
 adhik modhik us desh ke log usko
 pa chahanenge.

Ab 4 baras hogae, ki main phin
 apne desh men a gai. Aur Ishwar

ne meri binti sun li, aur mujhko
ek aisi jagah mein pahunchaya,
jahan main kushal aur chain
se rah sakti hun. Yeh kaid
baras the. Idhar aur udhar in
barason mein sab kushk badal
gaye. Samay bahut jaldi chalta. Hum
are samay ke sab missionary lag
ab praya chale gaye, aur mai 2 jan
tumhare bich mein kam karne ke
lige ae. Main bahut khush hun,
ki Gumbat abhi aur nahin sundar
nahiga, aur do Miss Sahib wahan
kam karenge. Kyu jane, shayad tum
lag phir ek bar wahan Bible Class
karne ko jaogi. Tab mujhko bhi yad
karo. Main khush hun, ki tum abhi

bhi Prabhu ke ane ke bishay men
sikhti. Yeh kaisi zamri bat hai.
Dunya ki sari ghabrahat aur be-
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majh sakte hain. Ham Uski hain,
jo swarg aur prithvi ko chalata hai,
aur hum hamka is sab dukh se
par karega, jab Us par bishwas
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To,

The Berlin Home Board.

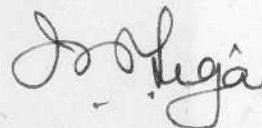
C/O The Rev. J. Stosch.

Dear Sir,

With very great pleasure I have the privilege to convey to you the following resolution of the General Conference of the G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam held January 27 - 31, 1941 expressing their deep sense of gratitude to the Berlin Home Board :

" Resolved that the General Conference expresses its hearty thanks to the Berlin Home Board for although on account of the present situation she could not send any letter by post, yet she sent a living letter in the Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Sandegren through whom the Mahasabha received much peace and boldness."

With very hearty Visusahay,



Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

To The Editor,
The Gharbandhu

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For Gharbandhu

CHARWAHI PATRI

Maha yudh ke karan hamare Mission ary log Dana-pur Camp chale jate hain . Lady Missionary log apne apne sthan men rahengi aur kam bhi karenge . Klimkeit sahib ko Chota Nagpur men rahne ki anumati mili karan ki unka Passport Lithuanian hai , German nahin . Kalisa ke President ne mujhe yah chitti likhi is arji se ki sab Padriyon ko bheji jawe aur sab bhai bahinon ke liye Gharbandhu men chhapaya jawe, President sahib yon lokhte haih :

Pyare bhai bahin logo , sab koi jante hain ki phir ke mahan yudh horaha hai aur jaise mahan yudh men sarkar ka hak hai Angrej Sarkar sab German Purushon ko , ham Missionary logon ko bhi apne Camp bhejta hai . Na samajhna chahiye ki Angrej Sarkar abhi German Missionary logon ko dand dene chahta hai , na samjhna ki Sarkar Missionary logon ko dukh dene chahta hai . Mahayudh ka dastur aisa hai ki pardeshiyon ko Camp men rahna hai . Sayad bahut tere bhai log samjhenge ki 24 baras pahile 1915 man jo huwa sohi phir ke hone parega arthat ki Missionary log pahile Danapur jayenge piche Germany bheje jayenge . Aisa na samajhna chahiye . Ham log abhi yah asgra rakhen ki Missionary log bahut samay ke liye Danapur men nahin rahenge aur unme se koi jaldi Chota Nagpur lautenge . Is liye meri binti yah hai ki Kalisa men in dinon men jahan tak hosake adal badal na kiya jaye . Hone wali baten jinke bishay aj kal thikana nahin hai ajkal tay na kiya jawen . Na President na High School ka Principal apne pad aur kam se chhutti liye . Hamare Prabhu ne kalke liye chintakarna mana kiya kahke ki aj ka dukh aj ke liye bahut hai . Isi sambandh men Prabhu yah bhi kahta hai ki pahile Ishwar ke raj aur dharam ki khoj karen , tab ye sab bastu arthat arthik bastu bhi hamen diji jayengi . Ishwar ka raj jhagra aur apswarth ka raj nahin hai . In baton se ham sab alag rahen . Ishwar ka raj hai mel prem sachai . In danon se Ishwar ap logo ko paripurn kare .

Yah is Kalisa ke liye meri binti prathna din din hoga
" Ishwar ka atma ham sabhon ki raksha kare . Yahowa sari bipatti se teri raksha karega, wah tere pran ki raksha karega, Yahowa tere ane jane men teri raksha abse sada lon karta rahega. "

Prem ka Yishusahay ap sabho ko meri orse mile.

Ap logon ka bishwast

Sd/ J. Stosch.

Hamare President sahib ki in baton ko ham sab apne apne manon men rakhenge.

Ap logon ka bishwast,

J. Stosch 9/9

Acting President, G.E.L. Church.

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April, 1940.

To
The General Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chota Nagpur and Assam,

R a n c h i (Behar)

G.E.L. Compound
Brit. East India.

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N.T. 6. 40.

Dear Brethren!

We greet you all upon the occasion of your annual meeting in Ranchi with a heart-felt Jisu sahai. May God grant you His spirit that your deliberations be guided by the single desire, to establish the Church of Jesus Christ in Chota Nagpur and further His work in India.

We stretch out our hands to you across everything that separates us - over the sea, political boundaries and the war now raging between the nations with its threat to tear asunder whatever ties have hitherto bound them. And in such an hour we beg of you to turn away from whatever might separate us and look up to Him - Christ - who unites us as the Head of His Congregation. He has prophesied that there shall be wars and rumors of wars, and it is our firm conviction that the unrest of this world will continue to increase. However, we believe as well, that even to-day there exists among the nations of the East and of the West a means of mutual understanding, the language of our Christian faith. Thus saith the Lord: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." In the midst of war we are at peace with one another through Him, and in this belief also should the proceedings in Mahasabha take their course. God grant you the spirit of peace and love toward one another and obedience to Him who is the Lord of all Lords.

Our hearts are full of joyful thankfulness that the Lord God has brought our missionaries out of their internment in Ahmednagar

back to Ranchi, contrary to the last world war. We beseech you to recognise in this act the will of God, who, in spite of the war, permits our brothers and sisters to remain at their work in your midst. "Work while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." The Lord allows us yet time to serve one another. Therefore, let each bear one another's burden, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Further, our heart is full of thanks toward our American friends who in this present time are giving such fraternal help to our brother and sister missionaries and the church in Chota Nagpur. They have received this charge from the Lutheran World Conference which comprises the entire Lutheran Church of the world, and is supporting not only our Mission, but also all other German Lutheran Missions. In President Stosch you have in your midst the representative of this Lutheran World Conference. We beg you to bestow upon him and the other brother and sister missionaries your confidence and to trust their guidance, for we know our missionaries are not seeking personal honor, but, separated from loved ones and far from their Fatherland, are imbued with the one desire, to serve our Lord Jesus Christ among the Mundas and Urauns. Let this evidence of love call forth a like return. Do not allow yourselves to be drawn into the hatred so evident in this world but conduct yourselves as disciples of Jesus according to his admonishment: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

We know also from conditions in Germany and the church in Germany to-day how easy it is under pressure of all the present great happenings of world history to forget this one important work; the preaching of the Gospel to Christians and to non-Christians, quiet and faithful service in the congregations, the care of the Christian youth and spiritual ministration. We beg you not to weary in this work nor to allow anything to turn you away from the commission of

our Lord who has thus commanded: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Our message this year must be of necessity brief, but this one thing yet we desire to say to you: that there are many, many brothers and sisters in Germany who remember you fervently in their prayers. Do you also pray for us! As long as the chain of our united prayer remains unbroken so long do we continue in the unity of the Church of Christ.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The Kuratorium
of the Gossner-Mission

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The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919]

Officers and members of the Executive,

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3. *Secretary* : Mr. F. N. Topono,
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G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 973/40/F- 36.

Dated the 31st May 1940.

To,

1st June

The Kuratorium
of the Gossner Mission

Through,

The President J. Stosch,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to inform you that the Annual General Conference of the Church that was held from the 20th May to 23rd May 1940 ended very smoothly. The Conference sends you the following Extract copy of its minutes :-

" The Annual General Conference expresses its hearty and joyful thanks to the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission in Berlin for its usual pastoral letter which it managed to send in such a way that it reached its destiny safely and in time. The Conference greatly appreciates the valuable advice which it contains - to have love one to another, to bear one another's burden, not turn away from the commission of our Lord " Preach the gospel to every creature " and to recognise the will of God in allowing the Missionaries in their places even at this period of war."

Yours sincerely,

N. Topono

Secretary,
G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA

Berlin-Friedenau, May 2^d, 1939. ✓

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To The

Church Council Of The G.E.L.Church Of Chota Nagpur And Assam,

c/o The Secretary Mr. ~~Naeman~~ Topno.Ranchi/Behar/Brit.East India.

G.E.L.Compound.

Dear Brethren!

The Board of the Goßner Mission Society in Berlin was informed of the progress of this year's Mahasabha through minutes and reports. We thank God that He gave the Mahasabha such a blessed and peaceful course.

The Board already discussed several points of your report. So it approved of the election of missionary Radsick into the Church Trustee Board and of the appointment of missionary Jellinghaus as treasurer of the Church.

To-day we are sending you a signed copy of the agreement which was accepted and signed in the Board Meeting of March 9th in the form agreed upon by the Mahasabha. The minutes of this Board Meeting read as follows: "The agreement was signed after having been discussed and accepted at the General Conference in Ranchi."

The Mahasabha changed the Board's draught of the agreement in some points, one of which moved us deeply. It is point 1, paragraph 2, beginning with the words: "The relationship...". The relation between the Board and the Church in Chota Nagpur could not be expressed more beautifully and more deeply.

The Board also rejoices at the idea of sending one or other highly qualified young man from the people of Mundas and Uraos to Germany or America for the study of Theology. The Board would be

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very glad if these studies could be arranged in Germany and is very willing to render this service to the Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam.

If some amendments of the agreement drawn up in the Mahasabha express the fear that the missionaries might interfere with the autonomy of the Church, we beg you to disperse even the shadow of such mistrust from your hearts. On the other hand it must not make us distrustful if an amendment of the agreement discusses the possibility of inviting missionaries from other missions to cooperate in the Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam. Here we do not only keep to the text of the agreement, which provides that missionaries from other missions shall only be invited in friendly understanding with the Board, but we trust that also in this point the relation of mutual understanding which has prevailed for more than ninety years between Ranchi and Berlin will be continued.

God bless the resolutions of the Mahasabha! God bless your work in the Church Council!

With a heartfelt Jisu sahay

Kuratorium

yours very sincerely

Gossner'schen Missionsgesellschaft

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K u r a t o r i u m
of the Gossner-Mission-
Society

Berlin-Friedenau, den 4. II. 1939
Handjerystr. 19/20.
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To
the Church Council of the G. E.L.-Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam
R a n c h i / Brit. East India.

Dear Brethren!

We are glad to have heard good tidings about the last Mahasabha through the President and the Messrs. D. Knak and D. Ihmels. We join with you in thanks-giving to God for all the blessings we have received during the last meetings and we hope to God, that the peace restored in the Church will be preserved.

The proposals reported to the Kuratorium by the President of the Church have been approved in our yesterday's meeting as follows:

The Kuratorium consents:

1.) that Rev. Stosch will be put in charge of the Theological Seminary after Rev. Kerschis' departure from India;

2.) that Rev. Radsick will be member of the newly constituted Property-Department of the Church;

3.) that Rev. Jellinghaus will be in charge of the finances of the Church and that he will stay at Ranchi till after the rainy season on account of his language study.

God may give to the Church a year of blessed work and brotherly communion. We thank you for your trust and loyalty.

With heartiest Yishu-sahai

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of the Gossner-Mission-Society

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The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 117/39/F 36.

Dated the 13th Feb. 1939.

To,

The Kuratorium,
Gossner Mission Field in
Chotanagpur & Assam.

Dear Sirs,

I am glad to inform you that the Mahasabha Meeting ended peacefully on the 19th January, 1939.

Your Pastoral letter reached us in time. The Hindi translation of the same was read to the Mahasabha at the very beginning of the session. The Mahasabha then expressed her deep sense of gratitude for the Kuratorium's love, valuable advice and motherly care for the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam. The Mahasabha standing greeted the Kuratorium with Yishusahay.

The Mahasabha welcomed the two new Missionaries Rev. C. Th. Jellinghaus and Rev. H. Borutta and their families to the field and wished them success in their work in this new field. The Mahasabha was distinguished from others as we had two honourable guests from Germany this time. They were Dr. Knak and Dr. Ihmels. They attended the Mahasabha till it ended. We were really very glad to see them amongst us. They were a great help to us in our meditation.

Yours faithfully,

N. Topno.

Secretary.

Kuratorium

der

Göbner'schen Missionsgesellschaft

Berlin-Friedenau, den 30. 12. 1938

Handjerystr. 19-20

Telefon: 33 Rheingau 3375

Ggb.-Nr.

To The General Conference
of the G. E. L. Church
of Chota Nagpur and Assam.

Dear Brethren:

You are meeting for the annual Mahasabha this year at a time, when not only the Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam but the Church of Christ in the whole world is being visited by great anxieties, Devilish temptations and deep sufferings. Therefore we salute you with the word of the First Epistle of Peter, Chapt. 5, 7 - 11:

"Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever! Amen."

The words of the Apostle will make you think of yourselves and of your own Church first. But it is salutary for you and important for your deliberations in the Mahasabha if at the same time you consider the general situation of the Church of Christ among all peoples. A German professor of ecclesiastical history called the century in which we are living the most bloody century in the history of Christendom. He is undoubtedly right in saying so. The strangest thing about this fact is that firstly the death-cry of millions of Christians is not even heard in the neighbouring countries any more, and that secondly the Christians are to-day less persecuted in the heathen countries than in the former Christian ones. So during the World War in the year 1915 a whole Christian people, nearly 600 000 men and women, were driven to death in the most cruel way: the Armenians. At that time more than 40 000 children were taken from their Christian parents by force and were compelled to adopt the Mohammedan faith. After the war the old venerable Assyrian Christian Church was destroyed by the Turks, and several millions of Christian Greeks were also driven from their homes on account of their faith. All these persecutions of Christians took place in countries where Christianity had its origin. Until the Great War Christian congregations were living there. It is only now that those

countries where Paul the Apostle founded the first missionary congregations, are closed to the Christian Mission.

You will have heard with which devilish cruelties Bolshevism in Russia raged against the Christians. To-day we know that more than a million Christians were cruelly murdered on account of their faith. 42 000 Christian clergymen were either shot there or exposed to certain death in the concentration camps. To these Russian persecutions must be added the persecutions of Christians in Spain and Mexico.

The twentieth century the most bloody century in the history of the Christian Church. That word is true. Even the most awful persecutions of the first Christians by the Roman Emperors cannot be compared to what we are experiencing to-day. Yet there is no hope, that these persecutions are going to be stopped; they are continuing.

In recent times the national movement everywhere in the world began to fight the Christian Church. This is a very special nationalism; for seen from the right angle, nationalism and Christianity belong together. You know the brave word of a Christian pronounced in the highest legislative assembly of the province of Behar a year ago: "Christians are nationalists". We are making this word our own! We Christians are out of our own Christian faith true members of our people and obedient servants of the higher powers to whom we are subject according to the will of God. We Christians do not want to be surpassed in national conviction by any non-Christian.

But there we are dealing with that nationalism which either wants to make the old heathen faith into the religion of the people or pretends to be a new religion in itself, a political religion, deifying the state and the people. Faced with this religious nationalism we Christians declare that we must not have other gods besides the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

That nationalism which makes itself a religion considers Christianity as a religion foreign to the people. It claims that a good African or a good Japanese or an good Indian cannot be a good Christian at the same time. It declares the Christian to be an enemy of the state and the people. Already many Christians here and there do not dare to confess themselves as Christians openly; already many Christians leave the Church, fearing disadvantages for themselves and their children from their adherence to the Christian Church.

All this proves that we were right in saying at the beginning of our letter that the Church of Jesus Christ in the whole world and among all peoples is being visited by great anxieties, devilish temptations and deep sufferings. Also the Christians in India, also you, Mundas and Urauns in Chota Nagpur, will not be spared these anxieties, temptations and sufferings in the long run. Therefore you must ask yourselves, as the Christians in the whole world must ask themselves, how you must behave in this situation.

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Berlin-Friedenau, den

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Telegraphenamt: S 3 Rheingau 3375

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We refer you to the word of the Apostle: Casting all your cares upon the Lord. All temptations of the devil resist steadfast in the faith. But that faith which gives you the strength to resist all temptations and to bear even the deepest sufferings comes alone out of the Word of God. Therefore no work of our missionaries of the last year gave us greater joy than the Biblework of the clergymen- and catechists-holidays. This work is most important for the Church, and he who serves you with this work gives you a help of greater importance than any monetary help can be. In the hour of temptation and suffering only the faith will persevere that comes out of the Word of God.

To this must be added the life of prayer of the congregation. Beloved Brethren, in these times of sorrow we need nothing more than each other's prayer of intercession. Therefore we ask you to pray for us as we pray for you.

All mission friends here in Germany suffer much from the fact that we cannot send you any money. Much as we should like to do so, our hands are tied; but they are free to be lifted to God in prayer for the Church in Chota Nagpur, for its inner and outer growth. Every month there are issued from our mission-house 30 000 leaflets, in which we tell our mission friends of your difficulties, anxieties, temptations and sufferings, and you may be sure that thousands of hands are folded in prayer for you incessantly, and that God is implored by us to deliver you from all evils, to help and to bless you. Please do not despise this help!

Besides we do not take your difficult monetary situation easy. We know very well what it means when poverty enters the Church, when there is no money to support the clergymen and catechists and their families and to keep up the necessary work in the church. Therefore we are looking out for help from other countries for you and should be exceedingly glad when such help could be granted to you.

Yet we want you to consider one thing: Are the difficulties, into which the Lord led us, not a message to you? Through many decades we have been allowed to help you; now the possibility to do so is taken from us. Is it not perhaps the will of God that you shall learn more and more to refuse foreign help and to afford everything the Church is in need of by yourselves? There are Indian Missions who do not give any monetary help to their congregations on principle. Is it not perhaps the will of God that you should begin to realise the autonomy of the Church from the monetary point

of view? But which Church will be able to be selfsupporting? Again we reply: only the Church, which has the Word of God and is practising a life of prayer. So everything depends on the inner spiritual growth of the Church. This we beg you to have in view during your meeting in the Mahasabha. It is this spiritual growth that we are thinking of when we are closing our letter with the salutation and the prayer of the Apostle:

"But the God of all grace, who has called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever! Amen."

A sincere Jisu sahai!

The Home board
of the Goßner Mission

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der
Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Berlin-Friedenau, den 3rd. Sept. 1938
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To,

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church-Council
in
Chotanagpur & Assam.

G.E.L. Compound.
R A N C H I. (Behar) India.

Dear Sirs,

I have the honour to communicate the following
for your information with the request that you will consider
this resolution of the Home Board.

An extract from the minutes of the Home Board of
the Gossner Mission Society in Berlin held on the 1st. Sept.,
1938.

" Order of the day (3): New Missionaries to the field:

The Home Board (Kuratorium) is ready to depute following
Missionaries to Chotanagpur & Assam within the end of this
year 1938 in place of Rev. J. Schernat and the late Rev. A. John
and the Missionaries on furlough,

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- 1) Rev. C. Th. Jellinghaus
and Mrs. Jellinghaus,
- 2) Rev. H. Borutta
and Mrs. Borutta. "

At the same time the Home Board thanks for the greetings
and blessings expressed in your letter No. 971/38/F 36, dated,
the 18th. June 1938.

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Mission Inspector.

The Gossner Lv. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

N1629/38/F 36.

Dated the 7th Oct., 1938.

To,

The Berlin Home Board,
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Through,

The President,
G. E. L. Church,
Chotanagpur & Assam.

Dear Sirs,

I have the honour to inform you that I placed your kind letter of the 3rd September, 1938 before the Church Council on the 1st October, 1938. The Church Council thanks you very much for your constant patronage and motherlike care. The Missionaries whom you have trained for this field are welcomed. The resolution of the Council is as follows :-

" New Missionaries for the field :- The letter of the Kuratorium regarding new Missionaries for the field was read. After a brief talk it was

Resolved unanimously that the Missionaries are whole-heartedly welcomed to the field."

Yours faithfully,

N. Topno.

Secretary.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

~~Secretary B. D. KANDULNA, B. A.~~

No. 971/38/F 36

Dated the 18th June 1938.

To,

The Berlin Home Board,
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Dear Sirs,

I have the honour to communicate the following for your information with the request that you will continue your allegiance to this church ever after.

J. S. K. S. S.
President,
G. E. L. Church.

An extract copy from the minutes of the Mahasabha (General Conference) of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Autonomous Church in Chotanagpur and Assam held from the 28th March to 31st March, 1938.

" This Mahasabha expresses her deep sense of gratitude to the Berlin Home Board for her help in spiritual and financial matters and for her mother like care with men and money and by sending pastoral letters every year, in spite of her difficulties.

N. Topno.
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church."

Rev. J.Klimkeit
G.E.L.C.Ranchi.

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To the Secretary

of the G.E.L. Church

Ranchi

Dear Sir,

as a certain time has passed since my arrival at Ranchi I am anxious to learn about my future work and place where I shall be stationed. I would be much obliged if you could inform me regarding the opinion or resolution of the Church Council

yours sincerely

J. Klimkeit

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.
CHURCH COUNCIL KI KARYYAKARAK SABHA KI BAITHKI.

Ta: 30 June, 1937.

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13. Candidate Junas Barla ke liye kam. - Report diya gaya ki pahle ke Mhaysle ke motabik M.E. Schoolon se koi bhi Head-Master Training ke liye nahin bheja ja saka jiske karan Mr. Barla ko un men se kisi ke sthan men bhi kam dena kathin hai.

SANKALP:- Gossner High School ko likha jawe ki Mr. J. Barla ke liye High School men kam dewen.

Memo no: 303/37/E.-23.

Dated Ranchi, the 1st July, 1937.

Extract from the Minutes of the Church Council Executive of 30th June 1937 forwarded to the Secretary, Managing Committee, Gossner High School, Ranchi, for information, guidance and compliance.


Secretary,
G.E.L. Church.

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Berlin - Friedman
March 11th, 1937

Chota Nagpur aur Assam Ki Lutheran Kalisha
Ki Mahatma Sabha Ko Berlin Home Board Ki
or se Disu Sakay!

Piyare bhai logo!

3 Thore mahine bit gage Ki Goswami's Mission
Sabha Ka Centenary ham logone mana
1836th Sal Ke December men J. E. Goswami ne
Missionaries ko bhijne ko shuru Kiya. Ham
logon ne 1937 Ke December men bishes Karke
J. E. Goswami Ke in Donon Kamon Ka Samaran
Kiya jo aji tak rah gage hain. Arthat Berlin
Ka Elisabeth Hospital aur Chota Nagpur aur
Assam Ki Lutheran Kalisha. Ussan Parbh Ki
mudhliko ham logone betaya Ki Hindusthan
Ki Lutheran Kalisha shuru men wai Ke Dine
Ke samay chhoti thi, Ki bari Ka thinda se
ropi gayi aur bari paristram se pali gayi,
Ki bahut Taklif uthake. Multh sagar ropi maha-
yuddh ko bhi par Kiya. Phir phirke ham logone
dekha Ki Isvar Ka bacchan sach hai, jo
Kisgamam 34 10 men kahta hai: jo main
tum logon se karta hun. Rah aschary kam hai.
Hamlog Isvar Ke aise aise kamon men se
ek Ke bhi yogya nahin the. Ham aplogon ko
batane chahate hain Ki German desh men
hajar hajar Christian log Chota Nagpur
aur Assam Ke bhai bahinon ko prem se

aur Binti prarthna se smaran kiya karte hai.
Ham sab ke sab Hindusthan ki Lutheran
Kali'sha^{par} is asha se Iristi karte hai ki
uska uer Israr ka pavite bachan aur Lutheran
Kali'sha ka svikaar bachan bana rahe. Christ
ke prem men Lutheran Mandhi ek hove.

Usar ke parbh men ham logon ne J. E.
Gosner ke girvarchar ko bhi yad kiya.
Gosner sachinde Prabhu ke prem men
ropa gaya tha. Israr ke Atma ne usko
chulaya. Prabhu ke isi prem ko J. E. Gosner
is Missionary men khojta tha jin ko usne
anya Deshon men bhija. Is prem ka sama-
char pracharne ko J. E. Gosner ne danton
ko sansar ke logon ke pas bhija. Usi
prem ki bishay T. Cor 13 men likha hai ki
Dhirajivan an Kripal hai, ki apswarthi nahin
hai, ki Dah nahin karta hai, ki sab baton ko
sakta hai sab baton ka biswas karta hai
sab baton ki asha rakhta hai. Bahari
baton jaisa Mandhi'shasan mek bat nahin
hai. Mul bat yah hai ki Lutheran Ka-
li'sha Prabhu ke prem se chulaye jaye.
Bhratriya prem Chota Nagpur ki man-
Thion ka lakshan tha. Prabhu kahta hai:
jaisa main tumhen pyar kiya hai
taisa tum bhi ek Dusre ko pyar karo.
Jo tum upasmen pyar karo to isi se
sab log jayenge ki tum mere shishya ho.

Ham sab ke sab pan'sram karen
ki vah bhratrya prem hamare bichmen
banda rahi aur barhta rahi. Isvar daya
kare ki Mahasabha ki baithki bhratrya
prem ke atmase chalaya jave, ki
ekta ka atma aplogon ki agunai Kare,
ki sab ke sab aur har ek bhi apne
man ki iccha ko Prabhu ke tale adhin
kare. Isvar ki iccha hai ki ham sab
ek deh aur ek atma hoven.

Do patri' ke mul ko, jo German
bhasha men racha gaya hai, in
Sahibon ne sahi kiya
arthat

W. Richter Reichhelm
Chairman

J. Stosch
H. Roterberg
H. Lokies
H. Beenken
Drescher.

Berlin - Wamuse
4th July 1936

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To The Secy, G. S. L. Church, Ranchi.

My Dear Mr. Kandabua

Very many thanks for your kind information regarding the Principalship of The High School. In case you cannot find an Indian Educationist you may remember that The Rev. Albrecht is going to India this year having passed his M.A. in America. Of course, if you can find an Indian Educationist for that post, we do not at all object.

I am enclosing two English letters which are self-explanatory. The third enclosure is a letter in Hindi, a reply to a letter from Takarna. As this matter concerns not Takarna only but the whole G. S. L. Church, I request you to print the letter in the Garbansha as soon as you can. If my Hindi is unintelligible somewhere you may slightly correct the wording. I have not yet received a copy of the Minutes of the Mahasabha. Kindly send a copy! We are waiting for the Census of 1935 for publication, please, see to it!

With kindest regards and hearty
Oison Sahay to yourself and to all
the Members of the C.C.

Yours sincerely
J. S. To S. H.

11/7
Kuratorium

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Ggb.-Nr.

Berlin-Friedenau, den 2. Juli 1936.

Handjerystr. 19-20

Fernsprecher: 33 Rheingau 3375

11/7
Send one copy
to the Secretary
Board of Trustees
for information.
The Kuratorium of Gossner's Mission, Berlin-Friedenau,
agree that the Rev. W. Radsick and the Rev. M. Kerschis re=
place the Rev. M. Prehn and Rev. A. John in the Board of
Trustees of the G.E.L. Church.

Kuratorium

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft.

Walter Kirsch-Kirchheim

Chairman

f Stosch

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Egb.-Mr.

*To be put up
before the next
Annual General
meeting of the Church.*
He 11/7

From the Kuratorium, Gossner's Mission

Berlin-Friedenau

To the C.C. of the G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Dear Brethren !

We, the Kuratorium of Gossner/s Mission wish to make an amendment to paragraphs 2 and 8 of the "Agreement" accepted by the General Conference on December 20th 1935:

1. To paragraph 2: It is understood that the word "field" means the area of the G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam only. The Berlin Board is not prevented by this Agreement from sending Missionaries to other "fields" if they wish to do so; for the commandment of our Lord stands: Go and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. ✓

2. To paragraph 8: We wish to add:
If not either by the G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam or by the Berlin Board during the General Conference preceeding the Centenary of the Church in 1945 objection is raised against this Agreement, the Agreement continues to be in operation. If objections are raised either by the Church or the Berlin Board before or after the Centenary negotiations have to be taken up.

We ask the C.C. to endorse these amendments and submit them to the next meeting of the General Conference.

Since these amendments do not affect the near future, the "Agreement" is valid as it was accepted by the General Conference on the 20th December 1935 until the next General Conference will accept these amendments.

With hearty greetings and Jisu Sahay

The Kuratorium

Walter Rösser-Reichelt
Chairman

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Lokies

J. Stosch

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der
Göbnerischen Missionsgesellschaft

Egb.-Nr.

This is a reply to the
letter sent to the Home Board
by the Takarma
sent to the Press for
publication.

Berlin-Friedenau, den
Handjerystr. 19-20
Fernsprecher: Rheingau 75

2nd July 1936

Chota Nagpur am Assam
Ki Lutheran Kalisha Berlin Board Ki n se
Disu Sahay!

Takarma se Darkast Berlin Board ke
pas bheja gaya (Date Takarma 29th February 1936)
jis men Home Board se arji kri jati hai ki
unke baton ko phainla kare.

Buchinchare bishes karkhe Federation ke ~~phain~~ phain-
la ke is vakya se mirash ho gaye ki Mahasabha
par yah dosh phenka jata hai ki vah 'unparlia-
mentary' kam kiya. Berlin ke Homeboard ke
angon ko malum nahin hai kin kin bishesh
baton ko Federation 'unparliamentary' kahta hai.
Federation ka Commission jannega. Han loq
itena kahte hain ki aplog apni sochiye jo
1935 men May ki Mahasabha ke ang the ki vah
Mahasabha nehit riti se chalti thi va nahin.
'Unparliamentary' ka man yah hai 'jo sabha
ke yogya nahin hai.' Aplog soche ki us 1935 May
nahine ki Mahasabha men kitena golmal tha
kiteni anuchit baton han apman ki baton
kahi gayi. Kya yah Christian Sabha ke yogya hai?
Agar nahin hai to vah vyavahar 'unparliame-
tary' tha - Phin Darkast men likha gaya

hai ki Directa Stosch Sahab ne is Kalank ko
arthat 'unparliamentary' bina vote kiye grahan
karne diya. Directa Stosch kahte hain ki maine
aisa nahin kiya par Mahasabha se puchha ki
Aplog Commission ke phainda aur siphari sonko
manjuri karte hain va koi ujir karta hai?
Is par kisi ne ujir na kiya. Mahasabha ke
Minutes se pragat hoga ki yah bat thik hai va nahin.
Agle Darkest Deverah log batate hain ki 'gat
barsh May Mahine mein Mahasabha ne yah
sankalp kiya ki sab baten jo jhagne ke karan
hain inko September ya October ki Mahasabha
Mr. Stosch aur Antheran Federation ki Pratinidhiyon
ki upsthati mein bihar kiye javen, par yah san-
kalp ek dam rad kar diya gaya? Ham log puchte
hain kya Berlin Board Mahasabha ka mankar
hai jisko Mahasabha ~~se~~ hukam ke aise kah
sakti hai ki aisa karo, vaise karo? Kya Fede-
ration Chota Nagpur ki Kalisha ka gulam hai
ki Federation ko apna kam Mahasabha ke
hukam ke anusar karna pare? Director Stosch
Sahab ne ek dam suru hi mein pahichana ki
yah anhoor bat hai ki Mahasabha ki baithki
hi mein Kaccherry ka kam kiya jave ki mudai
aur mudaleh ke amme samne phainda
kiya jave. Aplog sochiye! anek log kahte hain
ki Commission apna kam karibari se kiya,
kewal 9 din baitha. Agar Commission jis
ke ang sab hosiar hain aur jante hain
ki aisa kam kis prakhar se chalana chahiye,

agar yah Commission apna kam 9 dinon
 mein bari Kathinta se pura kar saka to ki-
 tene din lagte agar Commission Mahasabha
 ke saath baitha hota? Kya jane char hafte
 yatesht na hote. Aur gaurav kitna bara hota!
 Yah pahichan ke Directa Stosch ne Federation
 ko arji ki ki Commission ko jaldi bhejen
 aur tab Ranchi mein pahunch kar Stosch Sahab
 ne C.C. ko bataya ki accha hai ki Commission
 bina Mahasabha baitha. C.C. us samay arthet
 October ke ant mein mangin kiya. Vaise hi
 Dissentu logon ke malik log aur jinse ~~aur~~
 Stosch Sahab Ranchi mein is bat ke bishay
 salah puccha so sabhne mangin kiya.
 Mahasabha ki baithki mein (December 1935)
 Koi na utha yah kahke ki jo ap logon ne
 kiya so thik nahin hai. Bhala, tab to ham
 puchhte hain: Kya yah neehit hai ki piche
 anek log jin ko Mahasabha ka phainla
 accha nahin lagta hai, agyan logon ko
 ushate aur un ko sahi karvate hain
 kahke ki Commission ko Mahasabha
 mein upastith hona tha. Ham logon ke
 bichar mein yah kahne ka Samay Novem-
 ber mein va Mahasabha ki baithki ki
 Suru mein ^{tha}. Uin ki baton ko susamay
 mein kahije aur piche chup rahije.
 Darkast ke aram mein yah puccha
 gaya 'Muddai aunkundaleh ke amne samne
 bina kiye ighar lekar kaise hakim

Kah sakta hai ki Kaur Doshidar hai? 'Isse malum pata hai ki Darkast Denevale log Directly Stosch aur Commission ke Kam ko thik nahin bujha. Ve hakim ke aktiyar se na aye. Kisi ne unko ~~ke~~ hakim ka aktiyar nahin diya. Ve vaidya ke aise aye. Is liye ve Mahasabha ke angonko bachan aur Sacrament se tayar kiya. Is liye Directly Stosch phir phirke aur sabkon se bole: har ek apna dosh pahichane aur man leve, jo apna dosh pahichanta hai uska kisama kiya jata hai. Kisi ne jay nahin paya koi na har gaya. Bat yah nahin hai ki Kaur Doshidar hai. Commission ke phainla aur Siphanson men har ek ko dikkhaya jata hai. Kisi bat men chak kiya. Commission ki Phainla ke pahile khand ko parhiye jis men us bairta ke bishay likha gaya hai jo bhar bahin log ek dusre se rakhte hain. Har ek apna dosh pahichane na dusre ke dosh ko barhave. Jo apunko dhan thaharata hai uska Disu ke sang kuch aur nahin hai.

But men Darkast Denevale likhte hain ki 'Late President aur Principal ke bishay Federation me kuch prashansa ~~ka ek shabd~~ prashansa ka ek shabd bhi nahin likha gaya hai. Sara dosh C.C. aur Mahasabha par mark diya gaya so Doshidaronthi ka

bhala Duniya mein hota hai.' Ye baton
 sacch nahin hain. Parhiye siphari'sen
 No 7. Is mein pate hain ki na kewal late
 President parantu C.C. ke sab angonki pra-
 shansa ke bishay likha gaya hai. Yād bhi
 karen ki Mahasabha ki baithki mein Secre-
 tary ke parishram o julum aur sahas ka
 prashansa bishesh pato se kiya gaya. Parhiye
 jo baton Dissoutu logonke bishay mein Com-
 mission ke Phaisla me likhi gayi hain!
 Khas ki bat hai, ki Darkast mein 'Doshidar'
 shabd phir milta hai. Din ko Darkast den-
 hare 'Doshidar' kahte hain unke malik
 log Mahasabha ke samne apna dosh man-
 liye. Is karan se unka dosh ksama kiya
 gaya hai, aise doshidar nahin hain. Kya
 Lutheran Mandli ke bhai log bhul gaye
 ki pap ksama ki's ko kahte hain aur us
 ka gun? Kya hai?

Pyare bhai logo! Commission ki sab ang,
 Indian, European, American ek mat hoke
 phaisla aur siphari'sonko likhwaya —
 un ki phaisla man se grahan karua
 chahiye! Bahut bahut log gar sal ke
 antim mahinon mein man se binti prarth
 kiga karte the ki Isvar Commission aur
 Directa Stosch ke manon ko chalave
 aur unki agavai kare. Kya Isvar ne binti
 ko na suni? Nischay suni. Yadi ham

yah biswas Karti hain ki ham logonki binti par
Dwar malik logonke manko chalta hai
aur dari sadhai lon mang batarega to
ham karise kahenge ki anyay ka Phaisla hai

Commission aur Director Stosch ke kam se
Lutheran Mandi ko ausar mila ki naye
manse aram karen. Ham sab ke sab Dwar
se binti karen! He Prathu mujhe naye
manko dan kar. Kya jame Dwar Dwar ber
aisa mansar dega? Mandi ke sab bhai
bahinon se ham Berlin Board ki yah arji
hai ki sab bairta chor dijiye! Manse kisi
karige aur ek Dwar ko pyar karige.
Dwar ki asik nupar hai jo Dwar Masik se
kissam pati hain

Dwar Sahai!

Berlin Board ke ang:

Walter Ricker-Rumelny

D. E. Kist

J. Stosch

Chairman

H. Elfer

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J. M. L.

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We hope to get the usual Pastoral letter of the Home Board for this

Mahasabha

1256/37/F.-36

22nd. Feb: 37.

With kindest regards and Yishusday

Yishusday

Director J. Stosch,
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated the 26th December, 1936 was placed in the full Church Council meeting held on the 6th February 1937. The Council noted with pleasure that the Home Board decided to send out two missionaries for the Gossner Church. Rev: Klimkeit arrived here on the 10th of February and we expect Dr. and Mrs. Wolff here on the 1st of March.

The F.E.L.C. of India recommended that Dr. Wolff be appointed the Principal of the Gossner High School on his arrival here and the Church Council also decided to have him as Principal of the School. We hope that the Home Board will also agree with this arrangement.

With regard to the work of Rev: Klimkeit the Council thinks that he may be posted as a district missionary either at Chaibassa or at Chainpur.

High School Building Repairs :- The Church Council also considered the question of the High School Building Repairs and found it to be very urgent. The Council resolved to send an appeal to the Board of Trustees, the Lutheran Federation of India and the Berlin Home Board for help. Full details about the question of repairs have been sent to you already by the High School. The Board of Trustees has expressed its inability to spare money for want of funds. We therefore request that you will kindly make a special effort to find money for the purpose.

The next Mahasabha of the Church will be held from the 12th to the 15th of April 1937.

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We hope to get the usual Pastoral letter of the Home Board for this
Mahasabha.

With kindest regards and Yishusahay,

Yours sincerely,

Director J. Stoen
Berlin.

N O T I C E .

Hamari Kalishiya ke sab logon ko malum hoga ki is mahine ke 12 aur 13 December ko Germany men hamare Gossner Mission Society ke 100 barsh hone ke anand men utsav manaya jayga. Wahan 13 December ko Gossner sahib aur Society ke kamon ke smaranarth aur unke kamon par Ishwar ke ashishon ke karan bishesh dhanyabad aur prarthna ka din mana jayga. German Desh ke bhai bahinon ki prarthna hai ki Chotanagpur ki hamari mandliyan bhi jo Gossner sahib aur Society ke kam ke phal hain, Ishwar ko unke sath dhanyabad dene men aur us din ko bishesh prarthna ka din manne men samil hoven. Is karan sab mandaliyon ko yah suchna dii jati hai ki 13 December ko hamari mandaliyon men bhi bishesh prarthna aur Ishwar ka dhanyabad kiya jawe.

Council Office, Ranchi.
The 1st. Decemb er, 1936


Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

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No: 1005/36/F.-36.

Dated Ranchi, the 3rd. December, 1936.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

I beg to send herewith a copy of the application received from Singbhum District, requesting that a missionary to work among the people there be sent. *and a copy of the resolution of the C.C. in it.*

The Church Council carefully considered this question and felt the need of a missionary in the district. The Church Council also thought that as there was still room, according to the Agreement between the Gosmer Church and the Berlin Home Board, for a few more missionaries in this field, it could request the Home Board to send one missionary for Singbhum even without placing the question before the Mahasabha.

Therefore it resolved at its meeting on the 21st October 1936, to respectfully request the Home Board to send one missionary for the district of Singbhum.

With Yishusahay,

Yours sincerely,



OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

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No: 1001/36/F.-36.

Dated Ranchi, the 2nd December, 1936.

To,
The Director and members
of the Kuratorium,
Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

Dear brethren in Christ,

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam remembers with gratitude the advent of the Centenary celebrations of the Gossner Mission Society that are to be held in Berlin on the 12th and 13th of December 1936. The Church would have been glad to send some representatives to take part in the celebrations but unfortunately distance and pecuniary difficulties separate us. However we rejoice with you in heart and wish the celebrations all success.

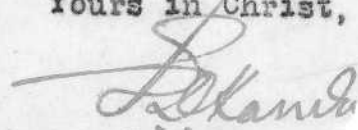
We have given a wide publicity to the coming Centenary and the whole Church will remember the Society during the celebrations. Circulars have been sent to all the Ilakas and there will be special service of thanks giving throughout the Church on the 13th December, the 2nd Sunday of the Advent in commemoration of the hundred years of God's work. All the Ilakas have contributed their mites towards the centenary fund.

We believe the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam is the best fruit of the Gossner Society and we are proud of it. We pray that God may bless this work abundantly and it may bring forth fruit manifold. May God help the Society to spread the Gospel more and more in this benighted land of Chotanagpur and Assam where there is still ample field for Christ's labourers.

During this joyous celebration we feel ourselves nearer and nearer to the mother Church and we wish that this filial relationship between us be never broken. We send our heartiest congratulations and Yishusahay to you all;.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Yours in Christ,


Secretary,
in Chotanagpur &

Wannsee, 17. Oktober 1936
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Schuchardtweg 3

To The Church Council

G.E.L. Church

Ranchi

Dear bretheren,

On Reformation day (31th of October) the German steamer Marienfels will sail from Hamburg, it is due Calcutta on December 5th (this supersedes what I wrote to the Rev. W. Radsick a few days ago). Four of its passengers will take up work in the Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur viz. Miss A. Diller, Miss D. Radsick, Miss Hedwig Schmidt and Miss H. Ziebarth. We suggest Miss A. Diller for Purulia. The congregation of Purulia is very anxious to have her back and Miss Diller herself is willing to return to her old place. Miss D. Radsick is expected by her father in Ranchi, we hope she will take off ^{of} parthis burden from her fathers shoulders. Miss Hedwig Schmidt is a new comer. She has been trained in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Berlin. She is supposed to be particularly clever as a girls' guide and for training Bible women. We ask to station her at Takarma. Miss Auguste Fritz is hoping for a good companion and it is sister A. Fritz who is ablest to train Miss Schmidt for her work in India. Miss Ziebarth will marry the Rev. W. Kumbartzki in Assam.

We hope the C.C. will accept these proposals and will welcome these christian sisters.

I learned from your letter that the C.C. did not think it advisable to print the ^{Home}~~House~~ Board's reply to the application from Takarma. We shall not contradict your decision as you are responsible for the peace of the Church. We expect that a copy of this letter has been forwarded to Takarma. The letter should be kept carefully for the time might come when this letter can be helpful for the Church.

Regarding the principalship of our High School the ~~Findings~~^{Findings} of the Commission sent by the Lutheran Federation say that an Indian Educationist should take charge, if possible. When nobody was found the Chairman of that Commission, Bishop Sandegreen wrote to me, that he would suggest now to appoint a German Missionary for that post. The C.C. came to the same decision. I am very sorry I have to report to - day, that we cannot say anything definite about Mr. Albrecht. It is only certain that he cannot be expected before January 1st. I therefore wrote to Bishop Sandegreen asking him to try his very best to find an Indian Educationist in the T South.

May the spirit of our Lord guide you in all your doings and decisions.

With hearty Jisu Sahay

yours sincerely

J Storch

NOTICE.

A Public Meeting OF Indian Christians

will be held
ON

**Saturday the 10th October 1936, at 6 p.m.
at the S. P. G. Institute.**

Your presence is cordially invited.

Business :—(i) Addresses on the subject of the election of an Indian Christian representative to the Provincial Legislative Assembly, by Messrs S. K. Roy and A. L. Tirkey.

(ii) Final organisation of the Indian Christian Association of Chotanagpur.

(iii) Election of the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee.

N. B. The Annual Subscription is four annas. Only those who have paid their subscriptions for 1936 will be allowed to vote. This may be paid just before the meeting.



नोटिश

शनिवार, १० ओक्टोबर, १९३६ के ६ बजे संध्या को हिन्दुस्तानी खृष्टियानों की एक सर्व साधारण सभा, एस० पी० जी० इन्स्टीट्यूट में होगी, अतएव आपसे उपस्थित होने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।

विषय क्रम :—(i) प्रान्तीय लेजिस्लेटिव असेम्बली (व्यवस्थापिका सभा) में हिन्दुस्तानी खृष्टियान प्रतिनिधि की चुनाव पर ब्यख्यान, मि० एस० के० रोय और मि० ए० एल० तिकी द्वारा।

(ii) इन्डियन खृष्टियान एसोसियेशन की आखिरी संगठन।

(iii) एसोसियेशन के पद्धारियों और कार्यकारिणी सभा के मेम्बरों की चुनाव।

(iv) अन्य कोई आवश्यक विषय।

विशेष द्रष्टव्य—वर्षिक चंदा चार आना मात्र। भोट देने का अधिकार केवल उनको होगा जिन्होंने १९३६ का चंदा दे चुके हैं। चंदा सभा के आरम्भ में भी दे दिया जा सकता है।

S. K. ROY,
Provisional President.

Th. SURIN,
Provisional Secretary.

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My dear Mr Kandalan

Many thanks for your
note dated Ranchi 12th June
with enclosures

On June 4th I sent a
air mail letter to you

With hearty wishes

Yours truly

P. Stosch

General
10-7-26

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10.10.26

an den Herrn Dr. ...

Herrn Paulus ...
Sachverhalt ...

Sehr geehrte ...

U. Stock

No. 490/36/F.-36.

Dated Ranchi, the 14th July, 1936.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

Your letter with enclosures reached me in due time, I thank you very much for them.

In respect of the reply to a letter from Takarma Ilaka, addressed to the Home Board, I beg to inform you that as the Church Council members desired, the letter was read in the Council meeting on the 13th July 1936. After reading the letter the Church Council felt very sorry as such a letter was written by the Takarma Ilaka to the Home Board and after a discussion the Church Council resolved that the Home Board be requested to kindly permit the Church Council not to publish the letter in the Gharbandhu as it may revive the old unrest in the Church and disturb the peace that is being established. The Church Council decided also to send a copy of the letter to Takarma Ilaka for information. I am sending here with a copy of the resolution, passed in the meeting, in Hindi.

The Amendments, suggested by the Kuratorium, to paragraphs 2 and 8 of the "Agreement" accepted by the General Conference in December 1935 was also read and discussed in the Council meeting and the Church Council endorsed the amendments. They will be placed before the next Mahasabha for acceptance.

In connexion with the High School I wish to inform you that Mr. Lakra has now been called to the South India to work there in the Andhra Christian College, Guntur. He left Ranchi on the 1st and joined the College on the 4th July. No appointment has as yet been made in his place but a temporary arrangement will soon be made. We understand from your letters that Rev: Albrecht is coming to India sometime in October; on his arrival he will be the permanent Principal of the School. His appointment in the School, we hope, will solve the financial difficulty of the School to a very great extent.

I shall send you the proceedings of the last Mahasabha and the Census of the 1935 very soon. The delay was due to several difficulties

With kindest regards and Yishusahay to you and to the Home Board,

Yours sincerely,



OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.
CHURCH COUNCIL KI KARYYAKARAK SABHA KI BAITHKI.

Ta: 13 July, 1936.

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2. Berlin Board ki chitthi tarikh July 2, 1936. Yah chitthi Council ko parh kar sunai gai aur is bar bahut bat bichar kiya gaya. Ant men yah sankalp hua:-

Ki Berlin Board se arji kii jay ki kripa kar is chitthi ko chhap-
wane ka agrah na kare. Purani baton ko nikalne se phir golmal ho sakta
hai, aur jo shanti sthapit ho rahi hai so bigar jaygi. Samuchi Kalisha men
aur Kalisha ke baharwalon men in baton ko jahir karna Council awashyak
nahin samajhti hai. Lekin is chitthi ka nakal Takarma Ilaka ke pas janti
ke liye bheji jay.

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Dated Ranchi, the 14th July, 1936.

Extract from the Minutes of the Church Council Executive of 13th
July, 1936 forwarded to the Director J. Stosch Berlin, Germany, for in-
formation.



Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

1. The Autonomy of the G.E.L. Church is to remain inviolate under its Constitution.

2. (a) With a view towards bringing autonomy to its full completion, the help of foreign missionaries as spiritual advisers is and will be necessary for years to come a condition which can only be terminated by mutual consent of the Berlin Board and the General Conference if there be such a need in any future. Therefore it is desirable that some German missionaries come and work in and with the Church. This desire of the Church be made known to the Home Board of the missionaries annually by the General Conference through its Church Council with reference to missionaries to be sent.

(b) With a view to allow the growth of the spirit of self-administration and self help it is found desirable to restrict the number of foreign missionaries in the Autonomous Church. This limitation shall be determined every tenth year by the Church Council and the Missions-Director of the Gossner Mission Home Board who is expected to come to India on his Decennial visitations.

3. The relation between the foreign missionaries and the Autonomous Church shall be as follows :-

(1) All missionaries from Germany who may hereafter join the work of the Autonomous Church shall be members of that Church and shall work under its constitution.

(2) All ordained missionaries shall be members of the Ministerium of the Autonomous Church.

(3) As the missionaries will labour within the Autonomous Church their special work shall be assigned to them by the Church Council, which shall make all such assignments in accordance with the recommendations of the Berlin Board. Any change in the sphere of work or transfer from one station to another shall be made by the Church Council in consultation with the senior resident missionary, who shall undertake to inform the Berlin Board of such a change or transfer. The Gossner Mission Board shall, however, have the right to altering or reversing the order of the Council with regard to sphere of work or transfer,

transfer, and the Church Council should respect such a decision of the Berlin Board.

(4) The sphere of work allotted to foreign missionaries shall be, generally speaking, as follows:-

- (a) Prosecution and organization of Mission work in a proper sense, that is to say, evangelizing the non-Christians.
- (b) Ministering to the spiritual needs of their fellow-workers.
- (c) Teaching in the Theological Seminary.
- (d) Superintending of congregational work on behalf of the Church Council.
- (e) Educational work, whether superintending, teaching or otherwise.

N.B. It is understood that the work mentioned under (a) to (e) above is not reserved exclusively to foreign missionaries.

(5) In the case of discipline of foreign missionaries (which we hope in God's good providence may never occur) the Church Council and the Ministerium shall have the right to take all constitutional measures with reference to all missionaries ordained or unordained as the case may be. In case the decision of the Ministerium or Church Council respectively is not accepted, the foreign missionary in question shall have the right to appeal to his Home Board. Pending the final decision of the Home Board the missionary shall cease his work and remove to a place designated by the Ministerium or the Council respectively or shall leave the field entirely.

(6) All missionaries shall be eligible to membership of the Church Council and the Executive Committee of the Council. However, they should never compose more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the membership of the Council, nor should there be more than two foreign missionaries in the Executive Committee.

(7) All officers of the Council and Executive should be elected with reference only to their fitness without distinction of race

(8) (a) The salaries, allowances, furloughs, vacations, etc., of all foreign missionaries shall be given to them by their Home Board and shall be regulated by the rules of the Home Board. The salaries, allowances, etc., of the missionaries shall be paid through their senior missionary whom the Home Board will design-

designate. The senior missionary shall be ex-officio a member of the Church Council.

(b) Due Notice of all furloughs and vacations given to the missionaries by the Home Board should also be given to the Church Council by the senior resident missionary and all temporary charges due to such furloughs and vacations should be filled in by the Council.

4. FINANCE.

4. The Autonomous Church should be a self-supporting Church and as such the Gossner Mission Home Board can not consider itself responsible to support the activities of the Church. The Berlin Board as the founding mission may, however, try to give such financial aid from abroad as will allow them to collect.

5. The Agency through which financial help from Europe and America comes to the Autonomous Church shall ordinarily continue for the present to be through the Berlin Board. But in case of urgency the Church Council may be considered free to appeal to the missionary organisations in India, Europe or America as the case may be.

6. The Berlin Mission Home Board should not consider or recommend any appeal or demand for funds from any individual or institution of the Church independent of the Church Council or its Executive.

The correspondence with regard to financial aids from the Berlin Board intended for the Church may be addressed to the Secretary of the Church Council or a copy of such a correspondence addressed to the Treasurer may be forwarded to the Secretary for information.

PROPERTY

7.(a) As to the Property the Berlin Board has no intention of deriving any benefit from the property now entrusted to the Board of Trustees which holds the same under "The Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (II of 1882) the Church being declared the sole beneficiary of the whole property.

(b) As long as German Missionaries work in the Autonomous Church their Home Board shall have the right to urge upon the Church Council to see that proper accommodation is given to them.

8. It is understood that the above proposals cannot become effective until they are ratified by the General Conference of the Autonomous Church and the Berlin Home Board.

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Church Council

C/o Mr. P. Hurad

G.E.L. Compound

Ranchi

Dear Bretheren

I write to-day in order to inform you that I intend to sail from Genova on the 28th September and that I am due Colombo on October 15th. I may be expected in Ranchi about October 22nd.

First I say that my heart is full of thankfulness to God that we shall meet again before long. I am very glad that I shall see Chota Nagpur again and see your face and hear from you and speak to you! The prayers ^{are} of Gossner's Mission Society ~~are~~ with me that God will strengthen me for my work in Chota Nagpur; His Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth.

I am now leaving my home and my parish in order to minister unto you; It lies partly with ^{you} ~~me~~ that my stay in Chota Nagpur gives you what it ought to give. Therefore I cordially request you to make such arrangements as are in my opinion best to secure success. I intend to have meetings with individuals and groups; I intend to see at least some of the outstations; I intend to hold a course of instruction for the Pastors and Candidates; I intend to be present at a session of the General Conference and of the Ministerium. Much depends on the right arrangement. The Pastors and Candidates I suppose

are not available in December for a course of instruction lasting 3 or 4 weeks . November or even October will be more suitable, please, arrange the course of instruction to take place as late as possible, in order to give me time to see first some of the stations.

Do not fix, please, the date of the General Conference now. We shall see later whether or not it is advisable to hold the Conference immediately after the Course of instruction. I hold myself responsible for any additional financial burden that might be the consequence of separating the Conference from the Course of instruction. Further I ask that no pastor and no candidate must stay away ~~for~~ for lack of money. It is quite a singular opportunity for me to meet with you. It is only fair that I take the burden of the Course of instruction this time; I intend to explain St. Paul's epistles to the Corinthians, the Augsburg Confession (every Pastor must have his own copy in Hindi), and the Saksibani. If possible I should give a few lectures on M. Luther's life. I should be grateful if the Rev. M. Prehn would lecture on Indian Church History, the Rev. M. Kerschis on Elias. I should also be glad if any of ^{our} ~~your~~ Indian bretheren should be prepared to contribute. The routine should be fixed when I am in Ranchi.

On the whole I should like to finish my work in Chota Nagpur before the year ends.

Our prayer is that God be with us in all our doings.

I am with hearty Jisu Sahay

yours truly

J Stosch

Ranchi.
The 14th. September, 1935.

My dear Director Stosch,

The Church Council Executive received your air-mail letter of the 6th. instant and thank you heartily for the same.

Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to have you in our midst in Chota Nagpur after a lapse of 10 long years. The Church Council feels very happy to extend you its hearty welcome. We also beg to accord our heart-felt thanks to the Curatorium to make your visitation possible at this critical time. Please convey our thanks to each member of the Curatorium. We know for certain that your visitation will be of immense help to the churches in Chota Nagpur in the uplifting and deepening of their spiritual life, the decline of which we all realise.

The Council is notifying to the pastors announcing the 9th. of November as the date when the Pastors' Class should begin. ~~or~~ This also is provisional. The date of the General Conference will be fixed later in consultation with you when you reach Ranchi as you also write.

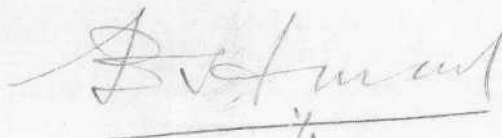
I trust this letter will reach you in due time before you leave Berlin for India.

Many hearty Vishushay to you and to all the members of the Curatorium.

Praying for your safe voyage and pleasant journey to India,

I remain,
Yours very truly,

To Director J. Stosch.
Gossner Mission Board.
BERLIN -Wansee.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Stosch', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, there is a small handwritten mark that looks like a fraction '1/2'.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM

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Dated Ranchi, the 13th June, 1935.

My dear Director Stosch,

Your last letter to me and also to the Conference reached me in due time and presented to that body. The whole Conference this time was very tumultuous due to the hostile attitude from the very beginning of the Revolutionary party headed by Mr. Lakra who has now been able to form a body calling themselves dissenters as they, though a minority, have dissented from the decision of the Conference which found the President guilty in frustrating the Resolution of the Church Council with regard to Mr. Lakra's remaining in the High School as Principal. He has now been removed from the office of the President, and Rev: M. Kerschis elected as President.

Now there are certain other matters to be considered, as the Conference could not take up other questions as set forth in the Agenda. The matter of the President only took us full four days. The minor party who were more vociferous disturbed and upset the Programme made by the Council and on the last day during the few hours they wanted to finish up other matters hurriedly and summarily but they were defeated and their motive was foiled. As Mr. Lakra's party wished to show to the Conference that the Council was ignoring the arbitration of the India Lutheran Federation which Mr. Lakra wished to come and arbitrate, the Conference finally desired and decided that the subject now pending before them and which caused so much unpleasantness in the Church be now taken up in the next special or Extraordinary Conference which will be convened when you will be here and a deputation of the Federation also will be invited to come. We trust it will now be ^{made} ~~much~~ possible for you to come out to India soon after the rains.

I am enclosing for your information and interposition if you think proper, a copy of my Note to my missionary brethren of the Church Council and which is self-explanatory. May I, however, add a few more words to elucidate my view point? I may be permitted to say that I had been watching so long the way of conducting things by our

our missionary friends. My observation is that the missionaries being paid servants of the Berlin Board consider their position impregnable and unassailable and therefore they do not seem to be affected by any administrative^{ve} measure good or bad as are we their Indian colleagues, who are always in the ⁿdanger of being hauled up, disgraced and thrown out. The outcome of this kind of attitude on the part of the missionaries has been the utter negligence of discipline in administrative government which results in serious set back of autonomy. So long I did not speak out as I thought that in certain instances our missionary colleagues did some wrong by mistake. What I now find is that they think that they should please all parties and by such dealings they would please each and every one and keep the balance in their hands. But I am sorry to say that this is not the way of running administration. Administration has to enforce discipline not departing from justice but with justice and a departure from this principle has now begun to plunge the Church into confusion. But this is only a beginning and a continued practice of such a policy by our missionary colleagues would mean gradual disintegration of the Church. I very much regret that such a course is adopted by our missionary brethren and if it is not remedied and checked in time, I am afraid, the autonomy will be destroyed in a few decades. Seeing these things there is some suspicion in some quarters that the present course of action is to open the way to bring back missionary power and do away with the self-administering spirit. You know it very well that the church is autonomous, its constitution stands for autonomy, its ministerium stands for autonomy, the Agreement with the Berlin Board lays down that the Autonomy is inviolate, and as such we all should try to promote and develop autonomy to its maturity. It would be a mistake if we mixup autonomy and selfsupport. The Church Council is going to show its weakness in handling any subject and our missionary colleagues have very little respect for the Constitution and they depend more in their own common sense, rather than on the Constitution which is made to regulate our administration and meant to consolidate our individual divergent ways of thinking. It is high time that there should be a change in the policy, in the personell of the missionary staff at least in the Council where your senior missionary is an ex-officio member. The Church needs not only pastors but also adminis-

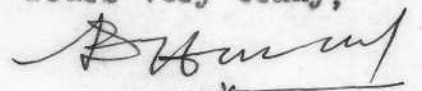
administrators and men of administrative experience and capacity are needed in the Council which is the Executive body of the whole Church

I have taken the liberty of writing you at some length and wish now to stop here. I have penned these lines in order to acquaint you with my points of view and not in any way to condemn our missionary brethren. All these lines are written for your information so that we all try from now to put things aright and keep the Church from being destroyed. The Roman Catholics and not the least the Anglicans are always looking for opportunities when because of our weakness in administration our work will collapse and our people will go over to them. There is certain amount of disaffection owing to the weakness of the Council and we should remedy it now for the Church which you have founded for His glory and the salvation of souls and which we also love so much that its work may be extended and developed for the upbuilding of His Kingdom in this part of India.

to all
With sincere and hearty Yishusahay to you and the member of the Curatorium who love us and our Church.

I remain,

Yours very truly,


18/6/35.

True copy.

Berlin-Wannsee

April 30th., 1935.

My dear Mr. P. Hurad,

I enclose a letter for the General Conference. We shall think of you in the time of these Troubles. The time is short but I hope you will have this before the Conference begins. As to the monetary help from America and other places I wish to inform you, that we have to pay the equivalent in German coin of all remittances from foreign countries to Chota Nagpur. These remittances therefore are not donations towards the budget of the church; they can only be disbursed by the Rev. M. Prehn according to his budget. The only exception are the S 500 that reached you in the end of 1934 from Dr. A. Morehead. These S 500 are a gift from the Lutheran Christians of America. The second remittance of S 500 from Dr. Morehead is meant for the church. As we have to pay the equivalent these S 500 are really given to the Church from the Kuratorium of Gessners Mission and form a part of our contribution of RM 500 monthly towards the budget of the Church.

With kindest regards

Yours truly,

Sd/- J. Stesch.

True copy.

Kuratorium
der
Gessnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Wannsee
April 30th., 1935.

To,

The General Conference
of the G.E.L. Church, Chota Nagpur and Assam,
meeting in May 1935.

Dear Brethren

By air-mail I learn that you will meet in the beginning of May. The Sunday of the Good Shepherd, Misericordias Domini, is the first day of your General Conference. We shall think of you and pray that God may lead you by His Spirit into all truth. Let this be your prayer that all who speak seek only God's truth and God's honor and not their own. I wish to address every one of you individually, the German Missionaries, the Pastors and Missionworkers as well as the laymen: let this be your endeavour to build up the Church in Chota Nagpur. It is entrusted to you and you are responsible for it. Ninety years ago German Missionaries began their work in Ranchi. Do not allow to be destroyed what was built during these ninety years. Meet in prayer that God may help you to speak the truth in love. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory.

As the Kuratorium does not meet before May 2nd we cannot send you a Pastoral letter as usual. It would not reach you in time. At their last meeting on April 4th the Kuratorium was of opinion the Conference would be held after the rains.

Accept therefore this letter as a personal address from me. I spent eight years of my life with you and have not forgotten the Christian people of Chota Nagpur. Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel!

I hope we shall meet again before this year ends.

Yisu Sahay !

Yours truly,

Sd/- J. Stosch.

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Date January 5th, 35

My dear Mr. Hurst

I ask you to forward
enclosed to the C.C.

In addition to this inform,
please, the C.C. that the
Curatorium thinks it
necessary to grant a home-
leave to Miss A. D. Her.

I should like it very
much to hear from you,
particularly about our
school.

Hoping to see you
before this year ends
with kind regards
your truly
J. Stosch.

Berlin-Wannsee

Florastr. 3

January 4th, 1935

From the Rev. J. Stosch

To the C.C. of the Luthern Church,

R a n c h i

c/o The Secretary Mr. P. Hurad

Dear Brethren,

to my own deep disappointment I have to inform you that I cannot come to you in this cold season. The money needed for the courses of instruction which I intend to hold and for my touring in the Missionfield is ready for me in London, but as yet we did not succeed to get it sanctioned for disbursement in India. We are trying our best to avail ourselves of this money and hope to be successful. My plan is now to sail in the end of the raining season to come in right time for the theological course for instruction.

I should wish to be present at a meeting of the General Conference. On behalf of the Kuratorium I therefore request you not to convoke the conference for March or April as usual. When we have the conference in October, we shall see the situation of Mission Work clearer than we do now.

In all our doings we are under God. If it is His will He can remove all the obstacles preventing me from coming to you. May our Lord bless all of you with his Holy Spirit.

With hearty Jisus Sahay

Yours truly

J. Stosch

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13th. April,

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Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

I am sending you to-day a copy of the Programme of our next regular General Conference which meets from the 9th of May. From the contents you will note that the Conference is convened specially to determine once for all and finally all questions and troubles arising out of our High School. It is needless to say that Mr. J. Lakra being in the High School has been the cause of all the troubles in the Church. The ad-interim period between the Mahasabha has been the worst ever experienced by me.

I should be extremely glad and thankful if you will very kindly send us the Curatorium's pastoral letter for the Conference. The time is very short and your message by air mail only will reach us in good time. I trust you will do us this favour.

It is thought that we should have an extraordinary Conference next October when you are expected to be with us and we shall then together consider some of the most important matters affecting the Church.

I wish also to write here that this year is the 90th. anniversary of the founding of the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur and with your advent, if God so desires, we shall be observing this anniversary with a thanks-giving service during the extraordinary Conference.

In your last letter you wished me to give you some particu-

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To the C.C.

of the G.E.L. Church

In Chota Nagpur and Assam

Dear brethren,

your letter dated Ranchi April 24 th, 1934 and signed by the members of the Executive reached us in the end of May. I read it to the Kuratorium at their meeting on the 7 th of June. The two petitions reached me just before that meeting. I informed the Kuratorium of the gist of these petitions. At their next meeting I shall read the translation of the petitions to the Kuratorium. The Kuratorium directed me to assure you of their deep and cordial sympathy with all the suffering Missionworkers. We pray that our heavenly father may guide us and help ^{us} to see His way in the present emergency. We resolved to make an extraordinary remittance of 2500 RM to the Rev. M. Prehn who is responsible to the Kuratorium for the appropriation of this money. The Rev. M. Prehn will take the advice of the council. We are now waiting for Government sanctioning the remittance.

In the current year we do not intend to send Missionaries to Chota Nagpur. Miss F. Heintze will leave India for good in September or October. Her work should be given to somebody else until we send Miss H. Schmidt in October 1935. This young lady is in our opinion particularly fit for Mission service as teacher and as deaconess. Three young Missionaries are prepared to go to India

in 1935. One is at present in charge of a parish in East Prussia, the second is preparing for Mission service in America and taking his degrees, the third went through Berlin University and passed this examination three months ago. The whole question regarding the relation between the Missionaries and the Church will be taken up when I come to Chota Nagpur in the last quarter of this year. During my stay in India we must have a convention of our Pastors and candidates, 3 weeks should be spared for it.

The Kuratorium appreciated the reply of the Church to the Pastoral letter and send their hearty Jisu Sahay.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J Stosch

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26th. April, 34.

Director J. Stesch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stesch,

So many thanks for your kind letter and the illuminating and informative pastoral letter to the Conference. The question of Episcopacy is too big a question for our people here as its introduction seems to be departing from the Lutheran doctrine. It is no easy task to educate the mass from one form to another either in rituals or church government. I think you must have been experiencing similar troubles and people are revolting against Episcopacy. Now this question will largely depend on your elucidation when you come during the next cold weather.

The High School has been a very knotty and unpleasant affair. We sat for days together to clear the matter and come to a decision. A special Committee of the Church Council met and have in a way made a pronouncement on the subject. The Committee recommends that Rev: J. Lakra remain as Principal till the end of this year and another man appointed in his place from 1935. This recommendation is not conclusive and will come up in the next full Church Council meeting sometimes in September or October next. I feel confident that in October we shall make this matter conclusive and I hope the way for the Rubleks to come here will be clear and open. It is quite possible that after our next Church Council meetings we shall be sending you a cablegram for the Rubleks and they would perhaps be enabled to

to come with you.

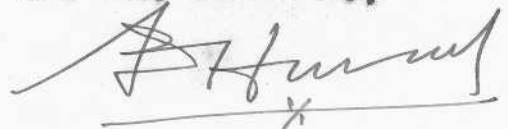
I too have no faith in democracy but in leadership and as such our Church Constitution and also Church government should be changed. The situation is now different from what it was during the time of the mission. Autonomy is being abused and it is high time that strong leadership in a changed church government should be introduced to save the situation.

I am really thankful that you have so kindly arranged to send us the musical notations. A mixed choir was started last year and is doing very well under Mr. Kerschis. I am sending you the sample of notations which I hope will be helpful in determining the size we wish for.

Now with regard to your visitation, the whole Mahasabha on behalf of the Church is ready to welcome you and the Church Council too is extending ^{you} its hearty welcome. So you can now be rest assured that my invitation was not only personal but is now universal and now you will please see your way to comply with our invitation.

So much now. More in my next. Hearty Vishwasahay to you and to all the members of the Kuratorium. Please remember me specially to Mr. Lokies.

Yours very sincerely,



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March 23rd, 1934

My Dear Mr. Patres Hurad

Just before drafting this Pastoral letter I received your letter of March 1st. I was very glad to have it just now for I learned important things regarding the present situation in Chota Nagpur. The Pastoral letter is only preparatory. ~~It~~ & We did not wish to decide anything now. In closing your letter you express the hope that the Berlin Board should invite me to Chota Nagpur sometime this year. The Berlin Board is prepared to do this, I hope I shall see my way to comply with this request. I should like to know whether it is your personal opinion or the opinion of the C.C. and the

Church, that it would be a good thing
if I could pay a visit to Chota Nagpur
this year.

Let me kindly have an early reply.

The types of musical notations I shall
send you as soon as I know exactly
what you want. I think it is the best
way to send me a page of the Rag
Pustak.

With hearty Greetings

Yours sincerely

O. Stodd.

888/34/T.-36.

1st. March, 34.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

For months I have not written you any letter, but I had been watching with keenest interest the developments of your Church in Germany. Being a strong advocate of Episcopacy inspite of its abuses, I have come to the conclusion that it is the most efficient form of Church Government specially suitable to India where guru system is so much respected. Personally I do not favour Popedom or hierarchical episcopacy as of Divine origin but as one having its beginning in history. I trust Episcopacy has come to stay in Germany, though there have been so many complications within it with all kinds of revolutionary ideas

I very much wish that our Church in Chota Nagpur should before long have a Bishop of its own and do not be locked down by other episcopal churches in the field. The Anglicans here do not differ very much from us doctrinally and if we have Bishops they have nothing more to say on the question of Church Union. We have just concluded our "Evangelistic Campaign Week" yesterday. This was an organised effort by both churches under the auspices of the B & O.C.C. and the National Christian Council. Last evening there was a thank giving service in the open air near the Cathedral wherein ministers of both the Churches took part and our President pronounced the benediction. I wish to tell you that there

there is a growing conviction that there should be one united church in Chotanagpur, if we really wish our people to join Christianity. I very much wish that you advise us on this question of adopting Episcopacy and whether it would not be possible for you to give us one - a saintly and a scholarly man who could be our Bishop and who would take the right place along with the Bishops of other denominations.

The Church Council met last month the latter half and we decided to hold the General Conference soon after the Easter and we shall be very much pleased to have your pastoral epistle as usual in due time so as to enable to place it before that body.

The High School question has become very knotty and prickly Under Mr. J. Lakra it is going to be an institution independent of the Church Council. The Government's Education Department has been influenced to disregard the Church Council's position. It will be my unpleasant and painful duty to place this matter before the next Conference. I do not know what attitude the Conference will take in deciding this question, but I think it is high time that something decisive should be done to get rid of such undesirable independence.

You must have, I believe, learnt from papers that our province has suffered heavily from the devastating earthquake of 15th. January. Lighter tremours are still continuing from time to time with little damage. The first severe earthquake has ruined the country and destroyed life and property. Our properties at Muzafferpur are wholly destroyed. The buildings and houses are in ruins.

Last year in one of my letters I had written you kindly to arrange to send us, if possible, types of musical notations i.e.

i.e. the old notations. We are very much in need of these. It is difficult to get them here in Calcutta. Types a little smaller than those used in Bara Rag Pustak will do. I shall thank you very much if it would be possible for you to help us in this line.

Since I last wrote you Rev: Paulus Tirkey of Chaibassa died in September last and 2 days ago Rev: Masihdas Topono of Diankel has died after a long illness.

Now inclosing may I be permitted to extend my request that it would be well if the Berlin Board would see its way to ~~depute~~ you to pay us a visit sometime this year. It would be a good thing if you could do this.

Many hearty Vishwasahay to you and to the members of the Curatorium.

Yours very sincerely,

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My Dear Mr. P. Hurst

I write to inform you that the Rev. W. Kumbakhari is on his way to Chota Nagpur. We ordained him in Friedenau at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Reformation Sunday. He is due Colombo on November 29th. Probably he will continue his voyage by steamer. It is our hope that the Church of Chota Nagpur

will gain in Mr. Kumbarku
a faithful worker and
sincere friend.

The Kuratorium is of
opinion that it is a
good plan to send
this young Missionary
to Charingpur as an
Assistant to The Rev
A. John.

I hope to hear from
you soon.

With very hearty
greetings to all the
members of the C.C.
Yours truly

J. Stosch.

213/33/F.-51.

31st. August, 33.

To,

The Curatorium of the

Gossner Mission Society in Friedenau,
Berlin.

Hearty Yishusahays to the members of the Curatorium.

With much joy we acknowledge with hearty thanks the receipt of your pastoral epistle which reached us in due time and being translated was read out to the General Conference. The Conference expressed its deep thankfulness and stood up for some minutes to do honour to the Curatorium and resolved to send it their Yishusahay.

This is the Third Annual Conference since the year when our financial ties have become so slender. And in such a time as this your epistle to us is one of great consolation and good example. We could even see how strongly we stand united in the bond of the spirit and that you always have in the innermost parts of your heart the welfare of our Church and are ever ready to render us every assistance and guide us in our path.

The Conference devoted sometime to consider the points mentioned in your letter, notably the topics centring round the religious instructions to be imparted to the congregations and to the village children; also the subject of evangelisation of the heathens. It is a matter of vital importance that our Church should increase not only in number but also in spiritual life as well as in the knowledge of the scriptures and we acknowledge with grateful hearts that though our Church has been put into

into a comparatively much more acute situation than the rest of missions and though other people sometimes felt that the Chotanagpur Lutheran Church was sure to collapse, yet we have been able to enrol a good number as inquirers. Just as in the European countries you have to struggle hard against the onslaughts of Bolshveism so here in Chotanagpur, the Lutheran Church has to fight its way out against the unfriendly active operations of ~~the~~ Jesuitism whose only intention has been the dismemberment of the Lutheran Church. Now they have made it a point to set up new schools and appoint Jesuit missionaries and priests and nuns and sisters amongst our people in villages where they live in smaller numbers. This they do with the aim that our people might see and be tempted by their works done on ostentatious scale and our children and youngmen attracted to their schools and other institutions and thus won over to their fold. In the year under review when the Survey and Settlement costs have been so heavy and are being realised, the Jesuit missionaries have busied themselves in visiting every part of the Ranchi and other districts with money ready in their hands for distribution and loaning out. Besides this, they are opening up schools and are starting institutions for the women through the nuns.

As to missionary work, we have humbly to admit that feeble attempts have been made so far to do such a work in Bonai, Bamra and Chhechhari. For lack of funds we sometimes engaged only one catechist to go over large areas and who had to move about alone within a radius of 27 to 30 Kilometers from his head-quarters. He has, therefore, under great handicap, to go about preaching, teaching and ministering from village to village. Taking advantage of such a plight of ours, other missions think of entering our field of operation and establish themselves there and thus deprive us of our fruit of long and assiduous labour.

In the year under review a very large number of Uraon people living in the Ranka Estate in the district of Palanau expressed a great desire to join our Church. The missionaries of the Disciples of Christ Mission knowing this approached these people who first refused to go over to their mission but later when it was discovered that we could do very little for their material welfare, they joined that mission.

It is extremely gratifying to know that you are prepared to give us that much for mission work as we ourselves could collect. Nothing should give us greater pleasure than this kind offer and we heartily thank you for this too. The Conference spent a considerable time in considering this item and resolved that every effort should be made to raise sufficient funds for this piece of valuable work. Our only regret, however, is that as you too have said that our hands are now as empty as yours are. Our own troubles are the outcome of the poverty and empty-handedness of our people. Our people are wholly and chiefly drawn from the poorer agricultural class and in these times when the value of the produce is so small that they practically get very little for their crops in return and money is very scarce so much so that with difficulty they could collect money to pay their land rents. We however are determined to make special efforts to raise sufficient funds for mission work by creating new spirit of responsibility amongst our people.

We can not close this letter without mentioning that how thankful the hearts of ours have been for the great gifts of money that have come to us from time to time and which have been so useful and helpful to us in times of dire needs. At times we simply could not have done without these. We know for certain that these great gifts are but Godsent. May our Great and Gracious and ever living God bestow upon you the richest blessings so that through you we may be

be enriched in His word as well as in His earthly gifts. Our grateful thanks for these are due to the Curatorium and to every individual God-loving benefactor who have paid their share in Christian charity ^{by} helping the Gossner Church in these very hard days.

In conclusion, the Chotanagpur Lutheran Church greets the Lutheran Church of Germany and watches with keenest interest and intercessory supplications the development of the long cherished one united national church of Germany. May our good Lord and Master help you to realise this and so that the bond of unity existing between the Church of Germany and the Church in Chotanagpur be further strengthened to give new impetus to the promoting of the Church of God in this land !

Yishusahay!

Yours ever in the service of the Master,

The Executive members of the Church Council.

J. Jopson.
President.

Sturman
Secretary

H. Grevm.
Treasurer.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: P. HURAD,

No. 220/33/F. - 36.

Dated the 2nd. September/1933.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

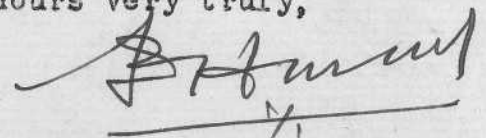
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This much to-day but I hope to write something more in the near future.

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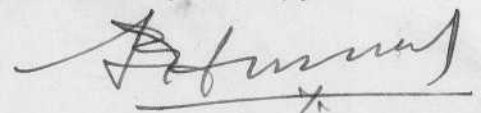
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22/33/F.-36.

24th. May, 33.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

The Annual General Conference of 1933 passed off though not without an unusual incident. Your Pastoral letter reached me in time enabling me to translate it and read out the same to the Conference. The epistle has been very much appreciated by one and all as it contained the exhortations which the Church needs from one who keeps that spiritual connection in a fatherly way. At the conclusion of the letter the whole audience rose to do honour to the Gossner Mission Board and said "Yishusahay!" which I have the honour to request you to convey to the members of the Curatorium.

There were untoward incidents on the 2nd and the 3rd day in which Rev: Mr. Lakra and another teacher of the High School, Mr. Naeman Toppo, spoke out very indifferently when questions were asked regarding High School. They spoke very excitedly. But in course of time the matter which was taking a bad turn was handled in a more prudent way and at last the atmosphere changed. Both these brethren ultimately came to their senses and apologised to the Conference for what they had said.

In any case the High School question should now be handled with a firm hand. I don't think we should see the school suffer and break down completely for Mr. Lakra. I find it is high time that I should tell him to step aside and make room for another. We can not go on experimenting with him indefinitely. I am inviting the opinion of the members for an extraordinary meeting of the Full Church Council. Prompt action has to be taken now. I told the Conference that the question would now be dealt with impartially. _____

impartially with a view to reform the school and bring it to the level of modern schools.

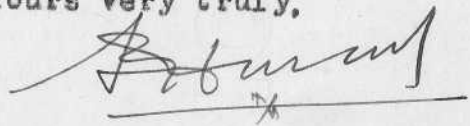
I note what you say regarding Rubleaks. Of course one must know that there is the difference to work in a mission and in a Church. There are various obstacles and difficulties on the way but those of the spirit of the Good Shepherd can only come out, and work accomodatingly. I take it there is no hope for their coming.

The Lord has again chosen my unworthy self to be used as His instrument in the upbuilding of His Church. The Secretarial duties will again remain in my hands for another 3 years. I know without His will I could not have been chosen. I had left myself into his hands and prayed to use me in any way He thought best. You can easily guess the plight into which I have been put owing to my getting Rs40/- a month, a 60% cut, wholly inadequate to support any family of 8 members!

I am enclosing a copy of the "Votes of thanks" which the Conference has charged me to forward to you and through you to the Curatorium. I trust the Curatorium will kindly accept and greatly oblige.

With sincere hearty Yishusahays to yourself and to all the members of the Curatorium, to our dear old missionaries and those who know us and love us in our Common Saviour Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours very truly,



DHANYABAD KE BACHAN.

Secretary ne kaha ki Sabha ke karbaron ke ant hone ke pahile awashya hai ki yah Mahasabha kitne Sansthaon ke prati apni krit^{gata} prakash kare:-

1. BERLIN BOARD - Secretary ne kaha ki Berlin Board ke sang Chota Nagpur aur Assam ki mandali ka pita putr ka sambandh hai. Yah mandali uska atmik santan hai isliye dhanyabad pane ka sab se pahila sthan Berlin Board hi ka hai kyonki usne rat din dhan jan se tatha apni nitya ki prarthnaon se hamari itni bahut sahayta kii hai ki unki sahayta ke bina hamara bahut se kam chalana ek dam kathin ho jata. So wah hamare dhanyabad ka patr hai. Mahasabha ka hardik dhanyabad Berlin Board ko bheja jay.



[Handwritten Signature]
Secretary
24 May 1933.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.
PURN CHURCH COUNCIL KI BAITHI KA KARYYABI BRAN.

Ta: 23 January, 1933.

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1. COUNCIL KA HISAB.

Khajanchi ne 1932 ke liye barshik amad aur kharch ka naksha pesh kiya jis men pratyek mul sirname men kitni ay hui aur kitna diya gaya so likha tha. Waisehi bite sal men pichhle tin mahinon ka naksha bhi pesh hua aur pratyek bibhag ka kharch barch dikhaya hua tha so dekha gaya. Kuchh bibhagon ke ay aur kharch par puchhpachh huwe. In donon nakshon ke dekhne par abhi malum hua ki samuche barsh men Berlin Board se Rs 20564/- mile jismen se pichhle quarter men Rs 15072/- mila. Phir bhi malum hua ki isi men se school bibhagon men jo den rah gaye the so adhikansh chuka diye gaye. Samuche barsh men amdani hui Rs 44627-10-6 pai jismen Rs 20564-5-0 2 pai Berlin ka dan tha arthat mandali ki nij amdani thi Rs 24063-5-4 pai schoolon granton ke sath. 1932 ke ant men sab hisabon ko ant karne ke samay men hath men bacha Rs 6233-4-0. arthat baras ke ant tak kharch hua Rs 38394-6-6 pai.

SANKALP: (k) Ki Khajanchi ka barshik aur antim trimasik hisab jo 1932 ka pesh huwe hain so audit ke adhin hokar grahan howen.

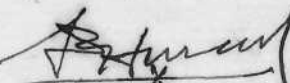
(kh) Ki Church Council apna hardik dhanyabad Berlin Board ko bhejti hai jisne apne desh ke aur jati ke dukhon ke bich men bhi ham Chotanagpur ki mandali ko nahin bhul gaye parantu Yishu Khrisht ke prem se chalaye jake har ghari hamon ke smaran karke sahayta karne ko taiyar huwe aur yon prem ka bandhan jismen ham bandhe huwe hain aisa drirhaya ki ham use bhul nahin sakte hain. Ishwar se hamari nitya prarthna hai ki wah Berlin Board ke sab parishramon par ashish ki adhikai dewe aur mission kam ke mitron ki sankhya barhawe ki German desh ke bhakt khrishtiyan yahan ke sab kamon se adhik prem rakhen aur is desh men mission kam ke sambhalne ke dwara Ishwar ke rajya ki barhti men uchit sahayta de saken. Ant men ham mission kam sab mitr aur bandhuon ko bhi apna dhanyabad aur Yishusahay bhejte hain jo kripya grahan howe.

Memo no: 1323-24/33.

F.-28.

Dated Ranchi, the 3rd. February, 1933.

Extract copy from the Minutes of the full Church Council of 23rd. January, 1933 forwarded to Missions Director J. Stosch, Berlin. for information.


Secretary,
G. E. L. Church

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Sholanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

LUTHERAN COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: P. HURAD,

No. 999/32
F-36.

Dated the 1st December 1932.

My dear Director Stosch,

A few weeks ago I intended writing a letter on the subject of looking into older records in the Mission house ^{in 1841} there at Berlin of missionaries who came to work in Nagpore in C.P. amongst the Gonds. There are a few mentions of their work in Mission Encyclopaedia and other briefer histories, but in all of these the names of these missionaries are not given. I asked Mr. Prehn to write you kindly to find out the same. I believe these Germans were working in connection with the Scottish Mission, and Hislop, another Scottish Missionary built up his work on the labours of these German missionaries of Gossner's. Kindly trace out these informations and let me have the same at your earliest.

We learn from Mr. Prehn from time to time what endeavours you are making to give us your financial aid. We are very hard hit by depression. The price of rice and other food stuffs is so low that one dares not selling his grains at so cheap a price. Of course we have gone back to the 25 years rate, and it is good, but the main thing is that money is scarce. Consequently our Church contributions and other means of raising our income are very poor. The Officers are now working at 60 % cut. You can easily imagine our financial plight. I trust conditions in Germany will in course of time ^{come} improve and better days are perhaps in sight, though gradually. These days have ^{come} so that the Autonomous Church may learn new ways of financing and bring about a revolution in the idea of support of ministry etc.

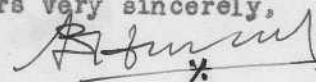
The Church Council is confronted with the problem of supporting the schools. With the approval of the Education Department we are raising the school fees by a few annas with the hope that thereby the school financing will improve a little. The Inspector has also given sanction to increase school fees in the High School. We are just deciding to close down the Lohardugga M.E. School. We are sorry that the Ilaka is practically not doing anything to aid the school by their contributions, while the other Ilakas are are doing their best to do something. We have given the Ilakas administrative and financial responsibility to certain extent and we expect them to do their mite.

What about the Moravian missionaries? We have been looking for their advent. I don't think Mr. Rublek will object to be ordained for the ministry. Their work here will be much appreciated, as we need badly the service of a man of the type of Mr. Rublek. Of course much depends upon your finances.

I have been thinking for sometime to increase the number of our Church Hymns in the Sakshibani. I want to busy myself in compiling the 3rd. part. With the intermission relations our need for English and other continental Christian hymns is keenly felt. The Santhal Lutherans have also their large Hymn Book. We should also ^{possess} of the Church Universal. Besides these, you will be interested to know that the All-India Lutheran Federation is going to have a Common Service Book for all the Lutheran Churches in India and there ~~will~~ ^{be} also need of a Common Hymnal. In any case, we should increase the number of our Hymns. I wish to bring out and publish the music for all the tunes. We have only the Bara Rag Pustak. But this contains the tunes of the 1st. part of the Sakshibani. May I ask the Berlin Board the favour of securing for us Musical Notes in old notation? Not the larger types as used in the Bara Rag Pustak, but the ones used in the Posanne. It is very difficult to get these in India. Indian Type Founders don't have it. Other get from Europe. If you do us this favour, we shall be much obliged and you will help the cause of Music in our Church.

Now I close and trust this messenger will find you hale and hearty during the Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Yours very sincerely,



The Gossner Lu. Lutheran Church in Shatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

LUTHERAN COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: P. HURAD,

No. 764/F. 36.

Dated the 12th October 1932.

Missionsdirector J. Stosch.
Wannsee, Florastr. 3.
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

I have duly received your kind favour of the August last. About that time I was in Nagpur to attend the meetings of the N.C.C., and since then I was busy in other matters of pressing necessity and hence some delay in responding to your queries.

First of all I wish to thank you very heartily for the Gramophone records which reached me all right. I took delivery of these at the end of August before I started for Nagpore. They are all doing good work and fit our gramophone. The largest disc also could be played though with some care I have to handle it for making room on the disc support. I trust this will be a good asset for my work in the interior, specially when I would go out on preaching tours. It is very kind of you to send me these records which I really greatly appreciate. Please accept my thanks for these.

You ask me for some materials for writing a short history of the Gossner Mission. You say I showed you some MSS in 1925. I do not exactly remember which you meant. I have in my possession a good amount of material which I have collected for writing my history of the Mission during the period of War and after till the Church became autonomous. If you could please let me know the nature of the material or the MSS. I shall be very pleased to send a copy of the same by the return of mail. I am glad and thankful you have been kind enough to consult me on this subject.

I understand you have by now finished your negotiations with the Rublacks of the Moravian Mission. I am anxiously waiting their decision. I believe, if there will be anything standing on their way to come to India, it will be the financial troubles. If that be the main cause, there will be no help for the present till the world situation improves. There are many who are looking forward to the coming of these missionaries, though unconsciously. I trust you will be successful in your attempts at this juncture.

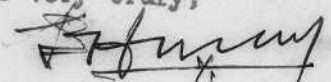
The late Father Gossner sent out many missionaries to different Missions in India and elsewhere. Recently the Church of Scotland Mission authorities in C.P. have enquired of me if I know the names of the six young missionaries whom Gossner sent out in 1841 to India in connection with Sir Donald Macleod's work among the Gonds in C.P. I made a search for this information in many mission Encyclopaedias and histories but the names are not there, though there is the mention of Gossner missionaries. Will you very kindly then let me know, if these names are in the Mission records and if so who were those missionaries. An early reply or information is earnestly requested.

I beg to forward by this mail the Church Council's Votes of thanks to the donor of the Pastors' Monsoon Meetings Expenses. The pastors were very happy to come and meet together for their mutual spiritual benefit and for their better equipment to fight the weapons of darkness in a heathen land. Without these good gifts the Pastors class could not possibly have been held. The world is lying prostrate under the burden of world depression, though I should say our hearts are not depressed.

As to our Mission and Church history, to come back to that question, I wish to let you know that I am at it. I have already written more than a hundred pages of closely typed matter and from the materials which I have in hand, I could say that this will run to another 300 pages. Dr. Cannaday has seen a part of it.

Now I close and humbly request you to tender my best regards and hearty Yishusahay to all in the Mission House and to the members of the Curatorium and also to accept the same for yourself.

Yours very truly,



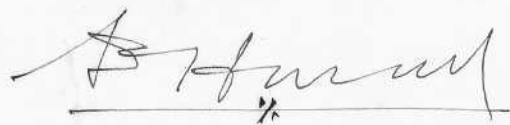
EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FULL CHURCH COUNCIL

DATED THE 6th. OCTOBER, 1932.

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(kh) Ki Gossner Kalisa ki Church Council us bare daya dan ko jise swargiya Plath sahib ke santanon ne Berlin ke Kuratorium ke dwara bhej diya saharsh grahan karti aur uske liye apna hardik anekaneek dhanyabad bhejti hai. Council bite do barson men paise ki ghati ke karan Pastoren ke Shiksha-Class wa baithki ka prabandh nahin kar saki thi aur is baras bhi is dan ke bina yah kam anhona hota. Par Ishwar apne durdarshita dwara premi logon ko aisa chalaya ki yah sundar kam unke danon se saphalta-purbbak kiya ja saka. Council is kathin samay men paye huwe dan ko nahin bhulegi par uski nitya ki prarthna hai ki German desh aur Chotanagpur ke Lutheran Khrishtiyanon ka parasparik prem Prabhu men aur adhik drirh hota jay jisten uski mandali ki suraksha ho sake.

(g) Ki Berlin Board se niwedan kiya jay ki Council ke is dhanyabad ko Professor Plath ke ghar ke dataon ke nikat pahunchane ki kripa kare.


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G. E. L. CHURCH

Circular No. 174 of 26 th May, 1932,

KURATORIUM DER
GOSSNERSCHEN MISSION.
BERLIN-FRIEDENAU.

Berlin-Wannsee, March 23rd, 1932.

To,

The General Assembly of the G. E. L. Church
Chota Nagpur and Assam.
Meeting in April 1932.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Our hearty Yisu-Sahai to all the members of the G. E. L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam. Your meeting is held this year after Misericordias Domini, the Sunday of the Good Shepherd. In this time of anxiety and unrest and economic pressure we experience the truth of our Lord's saying : In the world you have tribulation. Through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God. Let us for a moment forget all our sorrows, let us look at Him, our good shepherd, and trust Him. He knows our weakness and our sorrows, He knows the way of His Church and of each of us. Let us firmly believe Him that He will loose none of us. Watch, stand fast in the faith ! Let us not despair in this time of Emergency. It is reported that the first Missionaries after four or five years of fruitless efforts among the people of Chota Nagpur wrote to Pastor J. E. Gossner asking permission to change over to another field, for the Mundas and Uraons of Chota Nagpur were not willing to accept the Gospel. Every School-boy knows Gossner's reply. I quote this old story for it contains another lesson for us. Immediately after this fit of despair those first Missionaries saw the first fruit of their labour. Soon after this despairing letter to Pastor Gossner a change took place in the hearts of some people in the jungle of Chota Nagpur. First a few only, shortly afterwards many wanted to be baptized. The church in Ranchi was built. This story seems to be remarkable. Just before the con-

version of the first members of your church the Prince of this world tried to drive into despair the Messengers of God. It seems to us that our Mission and our Church are now in a position not unlike 1850 ! Watch, stand fast in the faith ! Do not change over to another field before a great harvest which God may give us in our own field, in our own Church !

It is a common Christian experience that times of tribulation are intended to be times of blessing by God. We must try to find out God's purpose in leading us into this time of temptation. We must try to find out God's will by meditation and prayer.

Why does God not give us as much money as we should like to send to Ranchi every month ? Up to June 1931 we found what we needed. From July 1931 our hands are empty. We are poor now. We made strong efforts to find money for you, we tried our best but there was no success. Surely God could give us money in July and August as He did in May and June. But He did not. Why ? That is the question.

We do not pretend to know the answer. We suggest the answer may be found by you. We expect God will not allow you to perish if you in Chota Nagpur fully realise that Autonomy means sacrifice and act accordingly and do what you can ; we expect that God will move hearts in Germany or in America and make people willing to contribute towards the budget of the Autonomous Church, as soon as the Members of the Church do their utmost themselves. This may be the lesson of the time. It may be God's will to teach you, how much a man is able to do if he wills and how strong a community can be if the members of the community do their duty.

Let us go on in true cooperation, the suffering Church of Germany and the suffering Church of Chota Nagpur.

May God bless His Church in this time of tribulation, may He bless every one of us.

The Koratorium

(Sd) W. RICHTER-REICHELME (Sd) J. STOSCH,

Chairman. (Sd) H. LOKIES.

[बर्लिन की चिट्ठी का अनुवाद ।]

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कोटानागपुर और आसामस्थ गोस्सनर एवं जेलिकल
ल्यूरान कलीसिया की सर्व्वसाधारण सभा की जी
अप्रैल १९३२ में बैठती है ॥

पियारे भाइयो !

कोटानागपुर और आसाम के जो० एवं० लू० कलीसा के सब अंगों
को हमारा हार्दिक वीशुसहाय । इस वरस आप लोगों की बैठकी
मिसेरीकोरदियस डोमिनी अर्थात् भले गड़ेरिये के रविवार के पीछे हो रही
है । इस समय में जब कि चिन्ता और बेचैनी और आर्थिक दबाव लगा हुआ
है हम हमारे प्रभु के कहे हुए वचन : कि जगत में तुम्हें क्लेश होगा उसका
अनुभव करते हैं । हमों को बहुत क्लेशों से होके ईश्वर के राज्य में
प्रवेश करना होगा । हम अपनी आंखें उसकी ओर उठावें जिसने जगत
को जीता है । हम थोड़े क्षण के लिये हमारे सब दुःखों को भूल जावें,
उस पर दृष्टि करें जो हमारा भला गड़ेरिया है, उस पर भरोसा रखें । वह तो
हमारी दुःखलताओं को और हमारे दुःखों को जानता है, वह अपनी
मंडली के मार्ग को जानता और हमों में से प्रत्येक के मार्ग को भी जानता
है । हम दृढ़ता से विश्वास करें कि वह हमों में से किसी को न खोवेगा ।
जागते रहो, विश्वास में स्थिर रहो ! हम इस कठिन आपत के समय में निराश
न होंवें । यह बताया जाता है कि प्रथम ४ मिशनरियों ने कोटानागपुर में ४,
५ बरसों तक क्या परिश्रम करने पर पास्टर योहन्नेस एवं जेलिस्ता गोस्सनर को
लिखा कि उन्हें दूसरे क्षेत्र में जाने की अनुमति दें क्योंकि कोटानागपुर के
मुंडा और उरांव लोग मंगल समाचार ग्रहण की इच्छा नहीं हैं । स्कूल में
पढ़नेवाला हरेक लड़का जानता है कि गोस्सनर ने क्या उत्तर दिया । मैं इस
पुराने वृत्तान्त को यहां बतलाता हूं क्योंकि इसमें हमारे लिये सीखने का
एक दूसरा पाठ भी है । इस निराशता के भोंक के तुरन्त पीछे उन प्रथम
मिशनरियों ने अपने परिश्रम का पहिला फल देखा । पास्टर गोस्सनर को
इस निराशता की चिट्ठी लिखने के पीछे कोटानागपुर के जंगल के कितने
लोगों के मनों में बदलाव आ गई । पहिले थोड़े जन, फिर तुरन्त पीछे
अनेक लोग बपतिस्मा लेने चाहे । रांची का गिरजा बनाया गया । यह
वृत्तान्त अनूठा बूझ पड़ता है । आप लोगों की मंडली के प्रथम अंगों के
ख्रीष्टीयान होने के ठीक आगे इस जगत के अंध्यत ने ईश्वर के इन

दूतों को निराशता में डालने का परिश्रम किया था। अब ऐसा बूम पड़ता है कि अभी हमारी मिशन और मंडली की दशा १८५० से कहीं भिन्न नहीं है ! सो हम जागते रहें और विश्वास में दृढ़ रहें। सो हमारे निज क्षेत्र में, हमारी निज मंडली ही में, एक बड़ी कठनी ईश्वर हमें देने चाहता है उसके पाने के पहिले हम दूसरे क्षेत्र में न जाए !

यह एक सर्वसाधारण ख्रीष्टीयान अनुभव है कि कष्ट के दिन ईश्वर की आशीष के दिन ठहरते हैं। सो हमें यह दृढ़ निकालना चाहिये कि इस परीक्षा में हमें ले जाने से ईश्वर को क्या इच्छा है। हमें प्रार्थना और ध्यान के द्वारा ईश्वर को इच्छा खोजने का परिश्रम करना चाहिये।

ईश्वर हमें कौं इतना रुपैया पैसा नहीं देता है जितना हम रांची हर महीना भेजना चाहते हैं ? १८३१ के जून तक जितना हमें अवश्य था उतना मिला। जुलाई १८३१ से हमारे हाथ कूड़े हैं। अब हम गरीब हैं। हम लोगों ने आप लोगों के लिये रुपैया पैसा पाने को बहुत परिश्रम किया, हमों ने शक्ति भर परिश्रम किया परन्तु कोई सफलता न मिली। निश्चय ईश्वर हमें जैसा मई और जून में वैसा जुलाई और अगस्त में भी रुपये दे सकता था। परन्तु उसने नहीं दिया। कौं ? यही तो एक प्रश्न है।

हम इसका उत्तर जानने का बहाना नहीं करते हैं परन्तु हमारी सूचना है कि आप उसका उत्तर खोजिये। हम आशा रखते हैं कि ईश्वर आप लोगों को नष्ट होने न देगा यदि आप लोग कोटानागपुर में भली भांति पहिचानें कि ओटोनोमी का अर्थ है बलिदान और उसी के अनुसार कार्य करें और जहां तक सकते हैं काम करें, हमारी यह भी आशा है कि मंडली के लोग आप ही जितना जल्दी शक्ति भर परिश्रम करेंगे ईश्वर जर्मनी और अमेरिका के लोगों के मनों को चलावेगा कि वे [ओटोनोमस] स्वशासित मंडली के आय-व्यय [बजेट] के लिये दें, यही इस समय का पाठ हो सकता है। यह भी हो सकता है कि ईश्वर आप लोगों को सिखाना चाहता है कि मनुष्य यदि चाहे तो कितना अधिक वह कर सकता है और यदि किसी सम्प्रदाय के अंग अपना कर्त्तव्य करना चाहें तो वे कितना दृढ़ हो सकते हैं।

सो जर्मनी की क्लेशित मंडली तथा कोटानागपुर की क्लेशित मंडली दोनों सच्चे सहयोग में होकर चलते जाएं।

ईश्वर इस संकट के समय में अपनी मंडली को आशीष दे, हां वह हमों में से प्रत्येक को आशीष दे।

क्युराटोरियम

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To

The Secretary

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi (Bihar).

My dear Mr. P. Hurad,

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On November 10th Miss Erica John will sail ~~from~~ Genova, her boat is due Colombo on **November 28th**. Miss John goes to India as daughter of her father, we hope she will become a good Missionary, all who know her think highly of her.

Probably on December 8th, Mr. J. Schernat will sail from Genova, he is due Colombo on December 26th. On the 6th of December Mr. Schernat will be ordained in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Friedenau. Mr. Schernat was engaged to Miss R. Jucknat, eldest daughter of our late Missionary, the Rev. F. Jucknat. Our intention was that Mr. Schernat should go to India now as a single man and Miss Jucknat follow him two years later. Now Miss Jucknat's is a special case. Her family lives in Memelland; Memelland was severed from Germany by the so-called ~~Peace~~ treaty of Versailles. Mr. Jucknat voted for Lithuania, the country to which Memelland had been annexed. Lithuania did not accept the optation of Mr. Jucknat. Consequently Mr. Jucknat with his family lost the German citizenship and did not acquire the citizenship of Lithuania. There is no other way for Miss Jucknat to get a passport to India than to get married now. By marriage to a German husband she becomes German. We have done our utmost to find another way, with reluctance we had to own that there is no other way. We do not wish to change dispositions. Mr. and Mrs. Schernat are willing to live in the boardinghouse in the rooms of the Rev. F. Schulze. We ^{expect} ~~accept~~ the Rev. F. Schulze will be given charge of Rajgangpur.-- If all to whom this may concern agree we think it a good **plan** to transfer Miss Storim to Takarma.

May I ask you to send me regularly a copy of the Gharbandhu direct. Copy of this letter I shall enclose in a letter to the Rev. M. Prehn. I like to send these letters in duplicate as sometimes letters go astray.

We are deeply moved by the departure of the two aged pastors.
They will be unforgotten.

With hearty Iisu sahay

Yours truly

J. Stosch

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F.- 36.

15th. October, 31.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Society,
B E R L I N .

My dear Director Stosch,

I believe you received my letter of 2nd. July last, along with Church Council Executive's letter in response to the Berlin Board's Pastoral Epistle sent to the Conference. I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th 1931 for which thanks. I know our letters passed each other in transit.

During these past months we have had no correspondence although the world is passing through so many changes of drastic nature. We have humbly to thank God that His grace has sustained us wonderfully and though financially we are in a desperate condition we have so far borne the brunt of time. The Council has to borrow about 10 thousands of rupees from different sources to meet our running expenditures. I trust Mr. Prehn has kept you informed of what we are doing in our financial troubles. With a thankful heart I am glad to know that you yourself in conjunction with Br. Lokies are trying your level best to raise money to help us out. But we ourselves also realise the great difficulties under which you have to labour at a time when your own Fatherland is beset with so many troubles inside and outside. Let us daily unite in our intercessions for each other and He will surely hear us.

We are sending out an Appeal for Rs. 20000/- to the dif-

different Missions and Churches in India, so far with but little response. There is depression in the whole world even America has intimated its inability to come to our assistance. So the Autonomous Church has to help ^{her-} ~~it~~self and she must endeavour in an increasing measure to find out ways and means to support herself.

In your last letter you made mention of Rev: Johannes Schernat coming to Chota Nagpur. He is welcome in our midst and he is being posted to the High School and will replace Mr. Schulze as you recommended. May I know something of the brother "a University trained teacher" who offered his services and of whom you made mention in your letter of March 19th. We have been looking for some news regarding him. We have to take our stand with other missions and Churches in missionary Councils and other inter-mission affairs and we need men of outstanding qualities, spiritually and intellectually and if you could very kindly persuade such experienced men to come to our field he would be more than welcomed here. The allotment of duties will be made here and I feel sure that there will be no difficulty to find suitable positions for such able men anywhere in our departmental activities. Our music has gone from bad to worse and I shall be very grateful if you can arrange to send us a master of music who will be teaching music in the High School in addition to other duties befitting him. Please send us only such men who can make impressions in inter-mission circles here. Hope you will do us this favour.

The Full Church Council is going to meet from to-morrow the 16th. of October and subsequent days and we shall remember you in our prayers that He may give us all His Holy Spirit to guide us through these days of trial and tribulation so that

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that His glory may be manifested more powerfully in our lives
and action.

With our sincere good wishes and hearty Yichusahays,

I remain,

Yours ever in the Master's
Service.

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21st. August. 31.

Miss A. Fritz,
Lutheran Church Compound,
Takarma.

Dear Sister Fritz,

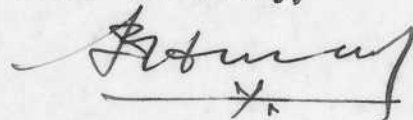
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Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,


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Lutheran Church Compound,
Ranchi.

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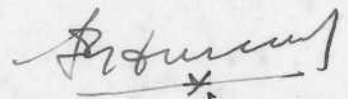
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To
The Secretary of the Church Council
G.E.L. Compound
Ranchi (Bihar), British East India

Dear Brethren,

your official report on the General Conference and reply to our Pastoral letter has not yet reached us. So I have to write to-day only on behalf of two Missionaries the one of which is among you already and the other is preparing to sail in September. Miss Irene Storim is still with the Reverend and Mrs. Kerschis. Our intention is, that she should be given her own work. We should like to invite the opinion of the C.C. as to the proper place for Miss Storim. We think she might be well stationed at Takarna under the care and guidance of Sister A.Fritz. The Rev. M.Kerschis and Mrs. Kerschis as well as Sister A.Fritz and Miss Storim should be given an opportunity of expressing their opinions.

As you know, we intend to send this year only one young Missionary, viz. the Rev. Johannes Schernat. He will sail as soon as possible, probably on the 15th of September from Genua, in order to have three months for the study of Hindi, exclusively, before he is given some work. It may be the right way to put the Rev. F.Schulze in charge of a Mission station, say Raj Gangpur, at the close of the

school term at Christmas and to replace him by Mr. Schernat. We make ~~th~~ this suggestion not without hesitation, for we should gladly allow Mr. Schernat more time of preparation for his work. We ask the C.C. and the Principal of the High School that Mr. Schernat is given sufficient leisure for learning the language. He therefore should do very little class work, if any, in the first year.

Personally, I have to apologize that I keep you waiting for a reply to your question of baptising the children of excommunicated people. You are quite right in wishing to know the attitude of European churches towards that question, before taking up the matter definitely. I intended to write a paper on this subject, but have not found time to study the subject thoroughly. In our Prussian church it is rule not to baptise children whose parents are both not in church. If only one of the parents is in church, the child may be baptised if two sponsors stand security for the Christian education of the child. Much is left to the discretion of the Church Council (or Kirksession).

With hearty Jisu Sahay

Yours truly

J. Stosch

Missions Praeses

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F.- 36.

2nd. July, 31.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Society,
B E R L I N .

My dear Director Stosch,

After months I am again privileged to write this letter to you. In the first place please accept our most hearty thanks for the great pains you and your fellow workers of the Curatorium have taken in offering your intercessory prayers for this Church and also for the good and generous gifts of money which you have sent for us.

I am to-day forwarding to you a letter of the Church Council in response to your pastoral epistle addressed to the General Conference 1931. The Conference and the Council had gone deep down into the contents of your epistle and sometimes discussed some of the problems very freely and frankly and I may say that our reply has endeavoured to touch the subjects dealt with in your letter very lightly, as elaborate and lengthy and explanations in writing sometimes lead to misunderstandings.

With a feeling of sorrow I wish to let you know that just after the Conference i.e. on the 30th. of April and later on May 24th. we lost 2 of our very valuable pastors by the death of the Rev: Nicodim Lakra and the Rev: Marcus Topono. Rev: Marcus Topono was a member of our Council and a very energetic and able organiser of self-supporting congregations. We regret his death but though dead yet he lives there with the Master whom he serves day and night and beholds him in His glory. Their short

short life-stories are given in the Gharbandhu.

At present I do not wish to dwell on the subject of missionaries as this has become a knothy question. I am afraid there is certain amount of misunderstanding on both sides and probably we all will have to face this question for some years inspite of some unpleasantness. If our missionaries would make good impression on the leaders of the Church and become accomodating and charitable in their disposition I think the way to further co-operation will be smoothed and strengthened.

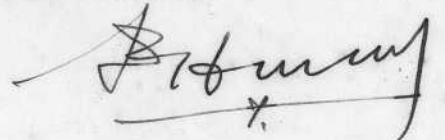
I wish to say for your information that there is strong rivalry between the S.P.G. and our Church and whenever there is some strife amongst our people the S.P.G. pastors take advantage of it and try to win over our people to their side. To put a check to this we have now posted one of our pastors in Jargo and have made it a parish head-quarter instead of Burda in the Purullia Ilaka. There some people wanted to join the S.P.G., but now there is a strong hope of a happy settlement.

Now I close this letter and in so doing again thank you for your kindness, charities gifts and what not and commit our ways to Him who hath said "I will not leave thee nor forsake thee.

With hearty Yishusahay to one and all,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



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F.- 36.

28th. January, 32.

Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

In the midst of all difficulties we have to thank God for all his tender mercies in which he has sustained us through all these months. All these days teach us to be all the more poorer in spirit for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

I know you are perhaps in greater difficulties and financial strait than we are here in Chota Nagpur. Our school-teachers, I am, sorry to say, have not been paid since July last. We have not been able to obtain money to pay off the arrears. The Divisional Inspector has sent us communication telling us that until and unless the Council pays the salaries of teachers up to 31.3.32, the Bills for the M.E. schools for the 1st. quarter of 1932 will not be passed. We have made renewed efforts to obtain loans from local Banks. on the security of property i.e. the bungalow now let out to the Government. The latest news is that the Imperial Bank of India has now consented to give us Rs 3000/- on Government Securities. We shall do all what we can ourselves do.

Rev: Mr. & Mrs. J. Schernat arrived here safely on the 12th. and Mr. Schulze is going to Rajgangpur early next week.

The Council Executive has now been able to fix the dates of the ensuing Mahasabha or Conference of this year. It meets

meets from 9th. to 14th. of April next. The Council meets from the 5th. of April for preliminaries. Only one candidate Andrias Topono of Kotbo is going to be ordained to the holy office of the ministry of the Gospel on Misericordiasdomini Sunday.

I may also mention with a feeling of joy that 1932 is also a year of Jubilee for our 2 pastors, the Rev: Christogrih Tirkey of Ranchi and the Revd. Purn Prasad Minz of Amgaon in Chainpur. Both of them have by God's grace lived to see the 50th. anniversary of their service in April.

The Council members are always on the move and are busy in their propaganda of self-support. We need and also solicit your intercessions for Divine guidance in all what we do here specially now in this time of trial. There is also the fear that some might leave our Church and go over to the other missions thinking that they will be exempt from Church taxes if they join other Churches. Please pray for such.

In closing I wish to tender our heart felt and ~~my~~ most sincere Yishusahay to all our former missionaries to our friends in the Curatorium and to all those who love us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Believe me,

I am, Yours in His
service,

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10th. December, 31.

Director J. Stosch,
Goscher Mission Society,
Berlin.

My dear Director Stosch,

I have duly received your kind letter of 21st. October last. I placed the same before the Executive last week.

We welcome Miss John and the Schernats amongst us. Mr. John has gone to Calcutta to fetch his daughter but up to the time of writing this they have not reached Ranchi. It is quite possible she is held up at Madras at her friends'. Her boat which was due in Colombo on the 28th. November was delayed I learn. We wish to give more rooms for the Schernats in the Hostel as the number of boarders is now much smaller than it used to be in former days.

The world economic crisis has affected India and our Chota Nagpur is not even spared. The Council has already borrowed Rs9000/- from the Press and Rs3000/- from other sources. We do not think it wise to count upon foreign resources with a view to meet our deficit. The best policy is to tap local resources with greater vigour and make the congregations feel their own responsibility. The idea of self-support should go hand in hand with Autonomy. It is thought by responsible persons that stoppage of foreign aid will make our people move ^{forward} towards fuller self-support which is not impossible if every member of the Church feel the responsibility and endeavour to give his mite.

Our calculation per capita is very small compared to those of other poorer Churches and it is evident that more can be given by the people if the Panches and workers exert their influence of love. In their October meeting, the Council decided to form into 3 groups and to visit all stations and do the propaganda work of inducing people to take up fuller self-support. This propaganda is now almost over and we hope to be successful in our endeavours.

We are thankful that you are taking so much pains to raise money for us in Chota Nagpur. Our heart goes out to you in this time of your national affliction. Let us pray to God who alone can give us all what we need for the service of His Church and His work has never suffered for mere lack of funds.

May He ever keep us within His pierced body whither we fly daily to take shelter and may the eternal Son who came to give us Life and Comfort be our guiding Star through the dark days of our lives.

Please give to each member of the Curatorium our Good
Wishes and hearty Yishusahay for the Christmas and the New Year

Believe me

I am

Yours fraternally

in the Master's Service

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2nd. July, 31.

Chotanagpur aur Assam ke Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Mandali ke Council ki or se Berlinasth Gossner Mission ke Kuratorium ko bahut bahut Yishusahay.

Manyawar Mahashaygan,

Jo shiksha aur upadeshpurn charwahi patri ap logon ne hamare is sal ke Mahasabha ke liye bheja so susamay men ham logon ke pas pahuncha aur thik riti se wah Mahasabha ke age pesh hokar bichar kiya ja saka. Uske liye Mahasabha ap logon ko hardik dhanyabad deti hai.

Shuru men jo upadesh aur chitapan aur shanti ki bat ap logon ne likha usko ham din hin hokar dhanyabad सहित grahan karte hain. Sach hai isi samay Kalisha ke liye ek bishesh samay a gaya hai jismen anek prakar ke dar ki baten dikhai deti hain par ham logon ko kewal darna awashyak nahin hai par hamari bahut shanti aur sahas aur ashra bhi hai kyonki wah Prabhu Yishu Khrist jo Kalisha ka sir hai aur jisne kaha ki Akash aur Pri-thiwi tal jayengi par meri baten na talengi aur jisne kaha dekho main Jagat ke antlon sab din tumhare sang hun wahi Khrist ab tak jita rajy karta aur hamari sahayta karta hai so hi age bhi hamare sath hoga aur ham ko jay dilawega.

Ap logon ne chitthi men anek prakar ki baton ko likha hai jinke bishay ham ko man lena chahiye ki we atih awasnyak aur uchit baten ~~xxxx~~ hain par bujhne aur karne ke liye bhi bahut bhari baten hain is karan unka jabab dena bhi atyant bhari hai aur kadachit aisi baten bhi kahi ja sakti hain jo ap logon ko achchha nahin lagega so ham log ap logon se pahile maphi mangte

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mangte hain ki agar koi bat ap logon ko achchha na lage to maph kiya jay.

Europe aur America ki bartman dascha ko ham kuchh to bujhte hain par taubhi sach hai ki jaisa ap log bujhte hain waisa ham nahin bujhte hain par iske ulta men is desh ki dascha ko ap log bhi bujhte hain aur jante hain par taubhi jaisa ham bujhte hain taisa kadachit ap log nahin bujh sakte hain aur is karan kewal ap logon ki bat ke anusar nahin kiya ja sakta hai par ap logon ka aur ham logon ka bi char donon mila ke kam karna hoga.

Yah ek prakar se anand ki bat hai ki abhi mandali ka kam larai ke pahile se bahut adhik barh gaya hai aur barhtahi jata hai aur is karan uska kharch bhi barh gaya hai aur barhta jayga par yah bhi anand ki bat hai ki mandali ka chanda bhi barh gaya hai jisse abhi mandali ka pura bhar to Germany ko nahin hai. Yadi pahile ke saman sab kharch Germany hi deti to kadachit sal sal do lakh athawa usse kuchh upar rupaiya bhejna hota par ap log Budget se bhi dekh sakte hain ki usse bahut kam rupaiya dikhaya jata hai aisa ki yadi kushal chayn hota to ham log jante hain ki ap log bhi khushi se bhej dete jaubhi dukh hai takliph hai taubh Nagpur ki mandali ap logon ki sahayta ki bahut awashyakta rakhti hai.

Bilayat ke log is samay durdasha men hain karan ki bahut log bekar hain nishchay yah ek sochniya bat hai par yahi kathin- ta ham logon ka bhi hai hamare log bhi praya: bekar hain jo kuchh thora bahut kheti unka hai soi bhar hai aur sal men ek paisa kahin se pa nahin sakte hain yadi koi nahin kamawega to de bhi nahin sakta hai. Assam men aur Jamshedpur men jahan ke log kuchh kamate hain wahan chanda bhi bahut adhik hai.

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Rupaiyon ke subyawahar ke bishay- Ham bhi dekhte hain ki adhik paisa Schoolon men chala jata hai par taubhi ham usko rok nahin sakte hain. Ham logon ko yahi awashyak malum hua ki Schoolon ko jarur hi chalana awashyak hai. Phir ham ne matlab se mandali ke kam ki or kam paisa lagaya karan ki ham Autonomy liye hain aur sab se pahile isi men Autonomy karne ki cheshta kar rahe hain par yadi padri pracharakon ko puri sahayta di jawe to Autonomy ek dam tut jayga tis par bhi ham chinta kar rahe hain ki padri pracharakon ko kuchh sahayta dii jawe. Bite do salon se padriyon ko kisi bishesh hisab se sahayta dii ja rahi hai aur bahut ashre men the ki is sal aisahi pracharakon ko kuchh sahayta dii jaygi par ab tak yah nahin ho saka hai. Ham log ap logon ki chithi pane ke pahile hi se is bishay par bishes dhyan diye hain aur iske liye bite sal hi men ek Committee thaharai gai hai jo iske liye bishes Scheme banawegi aur yadi ho sake to yahin ki amdani se yah sahay ka kam kiya jayega.

Aisahi Seminary aur Shiksha Class ke liye bhi chinta karne chahte hain par paisa na hone se wah bhi muskil hai. Ham logon ne taubhi nishchay kiya hai ki is sal se Seminary phir khol denge aur bahut asra hai ki yathesht sankhya men bidyarthi mil jayenge.

Schoolon ke bishay to bite sal bhi kuchh baten kahi gai par taubhi aur kai baten phir se kahna parta hai. Jaubhi larkon ko parhana Ma Bap ka aur sarkar ka kam hai taubhi yah dekha jata hai ki harek Mission is par bahut dhyan deta hain aur har Mission men School chalana ek bishesh bat mana jata hai. Schoolon se mandali ko bahut labh hai arthat mandali bhitri riti se barh jati hai. Yadi School chhor diye jawen to yahan logon ke samhne

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samhne mandali ki sab shobha aur singar chala jayga aur mandali nindit ho jaygi.

Phir iska bhi bichar karna chahiye ki yahan anek Mission hain jo ek dusre par prabal hone chahte hain aur we bahut jor se School ka kam chalate hain, ham kah sakte hain, we ham se bhi adhik rupaiya aur parishram is men dete hain karan ki unko thik malum hua hai ki School se mandali ko bahut phayda hoti hai.

Yadi ham Schoolon ko utha dewen to hamari mandali ki bari bhayanak dasha ho jaygi hamare sab larke dusre dusse Schoolon men kud parenge aur we bari khushi se unko le lenge karan ki we jante hain ki aisa karne se larke unke hath men a jayenge. Yah dekha gaya ki praya sab larke jo S.P.G. School men gaye we ant men S.P.G. ho gaye!

Phir yah hamare liye ek apman ki bat hogi yadi hamare larke idhar udhar mare phirenge. Aj kal hal men hamare kitne larke jo Industrial School men parhte hain rahne ki jagah na pake S.P.G. Hostel men ghus gaye. Pahile un logon ne unko sah liya par ab unko Notice diya gaya ki hamara hostel chhor deo. Ab yadi ham unko jagah na de sakenge to we jahan chahenge tahan chale jayenge jahan unka koi dekhnewala na hoga aur unke charitr ke kharab hone ka dar bhi hai. Thorasa apsos lagta hai ki ham itna lachar hain ki unko rahne ka ghar bhi nahin de sakte hain.

Age Sarkar bhi Schoolon ko nahin legi yadi ekhi jati aur ekhi dharm hota to ban sakta par yahan to anek jati aur dharm ke log hain. Yadi sarkar ek par najar karegi to sab log uske birudh uthenge. Hamare Primary School jo do baras ke liye liye gaye so bari muskilta se liye gaye hain. Sab dusre log bolne

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bolne lage kahe ko Lutheran Schoolon ko bishesh sahayta dii jati hai aur ham ko nahin aur ab anewale sal kadachit ham yadi phir sarkar ko arji karen to kadachit manjur nahin karegi. So Netherland ki bat yahan le ana bahut kathin hai.

Uchch Shiksha ko bhi ham rok nahin sakte baran utsah dena awashyak hai karan ki hamare bich men itne parhe likhe admi nahin hain ki ham kahen ki ab bas hai. American logon ne jab dekha ki mandali men kam karne ko yogya jan nahin hain tab unhon ne Scholarship dekar kitnon ko parhaya jisse ab thore log nikal aye hain aur harsal ek do nikalte jate hain jisse ab hamare Schoolon ko chalane men muskilta ab nahin hoti hai.

Uchch shiksha ki ghati ke karan hi hamara desh abhi tak Chotanagpuri logon ko chhor anya jatiyon (non-aboriginal) ke hath men para hai. Thana men Kachhari men aur Karkhanon men pardeshi log hi bhare hain. We mano desh ka paisa kha jate hain is karan abhi uchch shiksha ki bahut hi awashyakta hai. Phir yadi ham uchch shiksha na dewen aur dusre mission ke log karte jawen to ant men we ham par phir prabal honge aur ham dabaye jayenge so uchch shiksha ko rokna kisi prakar nahin ban sakega!

Kheti bari ke liye jo salah ap log dete hain so bhi bahut thik bat hai par anek baten hain jinke karan se abhi waise kam karna bahut kathin hai aur kathin kewal nahin par anhona hai. Sach hai yadi mission se bhi aisi baton ke liye chinta kii jati to abhi bahut paisa usse nikal sakta. Kitne hi phal ke gachh baganon men lagaye gaye hain jinse abhi bahut paisa milte hain. Bahut jagah mission hataon men bephayda pari hui hain yadi aisi jagahon men pahile se bahut phal ke gachh lagaye jate to abhi unse bhi bahut ~~ap~~ise milte par abhi yadi aisa karne lagenge to

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to phayda bahut barson ke pichhe hoga alawe is kam ke shuru karne ke liye paise ki ghati hai.

Besi talab ke bishay jo likha gaya hai uski bat aisi hai ki jaubhi abhi aisa dista hai ki kitnon ka talab kuchh besi hai par pahile ki apeksha kuchh besi nahin hai. Pahile ka ek rupaiya ab ke praya 3 rupaiya ke barabar hai uske anusar pahile jisko 10 rupaiya talab tha usko ab 30 rupaiya milna chahiye is hisab se talab besi nahin par kamti hi hai. Itna ham man lete hain ki kitnon ko kuchh besi talab diya gaya par we thore hain aur yah is prakar se hua ki ham ne apne bich men uchch shiksha paye huwe logon ko paya nahin par dusre dusre taraph se mangana para. Yadi us samay hamare hi bich men admi hote to aisa nahin hota par ab to we sab chale gaye hain aur Church Council ne ab is par bahut dhyan diya hai ki kisi ko bahut besi talab na diya jay.

Ap logon ne likha hai ki bite 5 barson ke anubhaw se ap logon ne Germany men bujhne paya hai ki missionariyon ki sankhya barhane se mandali ki bhalai hogi aur ap log isi liye kitne naye missionariyon ko taiyar karte hain ki pratyek baras 1,2 jan ko Hindustan bhejen. Is bishay par Council ne Mahasabha ki agya se bahut soch bichar kiya hai. Hamon ka bichar yah hai ki sankhya ki bat awashyakta par nirbhar karti hai jaisa Agreement men bhi likha hai. Ek trained University missionary aur ek trained University lady-missionary ke bhejne ke sambandh men ap logon ne jo likha hai us ke liye Council unko jo ana chahte hain hriday se dhanyabad deti hai parantu is bartman men jis bishesh kam aur bibhag men we ane chahte hain wahan unke liye jagah nahin dekhte hain parantu taubhi Council ka kahna hai ki mandali

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mandali ke anya bibhag ke kamon ke liye ana Agreement ke anusar khula hai.

Upar ki sab baten is karan nikli ki paisa pana bahut kathin malum hua hai. Yah bat sach hai paisa pana sahaaj bat nahin hai par taubhi ap logon ne bahut parishram karke ham logon ke liye chinta kiya aur karte jate hain aisa ki kisi prakar aj tak mandali ka kam chalaya ja saka iske liye ham log ap logon ko bahut dhanyabad karte hain. Yadi iss sal aur adhik paisa na mile to utne hi se kam chalane ka upay karenge. Kewal ham log pracharakon ke liye kuchh phikir men hain jaisa hamon ne upar likh bhi chuka hai.

Ant men ham apna sab ashra usi Ishwar par dal dete hain jis ne aj tak ap logon ki aur hamari sahayta kii wahi Ishwar age bhi ham sabhon ke liye chinta karega aur sab kathintaon ko dur karega. Amin,

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran mandali ke nam se -

J. Toporow.

B. Huruf

M. Pelm.

Lutheran Church Council ke Karyya karak Sabha ke Ang,

J. Toporow. Presd. M. Pelm.

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To
The C.C. of the G.E.L. Church
c/o the Secretary

Dear brethren,

I write this letter in reply to the letter of the Secy of the C.C. dated February 12th, 1931.

1) The budget was ^(presented) ~~persecuted~~ to us by the Treasurer general. We have to make a few comments only on the School budget. The figures for repairs in the High School budget seem to be high, regarding the 'building fund' of the Highschool we refer to the respective paragraph of the Pastoral letter. On the whole the budget is carefully worked out. We need not repeat what we wrote in our ^a Pastoral letter. In this critical situation the C.C. will certainly do their best to meet the emergency. The Kuratorium fails to understand why the Board of Trustees hesitated to sell the grounds and buildings in our former Ganges Mission. We fear the buildings are reduced in value. The sale of these buildings should help to balance the school budget this year. We are of opinion that there are buildings in Chota Nagpur as well which are of no use to Mission work now and could be profitably sold, such as the Bungalow in Chakradharpur and others.

2) The message of your letter will be conveyed to Dr. Morehead. We have submitted our budget to Dr. Morehead and shall make representations to him. We hope our American Lutheran friends will not entirely withdraw their help.

3) Regarding the number of Missionaries we must emphasise that the more Missionaries we have in the field the more help we shall receive in Germany. Certainly German Christians do not subscribe for Mission

work because their German Missionaries are in the field, but they do so for Christ's sake. It seems to be difficult to explain the situation to our Indian friends. It is a fact that our German Pastors and well-to-do laymen are pestered ^{with} by petitions for Mission work, charitable institution etc. etc. Gossner's Mission will soon be forgotten, if not our Missionaries remind our friends of Mission work and the congregations by their reports.

4) When schools are made over to Government, it is of great importance that the training and supervision of teachers is done effectively. Now a University trained teacher offers his services. We invite the opinion of the C.C. whether or not he would be welcomed to help the Church in her school work. If we are not mistaken there is a great need for a University trained lady for the Girls' Schools. Mrs. H. Cannaday wrote the same after her last visit to Ranchi.

5) Regarding the assignment of duty to our German Missionaries we agree with the C.C. that the Rev. W. Radsibj should give his whole time to Assam. The Rev. M. Schiebe is well stationed in Raj gangpur, and there would be no objection to the Rev. M. Kerschis going to Kinkel, if we had one Missionary more for the Theological Seminary. From the experiences of these years we fear that this most important work will be neglected, unless somebody gives his time and energy to it. This work cannot be done in spare hours.

Now we own that it is not easy to decide these questions from so far a distance, we further own that the reasons given by the C.C. for the transfer of Mr. Kerschis to Kinkel have their weight, still we maintain that there is no other Missionary who can take charge of the Seminary but Mr. Kerschis. Mr. Prehn and Mr. Joel Lakra and Mr. Benjamin Minj should not be excluded from Seminary work, but they have their hands full and cannot give much time to this work. True, there will be a humble beginning of the Seminary this year, but these 3 or 4 students need as much attention as 12. If this year Mr. Prehn starts the Seminary

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which might be possible, in the beginning of 1932 Mr. Kerschis would have to return from Kinkel to Ranchi. Is it not possible that Mr. John superintends Kinkel until at the close of this year Mr. F. Schulze takes charge of Kinkel? Or is there no other way to take care of Kinkel which we do not see from Berlin, but which the C.C. might see? When Mrs. Miss F. Heintze is transferred to Gumla according to her own will the Kerschis can be accommodated in Ranchi. Mr. Kerschis can do good work besides the Seminary in holding courses of instruction for our Pastors and Catechists. This seems to us to be the right solution of the question and we ask the C.C. to reexamine the question in these lines.

With hearty greetings and Jisu Sahay

The Kuratorium

G. Stosch

Church Council

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Maandli ke Pradhān - Sabha ko !

Ap logon kā tasvīr
mere sāmne hī hai.

usko dekhkar ke likhata hī hun.

Ap logo n ko meri sārī Lutheran,
Maandli ko namaskār Karke —

"Gien Pahay" bhojta hun

Main hī aur chemsahiba —

ham donon - din pratidin sabhonka
amaran kar rāhe hain aur ap logo ke

hiye gambhīrta se prārthna —

kiya karti hain ki Trick Isar —

Pamerwar Pito —

hamarā Prabhu Gien Krist,

Paritra Atmā ke sath ap sabhonko

swargi - āsrā ke sath prati din

sāndi aur bal ilawe!

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Main to kuthi bhaga ho (78 bars)
ablaan jita hi hun - aur swargi hior
chal rahi hun!

"Kah main jaaun, kah Iswar ko -
Prabhu jina ke saath, Paritra Atma
hi unpyala mein dekhunga.

Main chahata hun ki swarghi mein
ap sabhon ko dekhne paunga!

Pisvas karke swarg ke marg
mein chal rahi ho. -
Anand aur uss karke sthir
bane raho.

Iswar ka bachon aur uske saath
mein apke diya jaise
Kad bachon ko sikho, sikhaao,
aur smaran rakho

ap log kaise ho rahi hain?
thale change po. da hima mein
aur sab prakar ke dukh mein
santi pao.

Ham log ásrá kar ruke hai
ki bhukton ko na yadi bano to
sabhon ko sang raf men dekhenge.

Pare pragat men gol maal aur
Lardi na phunga ho ruka hai -
ab think pragat ko ki
nichhle din nikat hone wala hai.
jagto raho aur prarthna
karo - ásrá karke ki hamara
Prabhu auge, apni machina
pragat karoga aur apne biswas
- yon ko apne rath utha le joga.
Wise kaise tujhe bhentun
aur gray kun ki prakar
he gise, tu hi apne
gyan mujhe de!

Wissen - mandli ka upadesh
Missionary, Padre Otto Gensky
Hans Wilhelm dorf,
Berlin - Brandenburg, Germany.

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12th. February, 31.

To,
The Reverend John Stosch, Lic. Theol.,
Director Gossner Mission Board,
Berlin - Wannsee.

Dear Director Stosch,

I wish just to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of 24th. December last for which hearty thanks.

1. As to our Budget, our Treasurer Mr. Prehn presented a tentative Budget based on the figures so far received from the different congregations. The Executive scrutinised the details and with certain alterations approved this provisionally. Mr. Prehn has been authorised to forward the same to you with such explanations on different items as will be needed to elucidate certain points. I hope he has already done it.

2. We are much gratified at the generous gift of ₹ 1000 from Dr. Morehead and feel very much strengthened by his kind words which touch every heart. I am now directed by the Council to send you their Resolution by way of expression of their gratitude and request you kindly to convey the same to Dr. Morehead.

Resolution: "That the Council of the G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam places on record its profound gratitude for the continued help and generosity of the American Lutheran brethren in remitting ₹ 1000 for this Church through the Gossner Mission Board in Germany at a time when the Indian Lutheran Church has been faced with great economic problems. This generous gift tended to relieve to a good extent the anxieties of those responsible for the carrying on of the activities of the Church in India and has also gone to show the most intimate

intimate sympathy which the American brethren have at heart for the Lutherans in India. We are full having received the good gift which was sent, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to God. We can assure our brethren that the gift will be used rightly for the work for which it has been sent i.e. for the spread of His knowledge unto salvation and the edification of His Church."

3. Rev: Mr. and Mrs. Kerschis and Miss Storim arrived safely in Ranchi on the 3rd of February and were given a warm reception. They were also given by the Council a hearty formal reception on the 10th. and entrusted to the care of the Almighty. It is earnestly hoped that they would work for and serve the Church with a view to enrich and deepen the spiritual life of the people in the congregations where they will be working.

4. Now with regard to the assignment of duty to the Rev: M. Kerschis you recommend that he be placed in charge of the Seminary along with Pastor Luther Jojowar. The Executive had your suggestions before them and have gone over them very carefully and as matters now stand they feel that at present the need of missionaries is very urgent on strategic points on the borders of civil districts and older Churches wherefrom the mission work is extending for the establishment of new congregations. Since Mr. A. John is being transferred to Chainpur and Rev: M. Shiebe to Ainkel, the important strategic centre Rajgangpur remains unoccupied. A foreign missionary is very badly needed here to continue the good work begun by the Dillers and Mr. Shiebe, specially because of their good influence over the Gangpur Raja and State high officials. We do not wish to retard the progress which was being made here in all directions or else Roman Catholics and Anglicans will gain supremacy and our popularity will

will lose its savour. It will not be satisfactorily workable and expeditious a plan to put Rev: Radsick in Rajgangpur and ask him to visit Assam occasionally. Assam needs good guidance just at present at an able man's hands. We do not wish to disturb the good arrangement we have made for Assam, where problems with European garden managers have to be tackled. We therefore decide to place Rev. Kerschis at Kinkel and post Rev: Shiebe back to Rajgangpur where he already lived and worked for some time. Rajgangpur being a very hot place we wish to give Mr. Kerschis the preference of living at Kinkel. Kinkel is also the place wherefrom evangelistic or mission work can be extended to the 3 Feudatory States of Gangpur, Jashpur and Sirgooja and such work under the superintendence of Rev: Kerschis, we think, will be very fruitful. At Kinkel there is much land property and Mr. John has taken great pains to rebuild the station and the property. It would be a great pity if all this will be neglected and allowed to deteriorate. Besides, there will be no difficulty in Kinkel about accomodation or furniture etc., while at Govindpu accomodation question is extremely difficult.

With regard to Seminary, of course this year and the next there will be an humble beginning with only 3 students and we do not see the necessity of putting a missionary's whole time in this one work. The Seminary we think should be located at Ranch where we can utilise the good services of good many very able teachers including those of messrs. Prehn and Lakra. We should now like to give Mr. Kerschis the chance of using his talents and home experiences on congregational work rather than on institutional work and we do hope that the help which ^{Rev: Kerschis would give will be rendered equally well as} Rev: Prehn will be specially in close touch with the Seminary. I do hope you will, in the circumstances stated above, agree to our proposal and allow Mr. Kerschis to take up work in Kinkel.

5. The Executive has recently announced that the General Conference should meet this year in April 19-22nd., the Council being convened on the 14th. of April for transacting preliminary business.

In closing I can not but express on behalf of the Council our most hearty and sincere gratitude for the Berlin Board's noble endeavour in raising the promised money in our regular 1930 Budget towards the support of the work of the Church and in so doing we give to the Gossner Board collectively and to those friends and missions-inspectors individually who have spared no pains to make their efforts highly fruitful. Also our sincere thanks are due to those brothers and sisters who remember us in Christ Jesus and have given their mite inspite of the economic depression which exists in Germany at the present time. We can not forget their good will, sympathy and Christian charity which take possession of our hearts. May our God ever unite us in greater bond of unity and love in His Son our Common Saviour.

With many hearty Greetings and Yishusahay to each and every one there in the mission House and to our old missionaries and well wishers.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Das Kuratorium
der Gossner-Mission

Church Council
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Berlin-Wannsee, den 24. Dezember 30
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To
The Secretary of the C.C.
of the Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church
Ranchi (Bihar)
British India

Dear Mr. P. Hurad,

We are waiting for the budget and I intend to write in extension on different questions concerning the Church when I get your views in connection with the budget. I have to apologize, that you had no reply to your question regarding the baptism of the children of the excommunicated. I bare the matter in mind. We are deeply moved by the departure of the late President of the Gossner Church.

By this mail the Rev. ^{John} A. Morehead sent the sum of \$ 1000 for the benefit of the Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in India. The donor is the National Lutheran Council. Dr. Morehead writes: "Our prayers go with this gift. It is our earnest desire that it may encourage the Gossner Missionary Society in Germany in its great work for the extension of the knowledge of the full Gospel of Jesus Christ in India and that it may also prove to be a real blessing and help to the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church in India in the solution of its many economic problems for the continuance of its work. I hope the gift will reach you before Christmas and that you can send it foward in time to give some Christmas cheer to the Missionaries and indigenous Christians of the Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church."

On January 4th, 1931, I hope to conduct the valedictory service for the Rev. M. Kerschis, Mrs. Kerschis and Miss I. Storim. in Steinhagen. They intend to sail from Genua on January 7th. We desire that

the Rev. M.Kerschis take charge of the Theological Seminary. The reopening of the Seminary must not be delayed any longer. It lies with you to decide whether Ranchi is the right place or Govindpur. In Assistance to the Rev. M.Kerschis one of our Pastors should teach in the Seminary. I think in the first place of the Rev. Luther Jojovar.

The Rev. W.Radsick would be in Raj Gangpur in his right place. Some months of every year he should spare for Assam.

With hearty greetings

and Jisu Sahay

Yours truly

J. Stosch.

502/30.
F. - 36.

29th October, 30.

Gossner Mission ke Kuratorium ko,

B E R L I N .

Berlinasth hamare pyare Gossner Mission Board ko ham logon ka bahut bahut Vishusahay!

Hamari Mahasabha jo is sal 31 March se leke 3ra April tak Ranchi Girje men baithi thi ap sabhon ka bahut dhanyabad karti hai karan ki is sal bhi thik samay men ap logon ne chitthi bhej ke hamari sahayta kii, so samuchi Sabha apna Vishusahay ap logon ko janati hai.

Wah chitthi Sabha ke shuru hi men parhi gai aur uspar kuchh bat chit bhi hui. Sabha man leti hai ki yah chitthi ati uttam aur nana प्रकार के अशिश aur supramarsh se bhara hua hai jin se Sabha ko bahut sahayta mili aur unke anusar chalne aur kam karne se ham logon ko bahut labh aur ashish niklega.

Rush desh ka hal jo ap logon ne diya yah bara udas aur bhari chitapan ki bat hai. Isse dekha jata hai ki chaukas na rahne se gyan aur budhi admi ko kaisa Ishwarhin aur andha bana de sakta hai Ishwar kare ki wahan ki dasha phir jaldi sudhari jawe.

Sach hai ki 10 bars se kuchh upar hua hai ki is mandli ne Autonomy liya hai, aur ham Ishwar ka dhanyabad karte hain ki uske anugrah se uski ashis hamare upar hai aur ham Autonomy men dinbadin barhte ja rahe hain aur bhawishyat men adhik saphalta pate ja rahe hain aur bhawishyat asha se paripurn hain. Ap logon ka kanna thik hai ki Autonomy ka jar aur sota Yishu Khrist apni hai is karan uchit hai ki ham usi ko apna namuna man lewe aur usi hi ke Atma se paripurn howera.

Ham anand karte hain ki hamare Christian bhai log Autonomy ka asal arth dhire dhire adhik bhujhte ja rahe hain aur hamari mandaliyon men Autonomy ka arth na bujhne ke karan jo larai takrar aur phutphat ki bat hoti thi so kam hoti ja rahi hai.

Mahasabha yah sunke bahut anandit hui ki is sal Kerschis saheb aur Mem sahib jo donon ham logon ko jante aur pyar karte hain yahan hamare bich men kam karne ko anewale hain aur kitni Miss sahibayen bhi anewali hain. Jaubhi log sadharanta adhik Missionariyon ko chahte hain par Council ko dhyan dena hai ki Atm-shshar ki ichchha aur gyan logon men adhik barhe aur jis kam ka arambh ho chuka hai so piche na hataya jay.

Surguja men hamari mandli ek prakar kam karne ka shuru kar hi chuki hai karan ki Padri John saheb ek ber wahan ja chuke hain aur wah aphi Chainpur men apna dera banane ka bandobast kar rahe hain jisten wahan se Surguja men apna kam age kar saken. Ashra to hai ki wahan bahut log Khristan ho jayenge par dar yahi hai ki jo abhi Khristan honge unko bahut dukh takliph sahni paregi. Wahan ka Raja aur uske log bahut chaukasi karte hain ki Khristan dharm wahan na awe jisten desh agyanta ke andhkar men rahe aur yonhi log andhkar men apni nij ichchha bina rok tok puri kar saken par dusre Rajon men bhi aisahi tha jaisa Gangpur aur Jashpur men jahan ab khristan dharm ke liye dwar khola gaya hai aur ashra hai ki yahan bhi ek din aisahi hoga.

Jab Advisory Board uth gaya tab se mandli ka sab bhar Council par para usi samay Council se kam chalane ke liye ek Scheme taiyar kiya gaya ki jaldi kam howe par ham logon ne abhi tak uske anusar thik se kam shuru nahin kiya hai jisse kam bahut dhire chalta hai.

Mahasabha men bhi yah bat uthi thi par ab tak nahin sujh parta hai ki kaunsa upay Scheme ke upar howe aur panchaiton men baten bahut lambi chauri hoti hai so na howen jisse bahut samay chala na

na jawe. Ashra karte hain ki ant men iske liye bhi koi niyam aur upay nikale jayenge jis se kam shubh riti se chalaya jayga.

Ham log ap logon ko bahut dhanyabad karte hain ki ap logon ne bahut parishram aur chinta kar ham logon ko itna rupaiya bneja ki yahan mandli ka kam kisi prakat chalaya gaya hamare sab School achchhi riti se chal rahe hain yah hamare liye anand ki bat hai kyonki Schoolon se mandli ke liye bahut hi ashish nikalti hai.

Is sal hamara Budget is se bara hua ki samuchi sampati ki raksha ke liye ham log bishesh kharch karna chahе jaisa banglon aur gharon ka marammat karna ityadi. Bahut barson se lekar stationon aur parishon ke kitne hi ghar aur bangle bahut hi buri dasna men rahe aur unko thik marammat karke sambhal rakhne ka kam nahin kiya gaya aur yadi we aisi ni dasna men rahne diye jayen to unke adhik bigar jane aur tab un men adhik kharch lagne ka dar hai. Isi dasna ko susamay men sudharne ke liye ham logon ne chaha ki ek hi bar men jahan tak ban sake ham sampati ki raksha ke liye uchit prabandh kare

Yadyapi sadharanta aisa kaha jata hai ki jahan European log nahin rahte hain wahan ke bangle jo kharab ho gaye hain we gira diye jayen parantu hamare bichar men stationon ki shobha hamare bangle ityadi bhi hai. Yadi sab kuchh gira diye jayen to hamari mandli ki ijjat aur adar men batia a jata hai. Is liye ham chahte hain ki jahan tak ham saken sab sampatti ko sambhalen.

Ap log yah sunke bahut khush honge ki is sal there bidyarthiyon ko leke Seminary khole jane ka bichar ho chuka hai aur is sal July mahina se khola jayga, jisten mandli kam karne ke suyogya jawan taiyar kiye jawen. Ishwar ki ichchha howe aur koi bishesh rok tok na howe to ham July mahine se Seminary kholne ki asha karte hain.

Ham log bahut anandit hain ki jaise ap logon ne chitthi men likha waisahi Ishwar ne is sal pura hone diya is sal Panchait bahut

bahut shant bhaw se chalta tha aur thik samay men ant hua Church Council men kuchh adal badal nahin hua jo member bite sal the we hi rah gaye Officer log bhi jo the so hi rah gaye, yah ek bishesh anand ki bat hai pahile aisa kabhi nahin hua tha.

Ant men ham log ap logon ki sab daya aur parishramon ke liye ap logon ka bahut dhanyabad karte huwe Ishwar se yahi prarthna karte hain ki wah Ishwar jisne bhale kamon ka shuru ap logon men kiya hai wahi ap logon ko bal dewe ki ap log age bhi is kam ko anand se kar saken aur use puri karne men hamari sahayta kar saken.

Ap sabhon ko phir se hamon ka premyukt Vishwasahay adhikai se howe.

Ap logon ke sangi sewa Cotanagpur aur Assam ki Church Council

J. Topant.
Presd.

Harun M. Prem.
Secy.

Foraker

B. King.

Church Council

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Ranchi, the 29. 10. 30.

Dear Mr. Hurad.

By last mail from Europe I got information that Rev Werschin and family together with the other party will sail for India on the 9/12. from Genoa and reach Colombo by the 27/12.

This changes our decisions of the C.C. Therefore we must meet in the Executive on some of the next days. I myself shall be absent from Ranchi from the 5th - 9th of November to go to the Southelpargana for their annual conference.

Yrs. sincerely

M. Pichon

President

Please see the Plan of
work. "Foreign relationships"
comes under your Dept.
Please make your own
draft - & get it typed
I have nothing to do
with this. Please also
see the other members
suggestions & do as
you think right.

J. H. H. H.
30, 10, 30.

Please see the minutes
of the C. C. on the matter.
J. H. H.

Executive Members.

Please sign & return
the accompanying letter
to the Berlin Board.
The clause containing the
question of "limitation"
of dominions has been
omitted as decided in the
last Council meeting.

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Renebi

30th

Oct.

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If the ~~question~~ clause containing
the question of limitation of dominions
has been omitted, then from
p. 2, p. 2, ~~there~~

Sentence 2 ("Jambhū log...")

... "pichhe na hataya jay")

should be omitted because
it touches the question of
limitation of dominions
30/10/30

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F.- 36.

10th September, 30.

To,
The Director J. Stosch,
Gossner Mission Society,
B E R L I N .

My dear Director Stosch,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6th, 1930 and thank you. Before I write on the contents which form the subject matter of your letter, I wish to invite the Curatorium's attention to my letter No: 53/30/F-36 of 23rd April last page 3 on the question of the baptism of the children of the excommunicated. I have written in my that letter at some length. The Church Council will meet from the 1st of October and I was expecting your views on this very important question by the last mail and was hoping to lay it before the fuller body for further deliberation. I am sorry your answer to this will not reach us for the next Church Council meeting. Will you then very kindly favour us with your views on the matter at the earliest opportunity possible?

Now coming back to the question of limitation of missionaries' number for the whole field. I note what you feel about it. As this has become a debatable point it will be placed before the Full Council. I will then be in a position to give you the official view of the Church Council. I think it will be premature on my part just now to give you the reasons for advocating it, but a few words will not be out of place even at this stage if given in support of this contention. If I am not mistaken and if my memory does not fail me,

me, you consented to limit the number of missionaries both in the Council and in the Executive and that at a time when missionaries had not begun to return to India. This very thing therefore forms a part of our Agreement with the Berlin Board. If you felt the necessity then to have such restrictions in the Church Council and the Executive with a view to safeguarding "Autonomy", it is more so now when missionaries are actually in the field. Money is power and when monetary aid and other gifts can be given by the missionaries which it is not in the hands of the Indians it is natural that people will generally look to them for such favours, and their devotion and respect to their own Indian leaders and pastors will dwindle. It is generally felt every where wherever there is the question of transferring the responsibilities of mission to the Church, that the foreigners should be on the back ground and the Indians on the fore. This is now the policy adopted in the mission fields where Autonomy is yet the goal.

As to the collections in Germany I know your point is well taken. But this is an old understanding and we must change our views as time changes. I don't think that God-fearing and God-loving people will give because their nationals are missionaries but because God's work is here and that our connections are very closely cemented in the Gessner work. From your letter I understand that more the missionaries the greater the chance of raising money and limitation of number is a danger to successful appeals for money.

Pardon me for indulging in this long discourse, but let us hope that God in His Providence will guide us by His wise counsels, only we have to seek Him and His will.

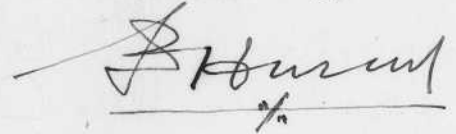
So far we have had good monsoon and if there be no cessation for a month or so a good harvest is expected.

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With many hearty Yishusahays to all our friends, well wishers,
old missionaries and the members of the Curatorium and last but not
least to yourself,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,


J. H. Hurst

Kuratorium

der

Göfnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Egb. Nr.

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Berlin-Wannsee

Florastr. 3.

Dear Mr. P. Hurad,

I write to-day in reply to your letter of May 22nd with the letter of the Council enclosed. I read both letters carefully and I am glad to hear that the General Conference in the beginning of April did good work. Our intention is to publish the letter of the Council in our Mission papers. But as you say the copy of May 22nd was only an 'advance copy' which will be followed by an other copy fully signed, I postponed publication, particularly because some changes were made by the Executive in the original draft by the President; In reading the Hindi letter it occurred to me that the paragraph in which changes have been made might be ^{the} one commencing: Mahasabha yah sunke bahut anandit hui... In the end of this para it is suggested that the number of European Missionaries should be limited in order to safeguard Autonomy. My reply to this suggestion I shall give as soon as I get the official copy in case this official copy contains this paragraph. I wonder if the para as it reads is the expression of the opinion of the Council. In the mean time I wish to say that the limitation of the number of European Missionaries is at present not an urgent need. At present we need more Missionaries than we have. If you want the German Christian folk to collect money for you, you must allow them to work for you. This is done by sending Missionaries.

I note that you welcome the Rev. W.Radsick for Assam. The Rev. M. Kerschis is still detained in his parish, they will miss him and Mrs. Kerschis very much. We are still hoping Mr. and Mrs. Kerschis will sail in this autumn. The right place for them might be Raj Gangpur. The Rev. M.Schiebe might be in Kinkel in his right place. The Dillers should be transferred to a place where Miss A.Diller has a good opportunity to work among women and where they can be well accommodated, as Mrs. Diller is of delicate health. As ought I know Gumla is a station where there is a suitable bungalow and suitable work. For the work among women in the Mundari area, Govindpur or Takarma, I have the great pleasure to tell you that most probably Sister Auguste Fritz will be prepared to come to India. She is a medical capacity and naturally will work among these lines, but she is also willing to do evangelistic work among the women.

In closing my letter I express my satisfaction that the Church was to reopen the Seminary class in July. May our Lord bless this work.

With hearty Jisu sahay

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

328/30.
F.- 36.

12th August, 30.

To,

The Curatorium,
Gossner Mission Society,
B E R L I N .

Dear Brethren,

In reply to your letter of March last addressed to the Church Council regarding the High School Education we beg to submit the opinion of the Council in the following lines :-

At the outset we submit that the High School Education in India is considered to be Secondary Education and not the Higher Education which your letter is purported to discourage.

You counsel us to reduce the number of boys in the High School. This we find difficult and almost impossible, and if carried out will prove to be suicidal to the Church. The number has increased only within the last two years. In 1915 there were 292 boys in the High School and in 1920, 360. In 1925, 412 boys were on the High School Roll and in 1927 when Mr. S.K. Roy gave over the charge of the School there were 449 on the Roll. In 1928-29 there were 622 on the Roll. In 1930 there are 606.

Later two years show a tremendous increase in the number. From 1915-1925 the average increase was only 5 p.c. per year. But from 1928 the yearly increase has been 20 p.c. that is four times more than before. This distinctly shows an educational awakening among

among our Christians and to suppress this will retard the educational pace of our Church and will prove fatal to the general progress of our people.

As to the question of increase in the unemployed and thus fostering discontent, we beg to submit that our Matriculates and under-Matriculates are doing good work both in Government and in private concerns as well as in the Church. It will not be out of place to mention that in every department of service in the Ranchi and Singbhum District, whether Govt. or private, our Christians have been predominant in number and usually our men are still on demand. Few Matriculates and many under-Matriculates have become good community and Congregational leaders in the villages. Our boys after High School education have not been averse to manual labour as is the case with non-aboriginal people. Service is not the aim of the High School education which is being understood by our Christians in as much as all our Matriculates have personal interest in the agricultural lands which we find by making a general survey of our old boys.

This brings us to another question which has been raised by you i.e. the question of returning to the field. As has been mentioned above many of our High School boys do go back to the field and these make by far the better leaders in the villages than either the U.P. or M.E. boys. Moreover may it be known that the land in Chotanagpur nay in India is rapidly dwindling in size because of the growth of populations so much so that we cannot afford to send so many back to the land and there are scarcely any other openings for earning the livelihood. And if there are openings, almost invariably all require High School education. Matriculation has become the necessary qualification for entrance into almost all the technical and professional lines; and so, denying the High School education to so many

many of our young men means the closing of the door for so many opportunities which would make their lives better in the future.

As to the passing of the Examination the figure is most encouraging. About 15 years ago the number of passes was low, varying from 1 to 5. Now the number varies from 12 to 20. The average pass is about 50 per cent in our School whereas the University gives as low as even 33 p. c. passes. Moreover we do not consider the passing of the examination as the aim of the High School education. Even those who cannot pass the examination acquire the knowledge which makes them enlightened members of the Church, to run their affairs in a more intelligent way. They get the culture which offers a better prospect for the progeny. And therefore besides the question of passing even for the intellectual and cultural progress of the Church the High School education is indispensable.

Regarding eliminating the weaker boys we beg to submit that the standard of examination has been so raised by Govt. that the brighter boys are automatically selected and we think that this is the best method of elimination.

Considering the fact that the Roman Catholics here, were not satisfied with one High School opened two for their Christians and the Anglicans have a boys and a girls High School for only 30,000 Christians, we, who are four times more than the Anglicans and far more advanced than the Roman Catholics, feel that we should have two High Schools for boys and one High School for girls, if we could afford to do so.

We believe that after going through the foregoing lines you will agree with us that our High School as it stands to-day cannot be tampered with in any way.

You will pardon us when we mention that our young men are leading

leading here in the Higher education. We have more graduates and under-graduates than any other Christian Community in the area. We have more higher officials in Government than any other mission in this Province. But yet there is a general libel for the Aboriginal people that they are backward in education and so they lack in sufficient leadership. We feel that the time has come when the Church must give special consideration to promote Higher education among our young men, if possible, by starting an institution of our own for this purpose in the nearest future.

With many hearty Yishusahays to each and every member of the Curatorium,

We beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

The Executive of the Church Council.

No. 313/30
F-361

7th. August, 1930.

To,

Director J. Stosch.
Gossner Mission.
BERLIN.

Dear Director Stosch,

I have great pleasure in forwarding a typed copy of our Appeal to the ^{German} friends of the Gossner Mission work in Chota Nagpur. It is a pity that this idea was not ventilated before. I hope our Appeal will strengthen your hands in raising the required money and rouse the zeal of our patrons and well-wishers.

Will you very kindly, while endorsing our Appeal, remind the charge of trusteeship of the German people laid on them by the Reverend Father Gossner before he died - That the promising field of Chota Nagpur remain the Protestant Lutheran property of Germany, "a sacred trust given at a time when Gossner wished to hand over the Mission field to a British Missionary Society.

May our Lord bless our endeavours and guide us to do the right thing !

I am also enclosing a photographic group of Church Council members excepting that of the two who were unavoidably absent with a view that this may be used along with the Appeal to create interest.

We welcome the good news communicated to us through Br. Prehn of the coming of a lady missionary next cold season. We thank you and her for the nice arrangement that could be made.

With many hearty Yishusahays to Mrs. Stosch and yourself, also to Bro. Lokies and to other friends who love us in Christ Jesus,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Robert

JESUS CHRIST OUR COMMON LORD AND SAVIOUR

FOR EVER AND EVER, AMEN.

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From The Council of THE GOSSNER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

in Chota Nagpur and Assam,

R A N C H I .

To The Councils of THE EV. LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS in Germany and to
The Friends and Sympathisers of the
Gossner Missionary Society,

G E R M A N Y .

Dear brethren in the Lord,

Through the infinite mercy of God our Father, the missionary labour in Chota Nagpur has resulted in the establishment of a large Autonomous Church in the mission-field. This is a unique fact in the history of missions which will go down to the posterity and inspire the future generations not only in India but all over the world wherever the Gospel is being preached by the missionaries of the Older Churches. It is one of the largest mission fields in the world.

The first batch of German missionaries arrived at Ranchi in 1845 surmounting the unspeakable difficulties and penetrating into the wilderness of Chota Nagpur where the virgin forests stood unchallenged by the outside world. Here the messengers of God started preaching the Word which brought forth fruit, some thirty fold, some sixty fold and some hundred fold. Herein was fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah - "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall rejoice even with joy and singings; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

In the Providence of God the missionaries were removed from the field in 1915 and the Christians declared Autonomy in 1919 before the Commission of Inquiry appointed by the National Missionary Society of India, Burma and Ceylon. This was the recalling of a great epoch in the missionary world. This produced joy in the heart of all the lovers of indigenous Church. A great task was accomplished. A large responsibility was taken. A terrible enterprise was launched. And all this in the absolute faith in the Almighty God, our Father.

1929 was the 10th. year of the inauguration of the Autonomy and with joy and thankfulness to God and to friends we have to report that the working of the Autonomous Church with all the difficulties and defects has been satisfactory and assures a better future. The evangelistic work goes on in the 24 stations as usual with 500 catechists and 60 Pastors and the Church adds to her number new comers at the average rate of 1000 persons per year. The Church membership including inquirers comes to 1,25,000 souls. Can these 60 Pastors adequately shepherd this vast number? Church Mission work has been started in the district of Palamu, and the States of Jashpur, Banai, Bamra, Gangpur and even in the forbidden Surguja. Our High School and 7 Middle English Schools and over 150 Primary Schools are doing good work. Some philanthropic work in the shape of medical work with 2 qualified doctors, 2 compounders 2 nurses is being carried on in some stations, which include a Home for the incurables.

The Council can not adequately thank our friends and benefactors in Germany for their very generous gifts during the past years in the form of regular contributions without which our work would have been much hampered. The Budget of the Church comes to about Rs2,00,000 a year of which almost half is raised within the Church. Our kind supporters of Germany and America have been helping us to the extent of Rs60,000 to Rs70,000 a year. Without this monetary help the Church's work is bound to suffer. We therefore in the Lord's name appeal to our individual friends and Church bodies in Germany to continue their aid and give their mite with new zeal.

With hearty thanks for all supports in the past and soliciting your further prayers and gifts, bringing us closer in the bond of our union.

We beg to remain
Your brethren in the
Master's Service.

Sd. Pastor J. Topono
President.

Sd. Mr. P. Murad.
Secretary.

Sd. Pastor M. Prehn
Treasurer.

Sd. Pastor J. Lakra
Principal.

Sd. Pastor B. Minz.

The Executive of the Council of the G.E.L. Church,

Chota Nagpur and Assam.

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April 23rd, 1930

To
The Secretary of the Church Council
Ranchi.

My dear Mr. Páter Hurad,

We are in receipt of your letter dated Ranchi, the 26th February 1930 with the Resolution of the Executive of the Council. I ask you to submit this letter to the Church Council.

The Kuratorium notes thankfully that the C.C. received the last message from Berlin to which the letter of February is the reply exactly as it was meant. We shall do our best to help the Lutheran Church in every way we can.

Regarding the contributions and collections from our German friends our experience is that the number of contributors has considerably increased in 1929, in several months by 50% or 60%. The amount of contributions does not show the same ^{ment} increasing. From this it appears clearly that our friends are willing to contribute but cannot give as much as they used to give in former times owing to the present economic condition in Germany. From America we have not yet got a decision of the National Lutheran Council. We are still hoping the ~~dec~~ decision will be such as to enable us to accede to the request of the C.C. in Ranchi to send in 1930 at least an amount equal to that of last year.

We collect our funds by our Mission Magazine. It is of importance that our friends from our monthly communications from India get the impression that we and our Indian friends are doing a work worth

keeping up. We are therefore entirely grateful to our Missionaries for their regular reports on their work. These reports form an essential part of our Magazine. It would be a good thing, if some of our Indian friends could send us their contributions as well. This would help us to understand the mind of our Indian friends and their views regarding the present situation of the Church.

It has been suggested that our information is one-sided as we see the facts from the standpoint of our Missionaries only. I therefore cordially invite the opinion of our Indian friends. The articles may be either in English or in Hindi (Roman). It would help us as well in collecting funds. The leading Members of the Autonomous Church will kindly think of this. If you wish our financial aid, you should do your best to give us information for the readers of our Papers.

We are very glad to inform the C.C. that there is a reasonable hope that the Rev. Radsick will return to India with the Rev. Kerschis. Mrs. Radsick is not able to accompany Mr. Radsick owing to her failing health. The proper place for the Rev. Radsick is in our opinion Assam. We invite the opinion of the C.C. on this point. Is there any bungalow in one of our Missionstations available for the Rev. Radsick? Are these bungalows in Assam kept under repairs? Which would in the opinion of the C.C. be the best headquarters for Mr. Radsick's work in Assam?

With hearty greetings and Jisu Sahay

Yours sincerely

J. Stasch

The Council of the Gossner Lu. Lutheran Church in Sholapur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845. — Autonomous 1919.]

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No. 145/30.
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Dated the 22nd May, 1930.

Gossner Mission ke Kuratorium ko

Berlin.

Berlinasth hamare pyare Gossner Mission Board ko ham logon ka bahut bahut Yishusahay. -

Hamari Mahasabha jo is sal 31 March se leke 3ra April tak Ranchi Girje men baithi thi ap sabhon ka bahut dhanyabad karti hai karan ki is sal bhi thik samay men ap logon ne chitthi bhej ke hamari sahayta kii, so samuchi Sabha apna Yishusahay ap logon ko janati hai.

Wah chitthi Sabha ke shuru hi men parhi gai aur uspar kuchh bat chit bhi hui. Sabha man leti hai ki yah chitthi ati uttam aur nana prakar ke ashish aur supramarsh se bhara hua hai jin se Sabha ko bahut sahayta mili aur unke anusar chalne aur kam karne se ham logon ko bahut labh aur ashish niklega.

Rush desh ka hal jo ap logon ne diya yah bara udas aur bhari chitapan ki bat hai. Isse dekha jata hai ki chaukas na rahne se gyan aur budhi admi ko kaisa Ishwarhin aur andha banade sakta hai Ishwar kare ki wahan ki dasa phir jaldi sudhari jawe.

Sach hai ki 10 bars se kuchh upar hua hai ki i s mandli ne Autonomy liya hai, aur ham Ishwar ka dhanyabad karte hain ki uske anugrah se uski ashis hamare upar hai aur ham autonomy men dinbadin barhte ja rahe hain aur bhawishyat men adhik saphalta pateja rahe hain aur bhawishyat asha

asha se paripurn hain. Ap logon ka kahna thik hai ki Autonomy ka jar aur sota Yishu Khrist aphi hai is karan uchit hai ki ham usi ko apna namuna man lewe aur usi hi ke Atma se paripurn howe. Ham anand karte hain ki hamare Christian bhai log Autonomy ka asal arth dhire dhire adhik bhujhte ja rahe hain aur hamari mandaliyon men Autonomy ka arth na bujhne ke karan jo larai takrar aur phutphat ki bat hoti thi so kam hoti ja rahi hai.

Mahasabha yah sunke bahut anandit hui ki is sal Kerschis saheb aur Mem sahiba jo donon ham logon ko jante aur pyar karte hain yahan hamare bich men kam karne ko anewale hain aur kitni miss sanibayen bhi anewali hain. Jaubhi log sadharanta adhik Missionariyon ko chahte hain par Council ko dhyan dena hai ki Atm-shashan ki ichchha aur gyan logon men adhik barhe aur jis kam ka arambh ho chuka hai so piche na hataya jay. [Log apne desh ke pradhanon aur adhkariyon ko manana aur unko adar dena bhi janen aur sikhen. Samay kadachit a gaya hai ki is desh ke samuche Gossner chhetra (field) ke liye missionariyon ki sankhya ka hadd bandha jay jaisa Council aur Karjkarak Sabha ke liye hadd bandha gaya hai jisten bhawishyat men sab kuchh bina rok chher ke kiya ja sake.]

Surguja men hamari mandli ek prakar kam karne ka shuru kar hi chuki hai karan ki Padri John saheb ek per wahan ja chuke hain aur wah aphi Chainpur men apna dera banane ka bandobast kar rahe hain jisten wahan se Surguja men apna kam age kar saken. Ashra to hai ki wahan bahut log Khristan ho jayenge par dar yahi hai ki jo abhi Khristan honge unko bahut dukh takliph sahni paregi. Wahan ka Raja aur uske log bahut chaukasi karte hain ki Khristan dharmm wahan na aye jisten desh agyanta ke andhkar men rahe aur yonhi log andhkar men apni nij ichchha bina rok tok puri kar saken par dusre Rajon men bhi aisahi tha jaisa Gangpur aur Jashpur men jahan ab khristan dharmm ke liye dwar khola gaya hai aur ashra hai ki yahan bhi ek din aisahi noga.

hoga.

Jab Advisory Board uth gaya tab se mandli ka sab bhar Council par para usi samay Council se kam chalane ke liye ek Scheme taiyar kiya gaya ki jaldi kam howe par ham logon ne abhi tak uske anusar tnik se kam shuru nahin kiya hai jisse kam banut dhire chalta hai. Mahasabha men bhi yah bat uthi thi par ab tak nahin suj^hh parta hai ki kaunsa upay Scheme ke upar howe aur panchaiton men baten bahut lambi chauri noti hai so na howen jisse banut samay chala na jawe. Ashra karte hain ki ant men iske liye bhi koi niyam aur upay nikale jayenge jis se kam shubh riti se chalaya jayga.

Ham log ap logon ko bahut dhanyabad karte hain ki ap logon ne bahut parishram aur chinta kar ham logon ko itna rupaiya bheja ki yahan mandli ka kam kisi prakat chalaya gaya hamare sab School achchhi riti se chal rahe hain yah hamare liye anand ki bat hai kyunki School-on se mandli ke liye bahut hi ashish nikalti hai.

Is sal hamara Budget is se para hua ki samuchi sampati ki raksha ke liye ham log bishesn kharch karna chahne jaisa banglon aur gharon ka marammat karna ityadi. Bahut barson se lekar stationon aur parish-on ke kitne hi ghar aur bangle banut ni buri dasna men rahe aur unko thik marammat karke sambhal rakhne ka kam nahin kiya gaya aur yadi we aisi hi dasna men rahne diye jayen to unke adhik bigar jane aur tab un men adhik kharch lagne ka dar hai. Isi dasna ko susamay men sudhar ne ke liye ham logon ne chaha ki ek hi bar men jahan tak ban sake ham sampati ki raksha ke liye uchit prabandh karen.

Yadyapi sadharanta aisa kaha jata hai ki jahan European log nahin rahte hain wahan ke bangle jo kharab ho gaye hain we gira diye jayen parantu hamare bichar men stationon ki shobha hamare bangle ityadi bhi hai. Yadi sab kuchh gira diye jayen to hamari mandli ki ijat aur adar men ^{batta} ~~badha~~ a jata hai. Is liye ham chahnte hain ki jahan tak ham saken sab sampatti ko sambhalen.

sambhalen.

Ap log yah sunke bahut khush honge ki is sal thore vidyarthiyon ko leke Seminary khole jane ka bichar ho chuka hai aur is sal July mahina se khola jayga, jisten mandli kam karne ke suyogya jawan taiyar kiye jawen. Ishwar ki ichchha howee aur koi bishesn rok tok na howe to ham July mahine se Seminary kholne ki asha karte hain.

Ham log bahut anandit hain ki jaise ap logon ne chitthi men likha waisahi Ishwar ne is sal pura hone diya is sal Panchait bahut shant bhaw se chalta tha aur thik samay men ant hua Church Council men kuchh adal badal nahin hua jo member bite sal the wo hi ran gaye Officer log bhi jo the so hi ran gaye, yah ek bisness anand ki bat hai pahile aisa kabhi nahin hua tha.

Ant men ham log ap logon ki sab daya aur parishramon ke liye ap logon ka bahut dhanyabad karte huwe Ishwar se yahi prarthna karte hain ki wah Ishwar jisne bhale kamon ka shuru ap logon men kiya hai wahi ap logon ko bal dewe ki ap log age bhi is kam ko anand se kar saken aur use puri karne men hamari sahayta kar saken.

Ap sabhon ko phir se hamon ka premyukt Yishusahay adhikai se howe.

Ap logon ke sangi sewa Chotanagpur aur Assam ki
Church Council.

No: 145A/36
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22nd. May, 1930.

Dear Director Stosch,

Your recent communication of April 23rd. by AIR-MAIL reached me all right for which please accept my hearty thanks. The Church Council notes with satisfaction and thankfulness your great efforts towards the increase in contributions. May Lord help each one of you who are so actively busy in raising funds for the Church.

I have given out your wish that Indian friends do write either in English or in Roman urdu or Hindi interesting articles on Church work and its activities. This I have given in the Ghar-bandhu. I do hope there will be some who will attend to this business as a part of their regular duty.

I am sending by this mail a letter of the Council which was authorised to acknowledge yours by the Mahasabha. I am sorry that it does not bear the signatures of all the members of the Executive, as they are all gone for change during the holidays. Mr. Prehn with family has gone to the Netrahat for change. Please therefore accept this as an advance copy. I hope to send you the other fully signed one later on. This is due to some changes ^{made by the Executive} in the original draft ~~made~~ by the President.

I am glad Rev. W. Radsick is coming out. I understand Assam people will now be very happy as so long there has been no one who to whom they could look for any help they were in need of. In sending out missionaries may I draw your kind attention to the terms of the Agreement? Will you very kindly in future see that we get men who will make impression in inter-mission circles? India just at present needs missionaries of the best type in service, consecration and education.

Now I close with hearty Greetings and Yishusahay to one and all who love us in Christ our Saviour.

Yours truly
B. H. M. S.

Church Council

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March 10th, 1930

To The Church Council

G. E. L. Church

Dear Brethren,

Chota Nagpur and Assam

We enclose a Pastoral letter addressed to the General Assembly in April. We expect it will be translated into Hindi. In addition to this Pastoral letter we wish to write to you, the Members of the Church Council, on one point we did not want to discuss in our General letter. It is the higher education in the Gossner Church. No doubt, there must be a High School and Middle English Schools. The question is only, if it is advisable to admit so many boys into our High School. High School Education is a good thing for those who are benefited by it. Our first question therefore is: are the boys reading in the High School proper for the most part able to pass the Matriculation Examination? If not, is it not better to advise them to leave school as soon as it becomes evident, that they cannot succeed? Our second question is: Do those who have passed through the high schools find suitable employment? If not, is it not better to reduce the number of High School Students? The demand for high Education is great all over the world. Only those who are of strong intellect can succeed to get the so called higher positions in life. For all the rest High School education means only bitter disappointment. We know that there lies a certain difficulty in the fact that three Missions are working in Chota Nagpur. Many boys who are refused admission into the Gossner High School would be admitted into other High Schools and at least some of them might cease to be Lutheran Christians. Therefore a change in High School

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policy must not be abrupt. Our third question is: would it not be a good thing to teach and to preach all over Chota Nagpur, that only the intellectually strongest boys should be sent to the High School and that for most of the boys it is much better to return to their villages when they have passed the U.P. or M.E. Examination and work in their fields as their fathers and forefathers did? Our fourth question is: Would it not be an improvement of our High School if only the fittest were selected? We ask for a reply to this letter and remain with our best wishes and hearty Jisu Sahay

The Kuratorium

J Stosch

The Council of the Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Sholanagpur & Assam.

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RANCHI, (Behar.)

No 1442/30.
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Dated the...26th...February,.....1930.

Dear Director Stosch,

I received your air mail communication through Mr. Prehn on the financial crisis in Germany. It is really a very depressive news but we should all take courage knowing that our merciful Father who can work wonders can also help us in times of sore need. He has helped us thus far and will not forsake us. We do hope that God will bless and move our friends in Germany and America such as to continue their generous support as in the past. The contents of your communication have been placed before the Executive of the Council and I am authorised to forward to you their resolutions bearing on the subject as follows :-

Resolution (a) That the Church Council places on record its deep sense of thankfulness to God and to the Berlin Board and through them to the friends of missionary work in Germany for the generous gifts which were sent to the Gossner Church regularly throughout the past year.

(b) That the Church Council learns with regret the financial depression which is obtaining in Germany at the present moment but expresses the hope that matters will improve and dispel all difficulties in due season.

(c) That the Church Council will be glad and thankful if the Berlin Board will be good enough to endeavour to send us at least the amount equal to that of the last year.

(d) That the Church Council in accepting the suggestion made by the Berlin Board wishes to say that it will direct its efforts to continue

continue to raise more funds in the field here such as to cope with the situation as far as possible.

(e) That the Church Council will try to cut down and make adjustments in the Budget wherever possible in such a way as not to handicap the work of the Church, along the lines, if possible, suggested by Director Stosch.

(f) That the Church Council while appreciating the Berlin Board's expression of opinion on the responsibilities of Autonomy and on the Budget wishes to put down before the Curatorium the fact that the big increase in the Budget was mostly due to the large expenses which are to be incurred in the repairs and upkeep of the buildings and the property which are in a state of deterioration since the time of the Great War as the Churches have not been strong enough financially to keep these in proper order; On the other hand we intended to start this special work without losing much time with a view to prevent further deterioration.

I wish further to announce that the General Conference will meet this year from 31st March to 3rd April next. I am sorry for not being able to give you this news earlier but hope the Conference will be given the usual epistle which will be eagerly looked for.

The World is shocked at the religious persecution in Russia where Lutherans too are severely oppressed. We have received instructions from Dr. Morehead on behalf of the Executive of the World Lutheran Convention to offer special Prayer for the Russian Church on Sunday the 2nd March. We think it is the general Prayer Day for all Lutheran Churches in the World.

May we hear something about Rev. R. Karsten and Rev. A. John II

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and others of whose coming we are still in dark ?

In concluding I beg to tender our hearty Yishusahays and united Christian love to yourself and to the members of the Curatorium, to the former missionaries and to all who love us in Christ Jesus.

I remain

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Furman", is written over a horizontal line. There is a small mark below the signature, possibly a cross or a flourish.

Kuratorium
der
Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

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Dear Mr. P. Hurad,

very many thanks for your kind letters of July 25th and 31st enclosing a copy of the 10th July liturgy. I have also to thank you cordially for the special Number of the Gharbandhu for the Antonomy day and to congratulate you, for it is very nice indeed; I can imagine that this number of the Gharbandhu was welcomed heartily all over Chota Nagpur.

I note what you write about *Messrs* John II and Karsten and regarding the reopening of our Girls training class in 1931. I shall put these matters before the Kuratorium in the beginning of September.

You should like to have photos for reproduction showing something of the Copenhagen Convention. As ought I know there will an illustrated report of the Convention in print. We shall see what it is like. Personally I have a few photos of big gatherings in a church and outside, which I can not recommend for reproduction, and a few post-cards of the cathedral and other buildings in Copenhagen. These I can let you have in case the printed report should disappoint us in this respect. The Gossner Church was very well represented by your message and I also did my best to represent Gossner's Mission and Church.

I shall write again after the Meeting of the Kuratorium.

With hearty greetings and Jisu Sahay

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

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31st. July, 1929.

Missiondirector J. Stosch.
Wannsee , Fleastr. 3.
BERLIN.

My dear Director Stosch,

Please accept my hearty thanks for your kind P.card from Copenhagen and for a wealth of good Convention literature which you took trouble to collect for me . These will be of very great value to me and is good material to write special articles for the readers of the Gharbandhu. I shall take the earliest opportunity to publish these in the paper.

I am particularly glad to know that that you were given ~~to~~ a Delegates seat in the Convention for which I had great anxiety. When Rev. Mr. Prehn told me some - times back that you were going there as a Participating member and not as a delegate I was a bit sorry .I think my letter intimating that you were elected as our accredited delegatemust have missed you or reached your home very late. Anticipating such delay, I thought it right to write to Dr. Morehead direct and I am glad it reached him in due time. It is only a great pity that no one from Chotnagpur could go. We missed both the Eisenach and also this Copenhagen Convention.

I have by the same mail received from Inspector Zernick an illustrated brochure on Pastor Gessner which I appreciate very much. Kindly convey to him my best and hearty thanks for the same. I hope to write to him next week acknowledging his good gift. I am going out this noon to the district/on an intermission trouble.

We are just having a good monsoon after a bad stop of 3 weeks. We are all doing well and hope this will find you hail and hearty after your Convention trip.

Please give to each and every one of our friends in the Mission house my hearty Yeshusahay and please accept the same from me and my family.

Yours sincerely,

Shreyant

Copenhagen 3rd July

Dear Mr. P. Howard

let me take a postcard, for I am very busy these days, and thank you very much indeed for your letter to Dr. Morehead. It was read to the Assembly and appreciated. The next day I was elected Delegate for the governor L. Church and I think I could do some good work for our common work.

I collected spare copies of papers which may be of value to you. If there are two copies of the same paper, the one is meant for Mr. Joel Lakro. I think you may be able to translate parts of these reports for the Greenland House. Sincerely I Storch



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GEL Compound
Ranchi (Behar)
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No 821/29
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25th. July, 1929

My dear Director Stosch,

Your very kind letter written in the midst of Convention - affairs from Copenhagen received, for which please accept my hearty thanks. It was very good of you that you could find time to write to us during these busy days. I should think that the Convention took a very wise step in re-electing Dr. J. Morehead to the Presidency. Along with your letter came a P.C. from Mr. Cannaday written on the 27th. in which he says that you all heard our message over the radio in the Copenhagen Cathedral Church. If you can give us your personal impressions of the Convention for the Gharbandhu, the same, I know, will be very much appreciated by the readers. A few photographs for reproduction will also be very helpful, if such can be got.

Your message for the 10th. of July, though reached me at the eleventh hour the same could be embodied in the Gharbandhu. I believe the Special Number of the Gharbandhu must have reached ^{you} by now and might interest you a little. I wish that the same be read by all our Hindi knowing former missionaries.

I note what you say regarding Brothers R. Karsten and A. John. (Jnr.). It would give us great pleasure if these two people could come out next cold season. As to my intention to restrict the number of missionaries for the whole field and to which you also refer in your last letter, I wish again to say that this idea I suggest simply to end once for all all undesirable, unnecessary and unpleasant discussions on this subject. There are people who do not and can not foresee things in the proper perspective. There are men and their number is not small who feel and wish that mission and missionaries should come back and give them plenty of money and pre-war prosperity. The idea of autonomy or shouldering the burden of responsibility is still foreign to them. My suggestion comes not with any bad feeling but with an honest motive to safeguard autonomy which you too have declared "inviolable". Let there be no misunderstanding in this respect.

Now it has been felt very strongly that we should have a Training School of our own for the Girls. The present arrangement by which we send our young women and girls to the S.P.G. and other schools has been very unsatisfactory. Miss Heintze thinks that we should start it by 1931 at latest. I am desired by the Church Council to inquire from the Curatorium whether it would be possible ~~xxxxxx~~ to send us a qualified lady who can be appointed as the Superintendent of the Tr. School. If she could come out this year it will take her one year for language study and then she can take up her new job in 1931. Failing this we shall have to look for Indian ladies in whom should be created a sense of responsibility by placing them in responsible positions. We intend to start with 12 students. The approximate cost of maintaining this institution will be about 1500 and 2000. Of course we will get Govt. grants but the Govt. would also like to know what amount we are going to lay out for initial and recurring expenses. Can we now appeal to you for supplementary funds for this institution for the coming years? This will be included in our next Budget, but we need your assurance for support.

We had in our midst for 3 days Prof. Shomerus of Halle. He spoke in our Church Sunday last giving us your kind message of Yishusahay. Thanks!

Hearty Yishusahays to you and to all who love us in Lord Jesus!

Yours very, sincerely,

B. H. M. S.

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KØBENHAVN V., DEN
Jarmersplads 3.

26th Sep June
1929

My Dear Mr. P. Hnrad

I am here in Copenhagen for the Lutheran world Convent. In the Cathedral we had the first service, in the afternoon Prof Ren delivered his lecture on luthers Catechism. I enclose a paper from which you may see the general drift of thought. Dr. J. Morehead was re-elected President of the Convent. Mr. and Mrs. Cannaday are present. A representative of the Quntur or Rajamundry Church spoke a few words of greeting in the Cathedral.

On the 12th of June I sent by air mail a message for the 10th of July. I hope you received it in time for publishing. The reply in Hindi to our pastoral letter was duly and thankfully received. I shall translate it into German and publish it in our Paper either in full or at least the gist of it. Along with it I shall convey to our friends the gist of your last letter dated April 24th, in which you thank for

our financial help. You ask for 5 Missionaries more. We should gladly send them if we could find them here. The Rev. R. Karsten is as ought I know expected back from Suriname this hot season. We shall ask him when here whether he is willing to go to Chota Nagpur. The Rev. A. John II has been asked for a Certificate regarding his health. It may depend much on this medical certificate. Miss Steiner ~~had~~ was asked a few years ago but she felt she was not strong enough then.

I quite understand passage 3 in your letter closing thus: "Will it not be good to restrict now the number of Missionaries for the whole field?" Our situation as it is at present limits the number of Missionaries more than desirable. We are sorry we can not even send the 5 Missionaries the Church asks for.

With kindest regards

Yours very truly

J. Stösch.

The Council of the Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Cholanagpur & Assam.

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RANCHI, (Behar.)

No. 53/30.
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Dated the.....the 23rd April 1930.

To,

The Curatorium of the Gossner Missionary Society,

Berlin Friedenau,

Germany.

My Dear Reverend Sirs,

The Council of the Gossner Church have received your pastoral letter intended for the General Conference and another addressed to the Church Council and for both these we thank you very heartily. The pastoral letter was as usual read out by myself to the Assembly which listened to the contents very attentively specially because of the inspiring note struck and deep exhortations expressed which formed the special and distinctive features of ^{this epistle} this year.

The President, the Rev. Johan Topono has been asked to present a suitable response to your epistle. I hope the same will reach you in due course of time. Similarly your letter on higher education in the Gossner Church or rather the high School or secondary education has been discussed at great length in the Council which met soon after the Conference. Rev. Mr. J. Lakra has been entrusted to present a suitable reply on this subject along the lines of discussion which took place in the Council. I trust this too will reach you in due time and give you an idea of the policy which we wish to follow at the present time of intellectual competition in the race of social and political advancement in this country.

It gives us great pleasure to know that Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Kerschis are coming out next cold season and will thus strengthen our staff of Missionaries to help us in our Church activities, Kindly convey to them our kindest and best regards and tell them that we are eagerly looking forward to their arrival in this country. We trust that the ladies coming out will be just the ones qualified to take up educational work in our Schools.

We are much aggrieved to know the present political situation in Germany owing to communistic influences. The liquidation of Banks and such institutions is surely a bad sign for economic depression in the country. It is however a matter of thankfulness that though the amount of subscriptions has decreased the number of our friends and supporters is in the increase. We need good hearts and cheerful givers whose gifts are always more acceptable and will bear more fruit than the gift of such who give for the sake of giving.

I may be permitted to state that it has never been the spirit of the Council to set up a Democracy but to preserve the precious faith and the Christian heritage which have been handed down to us by the Lutheran forefathers. The world to-day whether for right or wrong stands for democratic principles. Personally I am not in favour of democratic principles in every phase of human life. We can not have democracy in the School or Class any more than in a family and so in the Church. Democracy is wrong as well as autocracy. Had there been no autocracy there would have been no democracy. Therefore those who stand for autocratic principles always dread democracy but such who consider human rights as a common property and as their own and apply the same to others can not dread anything. In short, the Biblical truth has fully been enunciated in the principle "Do to others as you wish them to do to you" and it will create less trouble than any other.

I am desired by the Church Council to consult the Curatorium on an important subject viz the question of baptising the children of those who have been excommunicated. With a view to discourage fornication, the Conference had ruled in 1923 that the issues of adultery should not be baptised till they have attained the age of 14 or 16. During these past 7 years experience has shown that such a measure can never discourage the sin we seek to stop. It is high time that we should reconsider this important question. We should like to know how you deal with such questions in the European Churches ? What are the teachings of the Lutheran Churches in dealing with this particular problem and what is the teaching of the Church Universal in this respect ? Of course it is highly desirable that sponsors should stand surely for the children's moral and religious bringing up. Your advice on this will be highly valued by the Church Council and we will eagerly await your answer till the next meeting of the Executive.

The Council appreciates your suggestions as to its business sittings. It had engaged my attention for sometime and therefore your suggestions were very opportune. Henceforth we have decided to hold Full Council meetings only 3 times a year i.e. after and before the Conference and once during the Pastor's Monsoon meeting. It is hoped the Executive Officers and departmental heads will exercise their executive functions with greater freedom and tact, The democratic Constitution to which you refer do not seem to deprive the Officers of their due powers. It is only a matter of using one's discretion in the right direction. I am really very thankful for your valuable counsel as I do not wish to be bound hand and feet and let matters stand undecided for good length of time. Of course I anticipate some sort of criticism as some departure will have to be

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be made from the general practice now in vogue.

Now I conclude this letter and in so doing beg to tender my hearty greetings and Vishusahays to all of you.

yours sincerely,

B. P. S. S. S.

Berlin-Wannsee

May 29th, 1929

My dear Mr Patraschard,

I am in receipt of
your letter of April 24th
and hope to comply with
your request to have an
article on 'The meaning
of autonomy' for the
Gharbandhu. I shall do
my best to send it soon.
last week I was very
busy and could not think
of it. I think I shall
send it by air mail,
as you did.

With kindest regards

Yours truly
J Stosch.

Absender: Rev. J. Stosch
Wohn. Berlin-Wannsee
Straße, Hausnummer,
Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk Florastr. 3



Mr. Patras Howard
Secy, G. E. L. Church
in Ranchi (Bihar)
British East India
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THE COUNCIL OF
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur & Assam.
RANCHI, (Behar) INDIA.

File-36

Memorandum.

NOTICE.

The Executive will meet this evening at the Secretary's Office at 7.P.M. to consider a proposal of representation in the Copenhagen World Lutheran Conference. The meeting will take a few minutes to vote for and pass a Resolution on the subject, if we all agree. Officers and members are requested to attend.

29 May, 1929.

[Signature]
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SECRETARY.

P.S.- The letter of Rev. A. John in original is enclosed for perusal with a view to make you acquainted with the subject matter.

1. The Rev. J. Tapono. *J. Tapono*
2. The Rev. J. Lakra
3. The Rev. B. Ming. *B. Ming*

*We have already resolved
and so no new resol.
is needed. J. 25.49*

Church Council

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No. 36.

Darjeeling, the 22. May 1929

Dear President.

Date.....

As I think the secretary will be on furlough I address this letter to you, to place the matter before the C. C. as early as possible.

Mr. Storch wrote to me that he hopes to go as delegate to Copenhagen, if the C. C. agrees to it and declares officially to consider him as the delegate of the S. E. L. Church.

Please take the matter up at once and send your resolution to Mr. Storr and Dr. Morehead on the quickest possible way. As the C. C. Executive is not in session at present you must manage it otherwise.

I hope Mr. Laksh and the other C. C. members can easily meet and decide the matter. As far as I know we have already done so in one of our previous meetings.

Thus it needs only an official information to both Mr. Storr and Mr. Morehead. Best will be to send the letter by airmail.

Hope you all are well as we are. Here it is pleasant not warm not cold, just as in a European summer.

Yours faithfully

M. P. R. M.

No. 689/29.
F.- 36.

4th June, 1929. x

To Director J. Stosch, Lic. Theol.
Berlin.

My dear Director,

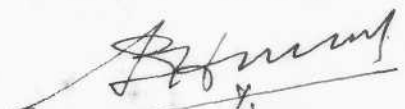
I have great pleasure in sending you the message of the Gossner Church intended for the Copenhagen Convention which please deliver in due time. I have already written you last week that you are authorised to be our accredited representative in the Convention. I am writing to day to Dr. Morehead that you will deliver this message but failing your presence he will do the same on our behalf.

I hope you will have very good time in the Convention and give us your inspirations gained in this great international gathering.

With hearty wishes.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Secretary,

G.E.L. Church Council,

RANCHI.

For Rev: Dr. Berlin

President's draft
letter to the Berlin
Board. For perusal
& return.

See also
General Conference file 51
2/5/22
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निज प्रमाण स्वामीनता के लिये देना हम लोगों को बहुत आवश्यक है।
इसलिए यदि लोग इसको नहीं मानते हैं तो (समझते हैं) कि हम सब-
स्वाधीन हैं जैसा हम चाहते हैं वैसे ही हमका सच है। सब कोई अपने
मन का बल मानता है और सबका चलो चाहते हैं। पर यह निज प्रमाण के बिना
ऐसा होने से नहीं लगेगा। बड़ा गड़बड़ होगा - पर इसमें मैं हम निरास नहीं हूँ।
पर आपा है कि आप में सब कोई मान लेंगे और प्रसन्नता में खुश रहेंगे
होगा - ॥

पराङ्म में जो पैसा बौड़। का मोल मान चुका है दोले आता है सो म-इरा
 स्वाभावता को बेठिका बिबा। से सम्बन्ध रखता है इरा बेठिका बिबा। से
 सजाग सब से से रखे रामे- किने पागे इमारा गिजे है' जिसी पुन। आ रसमे
 धरा गरी है मौ। इरी आरु। पराङ्म को धरी को पुन। के मे इम लो गो। के
 बहुत मुस्वीलना दुई है। प। अम। तो इम रक से से सभ्य में आ रामे है' कइ
 इम को बहुत सखत आ। व म. का है मौ। इम आरु। का ले है' कि का म से
 रई सब गइकड म गिरे का मेगा-॥

इम जोम महे सुनने बहुत मानवित दुख नि होन बोडे इस साल आने दिना
 ने साध-मिलान धूँ-60 इमा रसोया मेनेवा प्रतिज्ञा नाला है ओ
 इम मा भुवा ले है इस इम प्रतिज्ञा जो पूरा करेवा बलवेगा-
 जोम अच्छी होतसे गरी लौम बोस सालसे इस साल आयेवा
 अच्छी होतसे जाय चलेगा-इम इससे मानवित है नि इम इस साल
 नरुत नाले तोपे मा-कुल खच नाला सचे है-॥

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२३ बात जो मैंने देखा कि ब्रिवाली लोग ~~इस पर बहुत~~ मिशन के मुक्त
 से आमतौर पर वैसे आते हैं बहुत गरीब बात है और (इन्हें जो भविष्य है
 जो इन आदर्श-शक्ति का अपने लिए परिश्रम को - जिन्हें नाशपूर्
 ही में गरीबों के लिए और कायिका बनना छोड़ना है - और इन परिश्रम
 का-काल है - प (इस पर परिश्रम कि रक्षा वालों के आशा सफल नहीं
 होता है - रक्तों में अनेक मिशन है जो एक दूसरे को बिछेय नाम आते हैं
 पूरे लोग इस निमित्त को नहीं समझते सच है कि एक बोलता है दूसरे
 और दूसरा बोलता है मत देकर सब पैसा बिना मत से आता है यहाँ पैसा मित्र -

कुछ दरमा लगी है छोड़ो लुधरान मरडन को यहां बहुत देना होता है स्कूल
मास को बोडिंग मास मर डुल रू लोग मांगते हैं हमारे पास मास को
हम से तब से पुंदा लड़कों को स्कूल में रखेंगे को पढ़ावेगे- हल डीने
को राउर को मास मास डुल लोग पुसलाये पाके स्पेस मरडन में मिल
राम- यह हम आशा है कि जिस हल लोगों को अधिक सिर मर मास को
बड़ा पुसलाये होता है। मिल दूसरा कारा लोग को गरीबता है हमारे लोग
विशेष को मिसा लोग है खेती से अपना गुजारा करते हैं खेत मर मर
डुल थोड़ा है आम तो दिन २ वृ पाते हैं और पा खेत री वृता है
एक बेल जो साल में पैदा करते हैं सो री म है उर का आम म है को मिसा
दूसरे पुसला आम मर कला वे गरीब पाते हैं इसे अधिक गरीब लोगों
को आम म री मिलता है सो वे पैसा मर मास री सते हैं को उर को
हल में जब पैसा री है तो वहां से सते हैं आम मर तो डुल लोग री गरीब है
कि उर का हल मर री हल लोग कुछ मर उर को यहाँ री वे आम मर मर
सहते हैं तो मरडन को लगे वहां से सते हैं आम मर को लोग अधिक सते हैं
आशा कि उर को वहां पैसा मर मर उर म है वहां हल मर ^{वड} चह बग म है
जहां जब की चहता है उरी सपन आम मा सपन को पैसा मर सपन है
हिसा व को हमने पाया कि आम मर को लोग मी पारा साल में दो सपन
को वेते हैं मर यहां बिरले मरडन में २२ आग मर मर सपन को
मिलता है मर आम मर को लोगों के सपन यहां के लोग मर से सते लगे
यहां इतने सिल होता कि सब आम उरी से चल पाता- सिस मर हम गरीब
तो गरी है- हमारे मरडन को लोग स्पेस री मर लोगों से डुल अधिक वेते
हैं को देने में मर वृते पाते हैं इस साल को हिसा व मर मर ५२ हल
सपन मिलता है इसमें वड हिसा व री है जेवे स्कूलों के लगे वेते हैं
X को बोडिंग को लगे वेते हैं उर को थोड़े से हल- उर हल हो पावेगा हमारे
पुराने मिशनरियों को मर मर हल कि पहिले मिशनर को यह सब कुछ मर
देना होता था- मर मर स्कूल को आम लड़कों को पढ़ाया पाया मर-
आम है मर स्कूल मर बोडिंग मास पूरा को उरी को देना है मर मर
हम कहते हैं यहां लड़के चलता है डुल बेसी स्कूल मास को बोडिंग मास
गरी वृ सते हैं आशा कि रीसा हल से मर लड़के हमारे स्कूल छोड़
को दूसरे स्कूलों में चल पावेगे यहां उर को आम मर मास देना होता है
को वे सपन उर को हल को वेता है
मर मर हम लगे मास स्पेस री मर लोगों से अधिक है सो हम
इसमें मर गरीब री है ॥
हम लोगों को मर मर मर कि गंगा मिशन को सपना मर डुल पुसलाये
उर सिसान डुल थोड़े हैं को वे को री गरीब लोग है उर मर री है
मास में तो उर को छोड़ देने का बिचार तो हो री- मर है मर मिशन मर
हमारे स्कूलों को- मर मर को वे वे को मर मर उर का पाप देना री चहते
हैं को मर डुल थोड़ा उर से मांग मर- मर वे री देगे तो मर पुसला
हम अपना आम उर चलाने- मर हम पास मर मर मर हम सब सते
तो मर आम मर पुसला चलता- मर हम लोग हमसे स्कूल सब लगे
चाहते हैं आशा कि मर हम गंगा मर से मिल पाये तो मिशन

24th. April 1929.

To,

The Director of the Curatorium
Gossner Mission Society,
B E R L I N.

Dear Director Stosch,

It is with a feeling of pleasure and thankfulness that I wish to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of 27th. February last with its enclosure -- the Curatorium's message and pastoral epistle for the General Conference. The message was translated in right time by the Rev. Mr. Prehn and read out to the Conference as desired. The message was received by the whole audience in a spirit of love and gratefulness and the Council was asked to acknowledge the same and to convey to the Curatorium its deep sense of thankfulness with a suitable response on the exhortations and the topics dealt with in the epistle. The President has been entrusted with the duty of writing out that response and we hope to send out the same next week.

2. FINANCES. We can not but see and feel the mighty hand of God our Father who in His Providence has been so gracious as to move the hearts of our mission friends to contribute generously towards the support of this Church and thus enable you to give us definite amounts. This is really very encouraging as we can now count upon this fixed sum and carry on our work on a more business-like basis. The total amount of Rs 70,000 including America's liberal share will now help us a good deal in meeting the cost of the different activities of the Church. Now there has been a feeling of great relief amongst the pastors especially when the Council announced and presented before the Conference a Scheme by which their salaries could be paid directly from the Council's Funds. At present the Council will supplement the Ilaka Funds on Pastors' salaries. The Ilakas will submit their Bills for the pastors to the Council which after verifying them will pass orders for payments. This year the Council has earmarked Rs 11,000 on this Head of Expenditure. This Scheme is only experimental towards further concentration of funds in the Council. It is thought that it will help the Council to have a better hold on the work of the pastors resulting in an increase in the Church's regular incomes.

The Church has not been unmindful of its burden of self self-support. The Conference gave serious thought on problems of self-help. It found it necessary to raise the hostel fees in all schools and also to impose a new tax - the seat rent for boys ^{and girls} living in the hostels @ 4 annas per capita per month to be spent towards the maintenance of the ~~hostels~~ hostel buildings. This will to a great extent save the Council the trouble of finding money for repair works.

You will kindly note that the Gossner Church has been endeavouring its utmost in raising funds with a view to taking its due or rather a larger share in the Budget of % the current year. Br. Prehn will send you our Budget which will go to show the approximate income we expect from all sources.

3. REINFORCEMENT OF MISSIONARIES. - In accordance with the wishes of the Conference I am directed to request you to move the Curatorium to lend to this Church the valued services of 5 more missionaries. It is gratifying for us to note that Br. R. Karsten

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volunteers to come here and work with us amongst his beloved people. The Rev. A. John II, I hear is also willing to return to this field and so Miss Stainer. These 3 servants of the Lord are very welcome and we look forward to their arrival sometimes next cold season. Hope the Curatorium will be kind enough to grant our request.

The need and help of European missionaries by way of guidance ~~is~~ and as counsellors has ever been felt by the congregations and by the peoples everywhere. The cry for more missionaries was also in evidence in this year's Conference. But I know that you must have realised more than any body else when you came here in 1925, that with the incoming of missionaries in larger numbers the spirit of self-help, self-reliance and self-respect is killed and the ideal and goal of self-administration set before the Church is destroyed. It is natural that the people will again try to lean more on the missionaries than on themselves. The sacred pledge of Autonomy, I am glad, every organisation which has to do with the Church have agreed to respect. For it is not a gift of any man but of God at a time when His glory was sought for in defending the rights of conscience, yea at a time when the faith of the Church was tried with fire. It was very good of you that with farsightedness in drawing up the Agreement you laid down that "for some time to come" * * * * some missionaries come and work in and with the Church," at the same time ~~is~~ limited to 1/3rd the number of the missionaries in the membership of the Council and also that there should be no more than 2 foreign missionaries in the Executive. All this was ~~done~~ done in all intents and purposes "towards bringing Autonomy to its full completion." Will it not be good to restrict the number now for the whole field?

4. AUTONOMY DAY ANNIVERSARY.

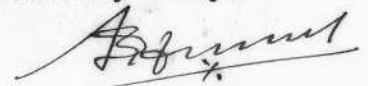
The full Proceedings of the Conference will be sent as soon as they are printed but in the meantime I take the privilege of requesting you on a matter of urgency. The Conference has decided to observe the 10th. of July - the Day of Autonomy. The Council intends issuing a Special number of the GHAR-BANDHU in ~~the~~ July - the 10th. Anniversary. I have been inviting special articles for the number and should consider it a great favour if you will kindly write for us an article on - "The Meaning of Autonomy." or in Hindi "स्वतन्त्रता का अर्थ क्या है?". The article if reaches me by the end of May will enable me to go through the matter and put it in the right place in the paper. Hope you will not deny us this favour.

Now kindly allow me to close this letter and in doing so I request you kindly to convey ^{our heart felt thanks} to the large-hearted and generous friends both in Germany and America for the large gifts in men and money and for the paternal love and care which has enriched this Church abundantly spiritually and materially - all to the glory of His holy name.

Please remember me to all our dear missionaries in the Mission House and please give the Council's hearty Yishusahay to all those who love us in Christ Jesus!

With best and sincerest regards,

I remain,
Yours very truly,



Kuratorium
der
Gohnerschen Missionsgesellschaft

Berlin-Wannsee,
Florastr. 3

Berlin-Friedenau, den February 27th 1929.
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Fernsprecher: Döbeline 75

Egb. Mr.

Church Council

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In ...

The Secretary,

G.E.L. Church

R A N C H I .

Dear Mr. Hurad.

Please, find enclosed the message of the Berlin Board. It is in German. As we do our conference work in German, this message had to be submitted for signature in German. In a way it would have been appropriate for me to translate the message into Hindi and send the Hindi copy along with the German. But it would take me much time as I am not used to write Hindi now a days and would be far from being perfect. The trouble of translating it into English I did not take because it would not have served the purpose, as the message must be read in Hindi to the General Conference. I therefore request the Rev. M. Prehn to translate it into Hindi with the assistance of an Indian gentleman and request you to print the message in the Gharbandhu and read it to the General Conference.

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I need not say more to-day. Only a word concerning finance. The Berlin Board hops to contribute towards the budget of the Autonomous Church in 1929 RM 50 000 (33 300 Rs), the N.L.C. of America generously intends to give \$ 10 000 and to pay the debit balance of 1928 viz. \$ 3 800. That is about 36 800 Rs. So you may for your budget fix the 'income from foreign sources' on Rs.70 000.- The Rev. J.Morehead says the \$ 10 000 for 1929 are not an absolute pledge but a promise of cooperation so far as the funds prove to be collectible. Dr. Morehead adds: "That the Council regards

2. The Secretary G.E.L.Church Ranchi. February 27th 1929.

it as a sacred obligation to pay the unpaid balance definitely pledged for last year together with a possible \$ 10 000 additional, making \$ 13800 in all, we trust will be of genuine encouragement both to the Gossner Autonomous Ev. Luth. Church in India and to ~~the~~ Gossner Missionary Society in Germany, to which the great field belongs. Of course this encouragement is entered into with the distinct understanding that the Gossner Missionary Society in Germany will pay its full pledge of \$ 12 500 to the Gossner Church in India during 1929 and that the Church in India shall use its utmost endeavours to contribute its share to the budget for the current year by way of selfsupport.'

I invite your attention particularly to the last part of the last sentence.

With my best wishes

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

THE COUNCIL OF
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur & Assam.
RANCHI, (Behar) INDIA.

Memorandum.

25. III. 29

Dear Mr. Prehn,

Herewith Berlin Curatorium's Pastoral Letter for the General Conference. Kindly translate it into standard Hindi as besides being read in the Conference it will be published in the Charbandhu — this will be a Church Document.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

As I got a copy of it from Agarwal
I already started the translation
When ready I shall get through it with some other
people to get it standardised
your copy be returned — M. Prehn.
herewith. M. P.

Zgb.-Nr.

H i r t e n b r i e f
des Kuratoriums der Gossner'schen Mission
An die
Generalconferenz der G.E.L. Kirche
in Chota Nagpur

Liebe Brüder !

Gottes Segen und Hilfe für Ihre Beratungen! Er gebe Seinen Geist zu Ihrem Zusammensein und Ihren Beschlüssen, dass Sie alle nicht eigene Ehre und irgend etwas anderes suchen als das Wachsen der Kirche Christi. Dass Christi Kirche gebaut werde, dazu kamen vor mehr als 80 Jahren die ersten Deutschen Missionare nach Chota Nagpur und auch der Wandel der Zeit hat daran nichts geändert, dass Gottes Ehre und Seine Kirche unser gemeinsames Ziel ist.

Die Feinde Christi sind nicht müde geworden, sie sind eifrig am Werk der Zerstörung. Es scheint uns, als sei ihre Methode nicht mehr ganz dieselbe, wie früher. Früher war es mehr ein offener Kampf, jetzt versuchen sie sich heimlich einzuschleichen und von innen zu verderben, was sie mit äusseren Mitteln nicht zerschlagen konnten. Nachdem die Ueberlegenheit des Christenglaubens über das Heidentum im Laufe der Geschichte klar geworden ist, beobachten wir jetzt, wie in der christlichen Kirche, auch in Chota Nagpur der Geist der wider Christen, eindringt. Heidnische Sitten werden als harmlos bezeichnet und auch von

Christen /

Christen angenommen und sind doch nicht harmlos, sondern sind ein Netz des bösen Feindes, der die Seele auf diese Weise fangen will. ~~Die~~ ^{Im} Musik und ~~der~~ ^t Tanz dringen die finstere Macht in die Gemeinden ein. Das Zunehmen der Trunksucht ist ein böses Zeichen für das christliche Leben in den Gemeinden. Werdet nicht müde im Kampf für die Reinheit der Kirche. In einer nichtchristlichen Umgebung kommt für die Ausbreitung des Evangeliums alles darauf an, dass Euer Licht hell und rein brennt. Es darf nie so werden, dass der Geist des Heidentums heimlich in unsere Schulen eindringt und dass der Eindruck erweckt wird, dass beide gleiches Recht haben und in Freundschaft neben einander wohnen. Wenn Heiden in unsere Schulen kommen, wir wollen sie gern aufnehmen, aber sie müssen erleben, dass auf christlichen Schulen ein Geist herrscht, der von Christus ausgeht. Heidnische Sitten haben kein Recht in unseren Schulen. Heidnische Schüler müssen willig sein, sich dem christlichen Geiste unterzuordnen, oder sie müssen sich eine andere Schule suchen. Unsere Schulen sollen auch wirken, wie das Salz und dürfen nie diese Kraft verlieren. Die Schulen haben die Aufgabe, die ihnen anvertrauten Christenkinder zu bewussten Christen und Gliedern der Kirche heranzubilden und die nichtchristlichen Schulen unter den Segen einer christlichen Schulzucht zu stellen. Wird dies nicht mehr erstrebt, so verlieren die grossen Ausgaben für das Schulwesen ihre Berechtigung. Alles Geld, das von Deutschland und Amerika gegeben wird ist Missionsgeld, d.h. es dient einzig und allein dem Zweck, das Evangelium auszubreiten und die Kirche zu bauen. Verlieren jemals unsere Schulen diesen Zweck aus dem Auge, so mögen sie Regierungsschulen werden und die Regierung mag sie bezahlen. Wir sagen dies, um hinzuzufügen, dass wir es für ein/

Ein Verhängnis halten würden, wenn es diesen Weg ginge. Es war uns sehr schmerzlich, dass im vergangenen Jahre etwa 100 Primaryschulen dem District Board übergeben worden sind. Wir tadeln die G.E.L. Kirche nicht darum, denn wir wissen, dass die bittere Not an Geld zu diesem Schritt gezwungen hat. Es ist überaus betrüblich, dass in diesen Schulen der Religionsunterricht nur noch ausserhalb des Stundenplans gegeben werden darf. Wir legen es allen Lehrern an diesen Schulen ans Herz, dass sie in aller Treue den christlichen Religionsunterricht erteilen. Das Gute an dem Abkommen ist, dass es nur für 2 Jahre geschlossen ist. Wir bitten, die Erfahrungen mit diesem Contrakt sorgfältig zu sammeln und noch ehe dies Jahr 1929 zu Ende geht, uns über diese Erfahrungen zu berichten, damit wir, wenn nötig, diese Schulen im kommenden Jahre wieder zurücknehmen und finanzieren.

Noch in einer anderen Form dringt heute ein widerchristlicher Geist in die Christenheit ein. Dass wir deutschen Christen Verständnis haben für die freie Entwicklung einer werdenden christlichen Kirche, haben gerade wir, das Kuratorium der Gossner'schen Mission, dadurch glänzend bewiesen, dass wir die Constitution, die im Dezember 1925 in Ranchi durchberaten wurde, gutgeheissen haben. Wir haben dadurch der Autonomen Kirche Rechte und Freiheiten zugestanden, die sie nicht zu beanspruchen hatte, solange sie noch so bedeutende Zuschüsse von uns braucht. Diese Constitution stellt das Freiheitlichste dar, was eine europäische oder amerikanische Mission ihrer Missionskirche gewährt hat. Wir haben also jetzt ein Recht, ein Wort der Mahnung zu sagen, über das, was falschverstandene Freiheit ist. Falsche Freiheit steht auf dem/

dem Grundsatz, dass alle Menschen gleich sind, dass darum auch alle alles verstehen und alle Führer sein können. Wenn alle Menschen gleich sind, braucht keiner mehr zu gehorchen und keiner hat mehr etwas zu sagen. Das arme Russland hat sich von diesem Grundsatz der Gleichheit und Freiheit betören lassen und ist durch den Bolschewismus in ein Land des Schreckens und Jammers, des Raubens und Mordens verwandelt worden. Gott erleuchte Ihrer aller Sinne und Verstand, dass Sie nie sich von diesen Schlagworten blenden lassen. Demokratie hat ganz und gar nichts zu tun mit dem Reiche Gottes ! Es ist nicht so, dass nur eine Demokratie eingerichtet werden muss, damit auch Reich Gottes da sei. Es ist nicht so, dass nur eine liberale Verfassung da sein muss, damit dann auch Gottes Wille geschieht.

In Wahrheit sind alle Menschen untereinander ungleich und eine christliche Gemeinde muss diese Wahrheit anerkennen, wenn sie gedeihen soll. Erinnern Sie sich, wie im Neuen Testament der Apostel Paulus die Kirche den Leib Christi nennt und weiter sagt, dass am Leibe verschiedene Glieder sind und die Glieder verschiedene Aufgaben haben und verschiedener Ehre wert sind. Lauter Ungleichheit. Freiheit besteht darin, dass jeder seine Gaben zum Dienste der Gemeinde verwendet und denen sich freiwillig und freudig unterordnet, denen Gott die Gabe und das Amt der Führung gegeben hat. Gehorcht Euren selbstgewählten Führern ! Wie oft hat das in den letzten Jahren gesagt werden müssen ! Lasst es Euch heute wieder sagen, Ihr Brüder und Schwestern, in grossem Ernst. Zerstört nicht Gottes Werk, indem Ihr die Freiheit zum Deckel der Bosheit macht.

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Zu Euren selbstgewählten Führern gehören auch Eure Missionare. Ihr habt sie Euch selbst erbeten, Ihr habt selbst eingesehen, dass Ihr die Hilfe von Deutschen Missionaren braucht, immer wieder habt Ihr darum gebeten. Nun sind sie gekommen, um Euretwillen. Manche haben in ihrer Heimat viel im Stich gelassen. Sie konnten alle in Deutschland leben und arbeiten, und hätten es in ihrer Heimat angenehmer als in Indien. Aber sie sind dem Rufe gefolgt. Nun müssen wir heute ein Wort für unsere Missionare sagen, das sie selbst nicht sagen können, weil das Feingefühl es ihnen verbietet. Haltet sie in hohen Ehren, macht ihnen ihre Aufgaben leicht durch freudiges Entgegenkommen. Meint nicht, dass sie Euch irgend etwas von Eurer Freiheit nehmen wollen. Sie wollen nur das tun, wozu Ihr sie gerufen habt, Euch vorwärts führen auf dem Wege zu einer rechten Christengemeinde. Wenn Ihr der Meinung wart, dass Ihr das alles ganz genau so gut konntet, wie die Deutschen Missionare, dann musstet Ihr sie nicht rufen.

Es sind Stimmen laut geworden, dass es gegenwärtig wichtiger ist, dass aus Deutschland Geld kommt, als dass Missionare kommen. Wir wollen diese Stimmen nicht tadeln, wir wissen von der Not, durch die die Kirche 1928 gegangen ist, in Folge der ausbleibenden Hilfe von ausserhalb. Wolle Gott, dass auf die Zeit der Not jetzt eine Zeit folgt, in der der Mangel gestillt wird. Wir danken Gott von ganzem Herzen, dass er es uns in Deutschland im Jahre 1928 hat gelingen lassen, dass wir einen grossen Fortschritt gemacht und viel Liebe und Freigebigkeit von alten und neuen Freunden erfahren haben, sodass wir der Kirche zusagen können, so Gott will und wir leben, für 1929 50 000 R.M. = 33 300 Rs zum Haushaltsplan der Kirche beizutragen. Vor wenigen Tagen hör-

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ten wir vom N.L.C. in Amerika, dass es grosszügig ins Auge fasst, \$ 10 000 beizutragen und ausserdem einen Rest von \$ 3 800 von 1928 dies Jahr zu geben, also in Summa \$ 13 800 = 36 800 Rs. Obwohl das N.L.C. diese Hilfe nicht direkt nach Indien sendet, sondern in Anerkenntnis dass das Kuratorium der Home Board der G.E.L. Kirche ist, an uns schickt, so bitten wir ausdrücklich, dass von der Generalconferenz ein Dank für die ^hochherzige Hilfe nach Amerika an ^{das} ~~den~~ N.L.C. geschickt wird. Wir hoffen, dass in Deutschland und in Amerika gesammelte Geld in monatl. Raten senden zu können. Wir sagen dies als eine Bitte an den Geber aller guten Gaben, dass Er uns das Nötige geben wolle.

Dass wir diesen guten Fortschritt gemacht haben, verdanken wir der Tatsache, dass wir Missionare in Indien haben, dass diese so gut arbeiten und so treu berichten. Wenn man in Deutschland Missionsgaben erhalten will, so muss man etwas zu berichten wissen und Berichten haben wir bisher von unsern indischen Brüdern fast garnicht bekommen. Hätten wir keine Missionare und würden wir nicht noch mehr Missionare aussenden, so hätten wir auch keine Missionsgaben nach Indien zu senden.

Vergessen Sie niemals, dass dies Geld, das wir Ihnen schicken, in einem Lande gesammelt ist, das kein reiches Land mehr ist, dass viele Gaben von armen Leuten kommen. Sie geben für die Ausbreitung des Evangeliums. Sorgen Sie, dass das Geld nicht falsch angewandt wird. Ebenso wichtig ist ein anderes. Wir senden das Geld nicht, um die Autonome Kirche zu entlasten, sondern um sie zu ermutigen, nun auch ihrerseits ihr Ausserstes zu tun. Dr. Morehead schreibt in seinem Brief, diese \$ 13 800

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wurden gezahlt unter der Bedingung, 'that the Church in India shall use its utmost endeavours to contribute its share to the budget for the current Year by the way of self - Support'. Wir stellen dieselbe Bedingung für unsere Zahlungen. Es geht gegen unser Gewissen, hier Geld zu sammeln, wenn wir die Meinung haben müssen, dass in der Kirche in Chota Nagpur durch Unordnung in Geldsachen Geld verloren geht. Wir haben vor unserem Gewissen nicht das Recht, auch nur einen Paisa in Deutschland zu sammeln, der bei ordentlicher Wirtschaft in Indien einkommen müsste. Selbstverständlich haben wir, solange wir so wesentlich zur Unterhaltung der Kirche beisteuern ein Recht, ganz genau Einblick in die Geldwirtschaft der Kirche zu erhalten. Nun erhielten wir 1928 einen Census, in dem über die Beiträge aus der Gemeinde so gut wie nichts zu ersehen war. " Noch nicht bekannt " hiess es. Liebe Brüder, wir sagen es in Liebe und Ernst: Dies ist eine Schande für die Autonome Kirche. Was nützen uns die grossen Worte Autonomie, Freiheit, wenn sie eine solche liederliche Wirtschaft zudecken. Von Gleichheit wollen wir nicht noch einmal reden, dankt Gott, dass keine Gleichheit zwischen der Geldwirtschaft bei uns und bei Euch besteht, Ihr würdet sonst keine Hilfe von uns erfahren können. Geld ist nicht die Hauptsache. Aber es heisst in der Bibel, wer nicht im kleinen treu ist, wie kann man dem das Wichtigere anvertrauen ? Hier ist nicht der Kassierer oder der Sekretär schuld, sondern alle die, welche diese beiden nicht instand setzen, eine Uebersicht über die Einnahmen zu gewinnen. Lasst uns dergleichen nicht zum zweiten mal erleben.

Die Autonome Kirche hat im Punkt der Geldverwaltung noch viel zu lernen, bis sie die Ordnung und Zuverlässigkeit

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wieder erreicht hat, die vor dem Kriege zur Zeit der Deutschen Missionare selbstverständlich war. Es will alles erst gelernt sein und kann auch gelernt werden, wenn der gute Wille vorhanden ist. Wir werden aber im Punkt der Geldverwaltung nicht so tun, als ob es bereits gelernt sei. Deshalb behalten wir uns vor, bis auf weiteres in der Frage der Besetzung des Postens des Kassierers ein Wort mitzusprechen und vielleicht vor der Wahl einen Wunsch auszusprechen, der dann Beachtung zu finden hat. Wir wünschen, dass die Generalconferenz hiervon ausdrücklich Kenntniss nimmt und die Berechtigung dieser Forderung anerkennt. Es sind rund 70 000 Rs. deutsches und amerikanisches Geld, das wir dies Jahr an die Kirche senden und für das wir den deutschen und amerikanischen Gebern verantwortlich sind. Wenn auch in kommenden Jahren die Beiträge der Kirche zunehmen und die Beiträge der Mission abnehmen werden, so werden die Beihilfen doch noch so beträchtlich sein, dass wir an ihrer Verwaltung ein starkes Interesse haben. Wenn wir diesen Punkt näher begründen wollten, müssten wir auf gewisse peinliche Vorfälle in Verwaltung von anvertrautem Gelde eingehen, was wir vermeiden möchten.

Ferner bitten wir, sorgfältig zu überlegen, was zu geschehen hat, damit Ordnung in das Geldwesen kommt, und die betreffenden Beschlüsse streng durchzuführen. Wir bitten auch uns eine ins Einzelne gehende Jahresrechnung zu senden und einen Etat für das neue Jahr. Wir haben unser Rechnungsjahr vom 1. Januar bis 31. Dezember und der N.L.C. hat denselben Brauch. Wir waren selbst in Verlegenheit, als wir im Dezember über unseren Etat beraten wollten, weil wir nicht sicher wussten, welchen

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Zuschuss die Kirche brauchte und waren ebenso in Verlegenheit dem N.L.C. gegenüber, das uns nach dem Etat der Kirche fragte. Es sollte daher möglich gemacht werden, dass die Etatsberatungen im Oktober durch C.C. gehalten werden und dass wir im November diesen vorläufigen Etat erhalten. Die Generalconferenz kann immer noch, wie es gefordert ist, im März das entscheidende Wort sprechen, und es schadet nichts, wenn sie dazu auch unsere Meinung über den Etat in Rücksicht zieht.

Wir haben mit Freuden davon Kenntnis genommen, dass die Kirche die alte Ganges Mission uns zu erhalten wünscht und müssen mit Schmerz bekennen, dass wir die praktische Durchführung dieses Wunsches nicht für im Bereiche des gegenwärtig Durchführbaren liegend erkennen. Einen Missionar haben wir für den Ganges nicht übrig und wenn wir sofort doppelt so viele Missionare in Indien hätten, wäre doch keiner für den Ganges übrig, da in Chota Nagpur die Aufgaben viel dringender sind. Hindu~~u~~christen haben wir nicht und aus Chota Nagpur Pastoren an den Ganges zu senden, wird bei dem bekannten Kastenvorurteil der Hindu~~s~~ niemand empfehlen. Ehe wir der Frage nahetreten können, müsste ein genauer Plan vorgelegt werden, wie die Arbeit auf den alten Gangesstationen angegriffen werden soll und wir stellen der Generalconferenz anheim, einen solchen Plan für uns ausarbeiten zu lassen.

Wir haben zur Kenntnis genommen, dass die Generalconferenz 1928 den Vorschlag, Herr~~y~~ Missionar Karsten solle nach Chota Nagpur zurückkehren, mit Freuden angenommen hat. Herr Missionar Karsten will seine nur noch kurze Dienstzeit in Surinam beenden und dann nach Deutschland kommen. Wir werden mit ihm die

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Frage seiner Rückkehr nach Indien verhandeln. Ob es zu einer Rückkehr von Herrn Missionar Adolf John kommt, steht noch dahin, ob wir sonst noch einen der älteren Missionare wieder willig machen, hinauszugehen ist ebenfalls noch ungewiss. Junge Missionare, die jetzt in die Arbeit eintreten, haben wir ^{dies Jahr} (nicht).

Gern hätten wir Schwester Marie Vorköper wieder für Chota Nagpur gewonnen, während unserer Verhandlungen hat sie Gott von der Erde genommen. Auch Schwester Ida Palm und Fräulein Elisabeth Hahn sind von uns gegangen. Ihr Andenken soll unter uns in Segen bleiben.

Zuletzt noch ein Wort über eines unserer grössten Anliegen zum Wohle der Kirche: Es ist die Wiederaufnahme des theologischen Seminars. Führer der Kirche müssen in Gottes Wort gegründet sein und dazu bedarf es einer gründlichen Unterweisung. Wir bitten, dass das C.C. einen Plan entwirft, wie das Seminar künftig gestaltet werden soll und dass uns dieser Plan vorgelegt wird.

Gott gebe Euch den Geist der Liebe und der Wahrheit für Eure Beratungen, damit alles in Frieden und zum Segen der Kirche geschehe.

H. J. Stosch
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20th. February, 1929.

Missionsdirector J. Sosch, Lic. Theol.
BERLIN - Wannsee.
Germany.

Dear Director Stosch,

In continuation of my letter of last week, I am sending as promised a fair copy of the Census Table for the year 1927. I find you have compared the 1927 figures with those of 1924 and point out certain discrepancies. I am sorry the grand-totals of 1924 are missing from the file, I therefore compare them with the 1925 figures. The 1927 Census I am sending in the order of stations or Ilakas as compiled by my predecessor. Therein you will find the totals of different stations and thus the figures of the Feudatory States too falling within the stations to which they belong. In comparing the 1925 figures with those of 1927 I find them as follows :-

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	Kachcha.	Pakka.	
1925	441.	36.	1023.
1927.	463	37.	1302.

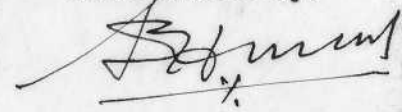
* These figures include the Prachins and such village school teachers who assist as catechists.

You also point out that the weakest point in the Census is the last column, viz Contributions, collections etc. But if you will refer to the back of the form you will find that all the detailed requirements are given there, which if answered with care will supply the entire field of informations necessary.

2. I am also sending at the instance of the Council a copy of a letter from Rev. J. Banninga of America Madura Mission, S. India. Our Council, of course, can not think of entertaining such an enterprise but would like to invite your kind attention to the same. The letter is self-explanatory. If you think it worth while to entertain this idea of film exhibitions of our work in India for Germany, correspond^{ence} might be opened with Mr. Banninga, if not the matter may be dropped.

In concluding I beg to give my and the Council's hearty Yishusahays to the members of the Curatorium and to yourself and to all who know and love us in Christ Jesus.

Yours sincerely,



The Council of the Cassner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845. — Autonomous 1919.]

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LUTHERAN COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar.)

No. 327/29
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Dated the.....13th.....February.....1929.....

Dear Director Stosch,

Jesus Christ our Common Lord for ever & ever, Amen !

Your kind favour of the 21st. January duly received for which many thanks.

1. We learn with much regret of the death of Miss Vorkeper in China. She went to her reward at a time when we needed her services here. She was surely wanted by the Master to serve Him day and night. I shall give this news in the G.B.

2. The General Conference will be convened this year after the Easter, i.e. from 6 - 11 April next. A pastoral from the Berlin Board will be much appreciated then. I am afraid I should not have hinted at this, but because I feel that this great privilege of hearing the Berlin Curatorium's spiritual exhortations is all the more needed now than ever before for the Church's edification and strengthening in the faith and in our duty.

3. Reinforcement of Missionaries. I do not in any way wish to minimise the need and importance of the missionaries at some strategic centres of the Church's work and it is with this end in view that the Council opened correspondence with the Curatorium to give us 2 more missionaries for Rajgangpur & Chainpur. Please see Page 11, Item 12 of the Proceedings of the General Conference, 1928, a copy of which has already been forwarded to you for reference. Please arrange to send us therefore 2 of the older missionaries to be posted to Rajgangpur and Chainpur. I wanted to press the question of the Leper Asylum at Purulia because the Council felt very strongly that it ought to come back into Lutheran hands. This institution has with the C.M.S. has now become a dividing line to our own work at Purulia. The C.M.

C.M.S. as a mission has not been very successful here but is built upon the Lutherans and is but a small denominational identity to the great hinderance to our work. You will remember that all the Lutheran lepers were coerced to join the Anglican Church inspite of their wishes, though our pastor was there to care for their spiritual needs. The spirit of rivalry was much in evidence. So I request you kindly to keep this matter in view in the preparation of future missionaries to this country.

I further refer to your letter of the 10th. October last in which you point out that unless there is a certain number of German missionaries on the field it will be difficult to keep in contact the Home Church with the Church in Chota Nagpur. In this respect all what I wish to say is this - that we do not deny the usefulness of missionaries nor do we wish to stand on their way to coming ~~xxx~~ here. You will remember that I did fight with all my power with the missionary councils to allow the German missionaries to Chota Nagpur. But this is not because we wanted money but because we want them as the fellow labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. The C.N.Pur Church wants to be enriched in its spiritual life by the experience and labour of all the godly Lutherans irrespective of their nationality and would welcome any one who would volunteer to come here in the name of the Good Shepherd. If we so co-operate in our labour and consecrate our lives to the services of the Church, a privilege which we in greater measure expect from the Gossner Mission because of its parental tie, there is no reason that the Gossner Mission should ever think of suspending its responsibilities towards this Church, even if it will for any reason stop sending missionaries here in any future time which I personally do not wish. I do not wish to be misunderstood in this as I might appear making a preposterous claim on the Gossner Home Board. I do so as I do believe that the Gossner Society realises in full measure the fact that wealth is a very important part of the Divine resources for the redemption of the world and for the carrying on of the work of the visible Church in this world. The help which America and Germany have been giving will I hope be assured to Chota Nagpur if we consider ourselves belonging to the same house, bound by a special tie. I think I need not enlarge upon this now but leave it to the future to plead its own cause.

4. The Ganges Field. I am gratified to know that the Home Board has been able to understand our desire with regard to the Ganges field. May I state that it was the Patna people themselves who by a petition to the General Conference urge upon the Council to keep one or two of our stations and from there to supervise the work of the Patna Lutherans. At Patna there is a Union Church of several denominations. ~~xxxx~~ Here too the Lutherans predominate now. Only recently the Anglicans have excluded themselves. To build a station at Patna will be a very costly item. But supposing the Gossner Board have no intention of opening work afresh here, will it not be possible to negotiate with the U.L.C. of America asking them to undertake this work in our stations? We too do not wish that we adopt a fighting attitude towards other denominations to bring back those who have gone over to them. But at the same time we would think it imprudent to lose the field. Our labour may not appear very successful on the surface but we should not neglect our Hindu & Mahomedan brethren ~~xxxx~~ until there is an awakening and a revival amongst them. Our attitude to preach the gospel to those only who come to us by hundreds and neglect those who appear hard-hearted, I think, need be revised now. I earnestly request that the Curatorium kindly give this matter their prayerful and thoughtful consideration and attention.

5. The good news you pen about an increase in our income in Berlin for C.N.Pur is decidedly very encouraging and consoling and is being received with much thankfulness by the Church. An announcement will be made to this effect when an opportunity comes. It is God's doing. He only will give us and can give us friends who will not only pray for us but enrich and help us with their generous gifts!

6. Statistics. The Census figures station by station will be sent to you by the next mail. This is a very nasty job. The clerk has been very ill from the very beginning of the New Year and has not been able to join his duties yet. Last years figures were compiled by my predecessor with the aid of the clerk. At present I am myself not able to decipher some of the discrepancies and I do not wish to let you have them till I am satisfied. I too am not keeping very good health and working in the

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office single-handed. I am working at these figures and hope to finish them in a day or ~~two~~ two. I am very sorry for not being able to mail them this week.

About the number of churches and chapels. Now during the regime of the A. Board they undertook repairs only of such churches and chapels which were classed as PAKKA so in 1927 there was a certain number of chapels which were classed formerly as KACHA but later in the revised list were classed as PAKKA owing to the nature of the masonry work employed in the buildings. But so far as I have been able to ascertain I found that only 3 PAKKA churches have been built during the years 1924-27 and the 66 KACHA chapels are all built newly during these years.

The Summary of the B. & O. Mission and Church Statistics which I sent to you does not properly relate to 1927. I have ascertained these figures are based on Government Census of 1921. Besides this, I can say they are not reliable figures so far as our community is concerned.

About Collections to which you draw my attention in the Census Form, I shall endeavour to write you more fully as far as I can do when sending the Census figures with the explanations.

In concluding I beg to tender my most sincere and hearty Yishusahays to yourself, to our dear former missionaries now in the Mission House, to the Honourable Members of the Curatorium and to all those who know and love us in Christ Jesus,

I remain, with kindest regards,

Yours in the Master's Service,

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To

Mr. Patras Hurad

Secretary, Council of the G.E.L. Church

G.E.L. Compound

R a n c h i (Bihar)

East India

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The Kuratorium appreciates the desire of the Church to preserve the old Missionfield in the Ganges Valley. The fact is that we should have to start work there afresh. Very little, indeed, is left of the lutheran communities of prewar times. The practical

centre

centre of lutheran work in the Ganges valley is now Patna, with many lutheran students and Government officers. Facing the needs of the Church in Chota Nagpur and the efforts we have to make in keeping up the lutheran work in Chota Nagpur, we doubt whether it would be wise to fight the Methodists and the Presbyterians in our old stations, in order to get back a field which we are probably unable to evangelise. But we are open for good advice.

I shall write again about this matter and on the reinforcement of the Missionaries' Body in my official letter to the General Conference, which I shall submit for endorsement to the Kuratorium on February 7th.

I am still hoping for ~~your~~^{our} explanation of your church statistics. It is important to have these explanations soon, as we want to publish these statistics.

We are grateful to God, we succeeded in 1928 to increase our income considerably and to win many friends to our Indian work.

The Kuratorium gives their sincere and hearty greetings and Jisu sahay to you, the Church Council and the Lutheran Congregations in Chota Nagpur.

I remain

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

391/28
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14th. November

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To,

Director J. Stosch, Lic. Theol.
Wanssee - Berlin.

Dear Director Stosch,

Your kind letter of the 10th. October duly to hand for which I must thank you. We appreciate your letter as this is the first since I returned to office this year.

1. Miss Diller. - We are glad you endorse the Council's action re the assignment of work to her. She is further appointed as the Correspondent of Lutheran Schools in the Gangpur State with the authorities there. The people love them and they too heartily co-operate with the Xtians there. We are much satisfied with the dealings of the Dillers and you will be glad to know that this is a good sign of fellowship.

2. Reinforcement of Missionaries. I have already forwarded to you the Proceedings of the last Genl. Conference. Allow me kindly to draw your kind attention to page 11, Item 12 of the same on the same subject. Acting on the directions of the Conference, the Council desire me to request the Curatorium to send us 2 new missionaries of which an intimation was given to us early this year. It gives us great pleasure to know that these 2 missionaries are already on their way to India and will be amongst us before long. We will receive them with all the warmth of a brotherly love. We appreciate the good-will and fatherly care of the Curatorium in giving us this personnel help. We sincerely hope that these 2 new brethren will make good impressions on the Autonomous Church.

I am further desired by the Church Council to make another request for ~~the~~ utilising the services of Miss Vorkoeper. We learn that she will now be free to take up new work and we would be glad to have her in our midst for the special work of her profession and for such other work which she would volunteer to undertake with the consent of the Council. I shall thank you will be good enough to open correspondence with Miss Vorkoeper and let me know her mind.

It has already been arranged that missionary Shhiebe should go to Kinkel and live there with Pastor A. John and missionary Schulze to stay in Ranchi and live with Principal Lakra. Both will, of course, devote their first year in language study.

3. Purulia Leper Asylum. In the past months I was corresponding with the Supdt. of the Leper Asylum, Purulia, re the admittance of 2 lepers of our Church and were disappointed at their attitude. We think we are not fairly treated. We feel if Berlin Curatorium could find and spare a qualified missionary for this special work, you will please try to negotiate with the Leper Mission authorities in Britain to return to us the responsibilities of the famous Asylum which has been marked out as a success of the Gossner Mission's philanthropic work.

4. Church Statistics. I am sorry for want of time today I would not be able to write fully on this matter. I shall try to explain the same more fully in my next.

5. The Ganges Mission. - We note that you are corresponding with Mr. John on this subject. May I refer you to Page 3, Item 11 7.(2) of the Conference Proceedings in which the Church desires the Council to take steps for the preservation of this old mission field. I am enclosing a copy of the Trustees Minutes re the property there

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If the property is returned to the Curatorium, I think, the problem could ~~be~~ easily be solved in no time, provided you agree to let the present occupying missions remain for the stipulated time according to the leases granted to them.

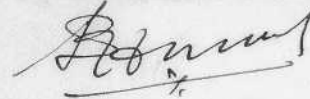
Just now while typing this a telegram has come from Burju with the sad news that Pastor Nottrott Tiru is drowned in Hassa village tank. I wish to go to Burju at once as requested in the telegram. So I am closing this letter. We are very much aggrieved at this very sad news.

I shall write to you on more other matters re the Church's present situation and seek your good counsel and advise on these. Please excuse me to-day.

Please give our most sincere and hearty greetings and Yishusahays to all the members of the Curatorium and to all those former missionaries who live in Berlin in the Mission House and elsewhere. Please remember me to my old master Rev. Roterberg whom I will write soon, next week, if possible.

With sincere hearty Yishusahays,

I remain,
Yours in the Master's Cause,



Kuratorium

der

Göbnerischen Missionsgesellschaft

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Dear Mr. P. Hurad,

Your letters of July 18th ^{with Votes} of thanks Resolution enclosed and of August 29th were duly received and appreciated. You say you believe Mr. Prehn is regularly corresponding with me. Of course he is. But we should like very much to see thinks from your point of view as well as from Mr. Prehn's. I therefore request you to keep me informed on what you think might help us to understand the situation on the Missionfield.

1) You write about Miss A. Diller. Miss Diller went to India as a daughter to her parents, therefore she was not given a letter of recommendation. The work assigned to her by the C.C. viz. Medical work, Bible women's work and colporteur's work is to her liking. The Kuratorium endorsed the action of the C.C.

2) We are still awaiting the opinion of the C.C. regarding reinforcement of the Missionary body. The C.C. will understand that unless there is a certain number of German Missionaries on the field it will be difficult to keep in contact the Home Church with the church in Chota Nagpur. It is certainly no waste of money or misappropriation of the money we collect in Germany for our Indian work. I hope I need not enlarge on this point. In the end of October two young Missionaries will sail for India viz. Mr. F. Schulze and Mr. M. Schiebe. Both are well qualified and it is our sincere hope that they will do their work in a true Missionary spirit. The Kuratorium ask the Church to receive these two young workers with brotherly love. They have been in England for ^a/10 weeks instruction and this is a good

2. start for their work in India. But during their first year in India they have to learn Hindi and to be introduced to Mission work. For this purpose they should be assistants to Mr. Prehn and Mr. John. Their work shall be assigned to them by the C.C. later say in December 1929. Mr. M. Schiebe seems to be gifted for evangelistic work, therefore we think his place for the first year is Kinkel. Mr. F. Schulze can help Mr. Prehn in his office work and might do very well as superintendent of the High School Hostel. We request the C.C. to put Mr. Schulze in charge of the Boardinghouse.

3) Regarding the N.M.S. we are of opinion that there is no reason for a representation in the Board of Trustees. On the matter of our Mission property in the Ganges valley we are corresponding with Mr. A. John. The C.C. will be kept informed by him.

4) The Census 1927 was gratefully received and studied. Allow me to make some remarks. i) Why did we get only the grand total and not the figures for the different stations? The grand total can be arrived at only by adding up those figures. Consequently those figures must exist and I see no reason for keeping them in the background.

ii) The consistence of some figures seems to be doubtful. a) Churches pakka 35 (in 1924 : 25) Kaccha 435 (in 1924 : 369). Have these 10 new pakka churches and 66 Kaccha churches been built in 1925 to 27 ?

b) Preachers of the Gospel -- anya prakarke 1294 (in 1924 : 247).

Can you explain this ~~this~~ increment of more than 500/% ?

iii) You sent me a Summary of Mission and Church Statistics for Bihar and Orissa totalling the figures of Communicants and other christians of the G.E.L.Church in this Census you get about 86000. In your Census the total of christians is 109259. How do you reconcile these different results? iv) The weakest point in the Census is the last column viz. contributions collections etc. You say 'All figures are not available as yet'.

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I hope you feel yourself that if the Autonomous Church deserves any credit regarding the organising ability of its leaders this state of facts must be entirely changed.

The Curatorium ask the C.C. to make proper arrangements.

With hearty Iisu Sahay's

Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

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No. 238 / 28
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The Rev. J. Stosch, Lic. Theol.
Director Gossner Mission,
Friedenau - BERLIN.

I wish to thank the Curatorium most heartily for the goodly remittance of Rs 10000 for which a telegram has just reached us from Calcutta. You could easily have gauged our anxieties from the cablegram sent to you and which increased with the delay made in the remittance. In any case, the amount will give us some relief to meet our most urgent needs. I don't think I should dwell more on this subject as Mr. Prehn will surely write to you in greater detail.

2. Now about Miss A. Diller of Rajgangpur. The Council had not so far known the intention of the Dillers, but we have recently learnt that they are going to stay in India. We have now assigned to Miss A. Diller some work i.e. (i) Medical work, (ii) Bible Women's Work and (iii) Golporteur's work. She is thus put in charge of these works for Rajgangpur.

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement the missionaries' work - shall be assigned to them by the C.Council and that in accordance with the recommendations of the Home Board. May I therefore request that the Home Board kindly allow Miss A. Diller to work in Chota Nagpur as lady-missionary in connection with the Goswami Autonomous Church and also signify their recommendations with regard to the duties to be entrusted to her. On receipt of this information the Church Council's assignment will be taken as confirmed.

3. I am also sending to you one copy each of the Proceedings of the 1928 Mahasabha and the Church Council Minutes of June last and hope they will interest you all in our most matters. In the Mahasabha Proceedings you will find mention of further reinforcements of missionaries. The matter has been placed into the hands of the Council for proper action. The Council meets next month from the 26th soon after the Pastors' Monsoon Meetings and the question of reinforcement will be one of the items in the Agenda. I believe I shall be asked to communicate to you the wishes of the Council on this point.

4. You will be glad to hear that the National Christian Council of India has sent to us the Communication of the Govt. of India regarding the disposal of the property of the Chota Nagpur and Assam field. The Government has consented to the dissolution of the present Board of Trustees and to the constitution of the new Board, consisting of 2 members of the Berlin Board, 2 of the Autonomous Indian Church, 1 American Lutheran and 1 of the N.C.C. The National Missionary Society of India who are given Jharsuguda property on short lease have asked the Govt, to give them a seat in the new Board. We have just been consulted by the N.C.C. and we have replied that considering the small interest involved in the property to be owned by the N.M.S. the C.Council do not see very strong grounds for a representation in the new Board of Trustees. We shall hear of the result very soon.

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I beg to remain,
in the service of the Master,
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29 August 1928

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