

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(Affiliated to the National Christian Council of India)

HONY. SECRETARY:
THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A., B.D., M.S.T.

Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

Ref.

Dated 195

To
The Secretary,
N.C.C. Nagpur.

Dear Mr. Jacob,

The Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council brings the following for your consideration.

The Entry and work of Foreign Missionaries in India

Read and considered the statement of the Secretary, National Christian Council on the Subject of the entry and work of Foreign Missionaries in India at a meeting of the Executive Committee, Bihar Christian Council held on the 13th, & 14th, October at Jamshedpur. The Committee thank the National Christian Council for the statement, as it will help to relieve the deep anxiety that is being caused to the church in India on the Subject.

Resolved that in any further action that the National Christian Council may adopt, this committee would request them to take in following points of view into their consideration:-

- I. Too great a stress is being laid by Government merely on the reduction of numbers of foreign missionaries to be allowed Entry into India on a priori ground.
- II. We do not dispute the right of Government to exclude any foreigner from India on personal ground of ~~per~~ previous history before their first application for entry into India.
- III. When a question arises of entry or re-entry of missionaries the matter should be decided in consultation with the church in India concerned through their accredited agents such as the National Christian Council.
- IV. When a question arises of asking a missionary to leave the country, the salutary principle of acquainting the person with the charges against him, inviting him to give an explanation and decided the matter in a quasi-judicial way is highly desirable and accords the matter with principles that are acceptable to all.
- V. IN the opinion of this committee the question of entry or Exclusion of foreigners is not a Subject within the Jurisdiction of the states. While their objections may be given the fullest weight, the final decision rests with the Union Govt. which should at the same time give equal weight to the views of the church conveyed through the National Christian Council, (in case of those Protestant churches that are affiliated to it, through their Provincial Council).
- VI. In the view of this committee much desirable propaganda is being made at present against missionary work per se but in this connection attention of the authorities should be drawn to the numerous eulogies made at the constituent assembly at the time of the adoption of the clauses of the constitution dealing with freedom of religion and to the right to propagate one's own religion.

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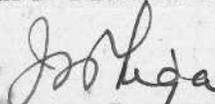
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- VII. The law regulating the entry for foreign missionaries into India was in force under the British regime for many years and applies only to missionaries from non-commonwealth countries. We should very much like to know whether there is any intention on the part of the Union Government to extend these regulations so that they will apply to missionaries from commonwealth countries and Eire.
- VIII. The National Christian Council might point out to the central Government that the development of the work of the churches in India suffered grievously from the period of the thirties owing to the Economic depression, prevails at present. During the war and for some years to replace those who were superannated or had died. to cut the number of missionaries, instead of allowing more to enter the country would be a grievous blow to the Indian church, which have expanded greatly in the last 25 years. Further areas in India have been closed to missionaries work till 1947. Some of the churches are as situated that their natural development would be in those directions. Foreign missionaries aid is essential to them.
- IX. The committee would draw the attention of the council to the following considerations in arriving at an estimate of increase or decrease of missionaries in India in the last fifteen years:-
- (a) The tightening up the visa and registration of the regulation.
 - (b) The inclusion of certain missionaries in the statistics at present who were not included before such as the Pentecostal and Seventh Day Adventist mission
 - (c) The inclusion of wives and children in the number of missionaries registered.
- X. The committee are in full accord with paras 4, 5, & 6, of the statement and support the council strongly in their objections to Rajkumary Amrit Kaur's two suggestions to which they have objected referred to in the last para of Page 7 of the statement.

Yours sincerely,



Hony. Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

Copy to,
The Secretary,
S. E. L. Church

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Dear Mr. *Noro*,

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council will be held at Jamshedpur, Baptist mission Beldih Triangle, on 13th and 14th October as decided in our last Exec. meeting (See. p 4. No.21)

You will please inform Rev.C.G.Vichert about the time of your arrival at Jamshedpur, at once. All the women member will stay in the mission bungalow. Taxi from the station is Rs.2/8 (small) and Rs.4/ (big). The first Session is expected to begin at 9.A.M. on 13th inst.

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1. Devotions
2. Roll call
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Exec.
5. Matters arising therefrom.
6. N.C.C. matters.
7. Matters educational if any (b) Matters evangelistic if any (c) Matters medical if any (d) Literature (e) Economic life of the church (f) Youth work (g) Audio Visual aids
8. United mission to Nepal
9. The Church.
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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

COMITY AMONG CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

BY DR R. W. SCOTT

Some new aspects
of an old subject

I

In the main, the revisions consist of additions to the Statement on Comity, of which the following may be pointed out:-

- (i) The first paragraph of the Introduction makes explicit what has already been clearly implied in Comity, namely that it is the means by which their Oneness in Christ can become manifest to Christians themselves and to the world. But comity points beyond co-operation and agreement, and posits ~~harmonization and agreement~~, ~~and~~ the necessity of making that Oneness 'more manifest to the people of India'.
- (ii) Section I, 'Arbitration and Conciliation' remains the same
- (iii) ~~See~~ To Section II, 1 has been added ~~another~~ a second paragraph
- (iv) To Section II, 6 has been added another sentence, about 'maps', and another paragraph advising Regional Councils to make a periodic review of comity arrangements.
- (v) Section II, 7 has been rewritten to make more explicit what the right of 'small gatherings of Christians' is to 'the ministration of their own communion'. i.e., it is confined to 'conscientious convictions'. The rest of the paragraph has been altered to state more clearly what the ministration from a church outside the area and the evangelistic efforts of such isolated congregations permit them to do in relation to the 'churches and missions occupying the field'.
- (vi) Section II, 8, dealing with cities, has had a considerable alteration, defining explicitly an 'open city' and stating the principle governing the 'shepherding' of members in cities that are not large enough to be 'open'.
- (vii) Section II, 9 will be recognized by its content as new.
- (viii) The largest addition is the new 'Section III. Expansion of the Churches'. This must speak for itself, but perhaps with the comment that the change from missioncentred to church centred comity should, in the judgement of many, now be made. This means that the outward, spontaneous expansion of churches should be recognized as a factor in comity to be governed, at the same time, by the basic principle of 'agreement'. Here also the spirit of conscientiousness and fair dealing, so essential in any theory or practice of Comity, requires the expanding ~~ex~~ churches to keep in view certain limits set by the rights of others.

II

The proposed changes in the Statement on Comity are confined to the sections mentioned above, and printed below. Other sections, dealing with questions of Christian workers, church members, baptism and membership, remain without any alteration.

Statement on Comity.

INTRODUCTION

The principles of comity have developed through the long experience of churches and missions working in the same or contiguous areas, and with similar aims. Comity continues to be essential to the churches in their divided state, but it should not be considered a reason for them to remain apart. ~~Ex~~ Closer cooperation and agreement should be some means whereby the churches realize the importance of considering together how to make their oneness in Christ more manifest to the people of India.

The subject of comity is part of a wider subject. The primary task which lies before the Indian Church and the Foreign Missionary Societies at work in India is the evangelization of this land. For the accomplishment of this task the proper inter-relation of the forces and methods employed is scarcely less important than their adequacy and suitability. Such inter-relation has two principal branches.

2 CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS

Under cooperative efforts should be classed the union of ecclesiastical bodies, or steps taken towards such union, and cooperation between missions in particular works or kinds of work, educational, medical, literary, etc.

With such efforts important as they are, this statement deals only incidentally, but it is right always to bear in mind their close connection with the other ~~two~~ side of inter-relation.

AGREEMENT

The inter-relation of efforts which are made separately is the subject of this statement on comity. Comity may be defined as the spirit of considerativeness and fair dealing which is the fruit of Christian courtesy and common-sense. The object of this statement is to set forth the principles of comity and their application to Christian work in this country.

The rules given below are to be regarded as agreed statements adopted after a long period of consideration and not as standards to be imposed on missions and churches. Active co-operation in particular tasks between Christian bodies, in a given area and not merely their smooth working in isolation should be the purpose we always keep in view.

I ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION

It is agreed that :

1. The principle of ~~xxx~~ arbitration should be applied as widely as possible to all matters of dispute between missions or churches provided that the fundamental principles of the ecclesiastical bodies concerned be not thereby called in question.

2. Regional Christian Councils should be ready to act in the matter of arbitration and conciliation, and should make arrangements by which those matters can be dealt with between the sessions of the council.

3. In all cases of disagreement the missions or churches concerned should first attempt a settlement between themselves, and where reference should be made to a Regional Christian Council only after such attempts have failed.

4. A Regional Christian Council should arbitrate only when any case is referred to it by the official representatives of both the bodies involved in any dispute. But in case one party declines arbitration, it shall still be open to the other party to appeal to the Council to use its friendly offices to bring about a settlement.

5. The decision of Regional Christian Council or its appointed representatives will be advisory or final as shall be agreed by the parties concerned before the case is heard.

6. For the settlement of any dispute, the appointed representatives should include an equal representation of on behalf of each of the missions or churches directly concerned, chosen by themselves, preferably from the membership of the Regional Christian Council, it being felt to the Council to appoint an additional member or ~~members~~ members, whether of its own body or not, having regard to the nature of the subject upon which arbitration is sought.

7. A Regional Christian Council may seek the aid of the National Christian Council in any matter affecting arbitration between missions or churches.

8. Any award or agreement arrived at after arbitration or conciliation should be reduced to writing.

II TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(Cases in which two or more churches or missions are working or proposing to work in the same area)

The history of comity in past years has shown that there are some churches and missions which do not see their way to enter into any arrangement regarding territorial divisions, and there are other churches and missions which, while they have no such difficulty in regard to the delimitations of territory, insist upon certain restrictions with regard to the application of the principle. Experience has proved that even such difficulties are not always insuperable.

- members but not for establishing institutions that would conflict with the occupying church or mission. In evangelism harmony should be maintained by close cooperation that will develop to the full the local ~~and~~ spiritual resources.
- (b) A city having ~~a~~ a population of two lakhs or more should be considered open. A Society desiring to enter an open city, specially if it proposes to work among a particular class or classes, should act on the principle laid down in rule II(i) above in order to avoid overlapping.
- (c) In smaller cities or towns, where the population is comparatively homogenous and a mission or missions already have an extensive work, any other mission or church contemplating entrance should act on the principle laid down in Rules 2 and 3 above.

When the mission or church so contemplating entrance into a city or town of this class is at work in the area of which that city or town is the recognized centre, and desires a footing in the town for the sake of its work in the area, this consideration should be recognized as one of much weight.

9. Those responsible for conducting radio programmes and Bible correspondence courses should be expected to observe Comity by informing, wherever possible, the Church in the locality of an enquiry or correspondent who has shown the road of personal ministrations.

III EXPANSION OF THE CHURCHES

with the development and organization of churches and local congregations which recognize their responsibility for evangelizing people of the neighbourhood and those farther afield who have special, social or cultural affinities with them, it is desirable that they allow for their spontaneous growth.

A distinction should be made between this kind of expansion which occurs largely through the activities of Christian people among their relatives and friends of the same social group, and the 'missionary operations' of isolated congregations mentioned in II (7), or the activities of new missionary bodies seeking to begin work in an area.

It is agreed that:

1. In the present divided condition of the churches comity is essential to their evangelistic outlook.
2. While churches and missions should continue to adhere to the principle of making and abiding by territorial arrangements, this should not be so interpreted as to impede the spontaneous expansion of long established and populous churches into adjacent territory. Any expansion which involves territory previously assigned by agreement to another church or mission should be carried out only in consultation and, if possible, in agreement with the occupying church or mission.
3. Where Christians of one church emigrate in considerable numbers to an area previously assigned to another church or mission a natural expansion may be possible among those of the same social or racial ~~origin~~ origin who have emigrated to that place. While the right of this expansion to take place should be recognized by the occupying church or mission, it should not, except by previous agreement, be allowed to interfere with the established institutions or the evangelistic work in the area.
4. The Regional Council or Councils may be asked to explore the possibility that previously accepted territorial arrangements may be revised so as to allow for the growth of churches, while at the same time permitting full scope for the work of the occupying church or mission.
5. Agreement by consultation of the bodies concerned, with the knowledge of the Regional Council, should be the normal way of meeting these situations. Where necessary the Regional Council or Councils should be asked to arbitrate as in Section I above.

Copy forwarded to all C.C. members and Sy Presidents for thorough study for consideration in the ensuing next full cc meeting.

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B. Lakra
for Secretary,

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Mr. N. E. Horo

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THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
OF INDIA

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I. CHURCHES.

1. Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, Chotanagpur Diocese :
The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur,
Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi.
2. C.I.B.C. Bhagalpore Diocese, C.M.S.
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Champanagar, Bihar.
3. Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ Mission :
Mr. I. P. Tiga
Nawabhandaria
Palamau, Bihar.
4. Gomoh Methodist Church :
Rev. J. E. Titus — *Secretary*
Dhanbad,
Bihar.
5. Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church :
Mr. N. E. Horo, Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
6. Methodist Church in Southern Asia,
Rev. J. L. Kinder
Methodist Church
Arrah, Bihar.

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7. Assemblies of God Mission :
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8. Bihar Mennonite Mission :
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10. American Freewill Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission :
Rev. C. G. Vichert,
Beldih Triangle, Jamshedpur
Dist. Singbhum.
11. Baptist Union of North India :
~~Rev. P. John~~ *A. Hyder Ali*
Baptist Mission,
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Mr. L. C. Burdett
P. O. Nawa Bhandaria,
Palamau District, Bihar.
13. Brethren in Christ Mission :
Rev. Charles E. Engle,
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15. Dublin University Mission :
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Dublin University Mission,
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Rev. R. James McAlister,
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18. Regions Beyond Missionary Union :
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 19. The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission :
~~20~~ Rev. Hans Svartdahl,
Manor Lodge, Darjeeling,
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 20. United Missionary Society :
~~21~~ Mr. Edward Benedict,
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Raghunathpur P. O.
Manbhum Dist. Bihar.
 21. Zenana Bible and Medical Mission :
~~22~~ Miss Margaret Fleming,
Teck Hospital, Patna.
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3. AFFILIATED COUNCILS.
22. Eastern Himalayan Church Council : *Mr. Mahabont*
Rev. D. K. Mukhia,
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 24. North India Christian Tract and Book Society :
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 25. Mission to Lepers :
Mr. William Bailey M. A., Secretary,
Mission to Lepers, Purulia.
 26. Pentecostal Holiness Mission :
Rev. Hobert H. Howard,
Jasidih, (S. P.)
 27. I. C. A. Jamshedpur :
Mr. P. D. S. Panna, Secretary,
23, Bandi East, Jamshedpur.
5. FRATERNAL COUNCIL.
28. Santal Christian Council :
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Methodist Church,
P. O. Pakur, S. P.

Proceedings of the Twenty third meeting
of the Bihar Christian Council held at Ranchi
October 13th to 16th 1953.

Tuesday Oct. 13—First Session.

The first session of the twenty third meeting of the Bihar Christian Council was held on Tuesday, the 13th October, 1953 at 2 p. m. in the Lutheran Theological College Ranchi with the Rev. P. John in the chair.

1. Opening Devotions : The meeting began with devotion led by the Bishop of Chotanagpur, followed by a word of welcome by the Chairman.

2. Roll Call : The Secretary then took down the roll call of the delegates, Co-opted members and of the fraternal delegates and apologies from absentees were recorded (Vide App. I)

3. Minute Secretaries : Mr. N. E. Horo and the Rev. S. K. Patro were duly elected minute secretaries.

4. Auditors : Miss Stevens Guille was elected as the auditor and the Rev. J. Cable was requested to assist her in auditing the accounts of the Council.

5. Greetings from Santal Christian Council and National Christian Council were delivered by Mr. P. Baske and Mr. K. Jacob respectively

6. The Nominations Committee was formed consisting of the following members:—

- 1 The Right Rev. the Bishop of Chotanagpur (Convener)
- 2 Miss M. Tirsgaard
- 3 Mr. P. L. Lall
- 4 Rev. J. Lakra
- 5 Rev. D. P. Misra
- 6 Mr. M. C. Vogt
- 7 Mr. George C. McCabe
- 8 Mr. Clarence G. Vichert

7. Executive Matters re : affiliations : The following actions of the Executive Committee were placed before the Council for confirmation.

(a) Withdrawal of D. U. Mission from the B. C. Council was agreed due to the fact that D.U. Mission is fully identified with the Diocese of Chotanagpur.

(b) The affiliation of Dipti Mission was stayed for the time being.

These actions of the Executive Committee were confirmed.

8. Medical Matters : Dr. Gladys Rutherford then gave a talk on Medical matters.

Dr. Muthu also gave a talk on T. B. and how to prevent the spread of the disease.

9. Sunday Schools : Mr. V. M. Koshy the Administrative Secretary of the I. S. S. U. gave talk on the I. S. S. U. and urged the Council for co-operation with regard to the sale of Sunday School course books. (App. II)

The Council then for the tea.

10.—Public address At 6 p.m. Dr. Gladys Rutherford gave an interesting talk on village sanitation and improved methods of village life.

Wednesday, 14.10. 53, 9 A.M. Second Session

The Second Session of the meeting of the B. C. C. was held on Wednesday, 14-10-53 at 9 A. M.

The meeting began with devotion led by the Rev. J. L. Kinder.

11. Report on Youth Work : The Secretary of the Youth Committee of B. C. C., Mr. R. John submitted a report of the Youth work in general and of the First B. C. C. Youth Camp held in Ranchi in particular. The Youth Secretary also reported that the newly formed constitution of the B. C. C. Youth will be submitted to the B. C. C. for information.

The Report on Youth work was accepted (Vide Appendix No. III)

12. Proposed School at Patna : Mr. P. L. Lall gave a report of the Sub-committee regarding a united Christian School for boys in Patna. (Vide Appendix IV).

Mr. K. Jacob N. C. C. Secretary was requested to frame terms of reference with regard to the scheme.

13. The Blind School : Miss B. Gaukroger of the S. P. G. Blind School gave a report on the work of the Blind School and the Council agreed to visit the Blind School. Miss B. Goukroger stressed the point that attempts are being made to enable the blind to lead normal life with those who can see and she requested that the Blind school be informed when Youth Camps are held. (App. V)

Wednesday, 14. 10. 53

2 p. m. : Third Session

The Third Session was held on Wednesday, the 14th Oct. 1953 at 2 P. M. with prayer led by the Chairman.

14 Relationship between S. C. C. and B. C. C
Mr. P. Baske, Chairman of the S. C. C. and a fraternal delegate gave a brief summary of the history of the S. C. C. and the Council's association with the B. C. Council.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Chotanagpur Chairman of the First session of the last joint Executive Committee of the B. C. C. and S. C. C. reported on the findings of this Joint Executive meeting on the following lines:—

- 1 The payment of grants in Mission schools
- 2 Unwanted official interference in schools
- 3 Location of Adimjati schools near about the existing Mission schools.
- 4 Discriminations in granting stipends
- 5 False charge against missionaries
- 6 Inquisition by the Police on conversion
- 7 Forthcoming enquiry of backward classes
- 8 Text Book Committee.

The following Resolutions were passed:—

1 *Resolved* That in the event of the Executive Committee of S. C. C., with the approval of the Ex. Committee of the Bihar Christian Council instituting legal proceedings as a test case with a view to rectifying an injustice of common concern to both Councils, the B. C. C. pledges itself to contribute towards the expenses.

2 *Resolved* formation of an ad hoc Education Committee consisting of 7 members to deal with matters on education within the areas of the two Councils.

3 *Resolved* that with a view to ensuring prompt action when a joint approach to Government seemed called for in order to remove a cause of grievance or rectify some injustice, the conveners of the Santal and Chota Nagpur Education Committees be instructed to collect in concert the relevant evidence and forward the same to the Rev: Philip John to enable him to present an effective and accurately documented complaint to the appropriate authority.

The Nomination Committee was requested to form the above mentioned Ad-hoc Committee.

15 Mission Schools and Government: Mr. A. K. Mukherjee gave a summary report of the present relation between the Mission schools and Government.

It was resolved that delegation consisting of 4 members of the B. C. C. with Dr. Bhatt, be appointed to wait on the Chief Minister,

The following names were proposed and approved to form the delegation:—

- 1 Mr. A. K. Mukherjee (Convener)
- 2 Mr. Herman Lakra
- 3 Mr. P. Baske
- 4 The Rev J. J. P. Tiga
- 5 Dr. Bhatt (Leader of the delegation)

16 N. C. C. Matters: Mr. K. Jacob then reported the N.C.C. matters to the Council. Mr. Jacob reported regarding the forthcoming Triennial Conference of the N. C. C., the theme of the Council being:—

- (a) the Church in a changing world
- (b) the Christian Concern for Christian Justice
- (c) Pattern of Christian work in India.

Mr. Jacob stressed the point regarding the day fixed for a Call of Prayer to be held on 29th Nov. 1953 and to be duly observed. Alms and offerings on the day of Call of Prayer should be sent to N. C. C.

17 Public Address: At 6 P. M. an illuminating talk was given by Mr. Jacob on "The Missionary obligation of the Church".

Thursday, Oct. 15, 1953

Morning: Fourth Session

18 Quiet Morning was observed on Thursday, the 15th Oct., 1953 with an address given by the Bishop of Chotanagpur in St. Paul's Cathedral. Intercessory prayers were led by the Rev. J. Lakra.

Thursday 15.10.1953 2 p. m. Fifth Session

The Session began at 2 P. M. with prayers led by the Chairman

19. Terms of reference regarding the Union Christian Boys school at Patna framed by Mr. K. Jacob were put before the Council, passed and given to the Education Committee for necessary action.

Terms of reference

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a scheme for the establishment of a Union Christian Boys' High School in Patna: the Committee shall take into Consideration the following points:—

- (a) The possibility of getting an adequate proportion of Christian staff and students
- (b) the capital outlay required for land, buildings equipment
- (c) the recurring expenditure
- (d) the attitude of the Govt. and the department of education
- (e) the interest and active support of Churches and Missions in the area and in other parts of Bihar
- (d) to report to the B. C. C. Executive before the end of February 1954.

20. Youth work : It was resolved that the report of the First B. C. C. Youth Camp held at Ranchi on 11th—14th Oct. 1953 submitted by the Youth Secretary (Vide App. VI) be accepted with satisfaction and hearty approval.

It was further resolved to send the following message to the Youth Secretary as an expression of the Council's satisfaction.

"The 23rd meeting of the B. C. C. herewith expresses its joy and appreciation of the very satisfactory progress made by the youth of this province in organizing and conducting the first Bihar Christian Youth Camp held at Ranchi from the 11th to 14th October, 1953 and desires to record their grateful thanks to all those who are responsible for making the Camp a success"

21. A report on Christian Home movement was given by Miss Stevens Guille and received with thanks. :— (Appendix VII).

Mr. K. Jacob informed the Council that valuable information can be had from the Rev. J. Sadiq regarding Christian Home Movement.

The Secretary B. C. C. informed the Council about the forthcoming conference of the Christian Home and family Life, to be held at Nagpur on 27th to 29th Nov., 1953 and three delegates are going from our Council.

22. Adult Literacy : Pandit C. M. Tiga read a report on Adult Literacy (vide Appendix VIII).

It was stressed that the committee on Adult Literacy should meet to plan and enlarge the work and expand the work of Adult literacy.

23. Temperance : Mr. Mahbert gave a verbal report on temperance (Mr. Mahbert expressed his opinion that temperance is not only with regard to drink but in every thing)

24. Christian Literature in Hindi : A report on Literature was read by the B. C. C. Convenor Literature Committee (vide appendix IX).

25. Secretary's Report : The Secretary B. C. C. gave his report (vide appendix X) The report was accepted.

26. Backward Classes Commission : The Rev. D. Hans read his findings on disabilities of the Backward classes. The findings were preliminary to the memorandum to be submitted to the Backward classes Commission.

27. Mr. Pramanick informed the Council about the work of the Interdenominational Christian Association working in Jamshedpur. He pleaded for more attention from the B. C. Council.

It was proposed that the matter which Mr. Pramanick placed before the Council, be referred to the Educational Committee, for close examination.

It was seconded and passed.

28. Public address : At 6 P. M. talks were given on N. I. Christian Tract & Book Society and Bible Society by the Rev. P. Das and Mr. D. Featherstone respectively.

29. The Treasurer's report :—
The Treasurer submitted her report with the note that the accounts were audited by auditors appointed by the Council and found correct. The report was received with thanks (vide Appendix XI).

Friday 16 10.53 Monday : Sixth Session

30. DEVOTION :—Led by Mr Vogt.

31. Economic Life of the Church : The Secretary read a letter received by him from Mr. Herman Lakra.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of Mr. Lakra be remitted to the officers for consideration and action in consultation with him. (Appendix XII).

32. Willingen Speaks : Reports of Commissions I—IV were read out by Revds. Hans, Cable, P. John and Tiga.

There was a long and useful discussion on the reports presented by the Commissions

As the four Commissions did not have enough of time and opportunity to consider thoroughly,

It was resolved that the printed report be translated into Hindi for wide circulation and study.

The N. C. C. be requested to undertake translation into Hindi and publish.

33. Report of the Nomination Committee :

The Convener read the report :—

In future the Nomination Committee be furnished with exact numbers of the representatives in order to ascertain the number of possible co-options. The report as follows was accepted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Officers

President—Rev. P. John B. M. S. Patna.

Vice-President—Mr. A. K. Mukherjee Bhagalpur.

Treasurer—Miss Stevens Guille, Ranchi.

Secretary—Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, Ranchi.

Co-opted Members.

Rev. P. John

Rev Joel Lakra

Mr. A. K. Mukerjee

Miss Tirsgaard

Miss Stevens Guille

Mr. E. W. Oliver

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

Rev. B. Harvey

Pandit C. M. Tiga

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 Miss S. M. Bodra Rev. Pritchard
 Mr. S. K. Roy
 Dr. Anderson Mr. N. E. Horo
 Dr. Muthu Rev. S. K. Patro

Executive Committee

1-4 The officers ✓ 11 Miss Tirsgaard ✓
 5 Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagour ✓ 12 Rev. Clarence C. Vichert ✓
 6 Dr. Anderson ✓ 13 Miss S. M. Bodra ✓
 7 Pandit C. M. Tiga ✓ 14 Mr. S. K. Roy ✓
 8 Mr. E. W. Oliver ✓ 15 Rev. Joel Lakra ✓
 9 ~~Rev. B. Harvey~~ 16 Rev. L. Burdett ✓
 10 Mr. N. E. Horo ✓

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 The Convener of S. C. C. Educational Committee

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 Mr. Markham
 Pro. P. C. Horo
 Mrs. David
 Mr. S. K. Roy
 Mr. Bajray
 Mr. K. Abraham

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 Mr. George Mahbert Siliguri (Secretary) ✓

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 Rev. C. E. Engle
 Rev. J. C. Christie
 Miss Shildon, Buxar
 Rev. M. C. Vogt Chandwa Palamau
 Rev. Joel Lakra
 Rev. D. P. Misra

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Rev. P. John (Convener) Patna
 Rev. D. P. Misra
 Rev. J. H. Dayal
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 Mr. Paul Lakhani Lal

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 Rev. J. Lakra
 Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur
 Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur
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Mr. Raymond John (Secretary)

Christian Homes Committee

Miss B. Heaton (Convener)
 Mrs. P. John
 Rev. P. M. Khalkho
 Miss Adams Bhagalpur

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 „ D. B. Hans
 „ B. Harvey
 „ S. Surin
 „ G. Palmayara

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 Mr. P. L. Lal
 Mr. A. K. Mukerjee

Committee on Sunday Schools

Mr. R. John (Convener)
 Rev. P. M. Khalkho
 Rev. D. P. Titus Methodist Church Arrah
 Miss. S. Badri, Mission house Gajarganj, Buxar
 Mr. I. P. Tiga
 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga

Committee on the Economic Life of the Church

Mr. Herman Lakra (Secretary)

Provincial Board of Christian Higher Education

Mr. Markham.

India S. S. Union--

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
 Rev. P. M. Khalkho

N. I. C. Tract & Book Society—

Rev. P. John
 Pandit C. M. Tiga

Committee on Adult Literacy—

Pandit C. M. Tiga (Organiser)
 Mrs. Lucy Philips Ranchi
 Rev. J. A. Cable (Convener)

Miss Stevens Guille

Miss F. Paul, Mission House Gajarganj Buxar

34 Report of the Secretary N.I.C.T. & Book Society.

Rev. Paul Das reported as follows :

(1) Concordance in Hindi—explained difficulty in bringing out. A revised edition is now in the hands of the printers. It is hoped that by this time next year the book will be available at Rs. 5/- each.

(2) Bible Dictionary—There was difficulty in getting it reprinted for lack of funds: but it is being revised.

(3) Rs 50/- Missions
 Rs. 25/- Churches
 Rs. 5/- Individual
 entitled to representation. } Affiliation fees

(4) Santhali books can be printed in Allahabad.—some of them are being printed.

(5) The Society is helping the authors in many different ways.

35 Report of the Bible Society:—

Mr. Featherstone gave report :

(Vide Appendix XIII).

(1) Appeal for Prayer was passed round to the officers of the Constituent bodies.

(2) Gospel portions—There is need of larger types.

(3) Necessity was stressed of pocket edition of Gospel portions in Hindi.

(4) List of addresses to whom the appeal should be sent will be supplied to the Tract Society and Bible Society by the Secretary.

(5) Need for Hindi Reference Bible.

36 Confirmation of the Minutes:—The Minutes of the Council dated 13th to 16th Oct. were read and confirmed.

37 Place and Time of the next meeting:— The Executive Committee to decide.

38 Vote of thanks : The vote of thanks were expressed to the hosts and hostesses.

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction.

P. JOHN,
 President,

J. J. P. Tiga
 Secretary,

Palmer

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My Dear Howard Baker,

We had been to
the sheep market in Depulacion on the
24th last. He assured us for every
possible help and then we had a long
talk with the education secretary. I may
be at Ranchi on the 6th April but I
am not sure of it as I may
be going to Delhi.

Best regards
R. S. Page

Dear Mr. How,
Thank you for showing
me this P.C. Please
bring Mr. Boye along in the
6:30 with to the meeting
of the Boye Exec. so that
we may hear from him
personally. Please inform
him on my behalf that
he is very earnestly requested
to come. Yours sincerely
J. J. Johnson
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Dr. E. Moro Esq.
Church Council Office
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi

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Type out in Post Card
Send it today

Mr. S.K. Roy M.A.
Toufan Kone,
P.C.C.P.O. Kankle
Rancher

Dear Mr. Roy,

of the B.C.C. ^{Ed. C.C.} An urgent meeting
Ch. M. is going to be held at the
Luth. Med. College tomorrow
the 21st at 3 pm. ~~in~~
concerning your presence
is earnestly requested.

Thanks,

Yours sincerely

W.V. 20/3
for J. J. P. Vija

20.3.54

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary: Mr. C. D. Sirka.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 657/53

The 13th May, 1953.

To

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your No.155/53 dated the 7th May, 1953 I regret to inform you that I have not a single copy left. All the copies sent to this office were sent to all the synods, but I was not given any information as to the money transaction.

Yours Sincerely,

C. D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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

Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

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To be circulated

Dated 28th March 1954

To, The Members of B.C.C. Regional Committee
of Christian Education.

Dear friends. This is to inform you that there are some important matters for us to consider immediately in connection with our Church Schools. You are therefore requested to come to the Lutheran Theol. College tomorrow, the 21st inst. at 3 P.M. for a meeting. Prof. S.K. Bage M.L.A. has been requested to be present at the meeting and to speak on the subject.

Yours sincerely,
J. J. P. Tiga
for Convener

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| Miss S. Guille (convener) | MA S.G. |
| Mr. N. E. Hoso | 20/3 |
| Miss S. M. Bodra | S.M. Bodra. 21/3 |
| Rev. J. A. Cable | cannot come |
| Mr. Mathan | cannot come |
| Prof P. C. Hoso | cannot come |
| Mrs S. David | M. David, can't come. |
| Mr. S. K. Roy | |
| Mr. Bajray | |
| Mr. K. Abraham | cannot come |
| Mr. J. Barla | |
| Mr. S. Kula | |
| Mr. Ahlad Tinker | |

Bihar Christian Council Education Committee(Ch.Nagpur)
(Minutes of its sitting on 21-3-54 in the Lutheran
Theological College, Ranchi).

The B. C. C. Education Committee(Chotanagpur) met today the 21st March, 1954 for the first time after its constitution in the Biennial Conference of the B. C. C. in 1953.

The following were present :-

1. Miss Guille.
2. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.
3. Mr. N. K. Bajray.
4. Mr. N. E. Horo.
5. Mr. P. Dadel.
6. Mr. N. Khalkho (S. P. G. Mission Primary School).
7. Miss S. M. Bodra.

Miss M. A. S. Guille the convener was on the chair. The Bihar Local Self Government (Amending and validating) Bill 1954 was considered in respect of certain sections which affect churches' privilege in managing primary schools under them, specially new Sections 54A & 62B were examined. The Committee expressed concern over the proposed control being given to the District Superintendent of Education under the new Section 62B.

However, the Committee felt that it should refrain from giving out any Bihar statement or even protest till the B. C. C. deputation has met the Bihar Chief Minister.

The Committee referred this matter to the deputationist to include this subject in their talks with the Chief Minister.

The Committee authorises Miss M. A. S. Guille to send a wire to Mr. A. K. Mukherjee to his Patna address to this effect.

M. A. S. Guille
Chairman.

W. E. Horo 2/3
Convener.

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Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

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Members of the Executive Cee. are hereby informed that the next meeting of the B.C.C.Exec. Cee. will be held at the Bishop's Lodge on the 6th. and 7th. of April, 1954. The first session will commence at 2 p.m. on the 6th. Members coming from outside Ranchi are requested to inform the Bishop re. their plans for arrival in and departure from Ranchi at their earliest convenience. The Bishop, however cannot acknowledge for want of time. It will be necessary for members to write to the Secretary also re. the same. Ladies should write to Miss Stevens Guille, St. Margaret Women's Training School, Ranchi.

Members are further requested to send in matters which they would desire the Committee to consider."

M. N. S. Horo,

J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary

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TWENTY THIRD MEETING
OF THE
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT THE
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
RANCHI.
PROGRAMME

**Monday October 12, 1953 : Joint Executive Meeting
of the Bihar and Santal Christian Councils**

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 13

- 9 A. M. : Meeting of the B. C. C. Executive Committee.
: Meeting of the S. C. C. Executive Committee
- 2 P. M. : Council Session.
Worship Vice President: BISHOP LENMAN
Attendance of delegates
Registration of visitors
New affiliated Bodies : Actions of the Executive Committee to be placed before the Council for confirmation.
Matters regarding Comity Rules.
Withdrawal of D. U. Mission
Adoption of the Programme
Welcome of Delegates, Fraternal Delegates and Visitors and Presidential Address :
President John
Greetings from—
(1) Santal Christian Council
(2) National Christian Council

Medical Matters: A talk by Dr. GLADYS RUTHERFORD

Sunday School : A talk by Mr. V. M. KOSHY Administrative Secretary, I. S. S. U.

Appointment of Minute Secretaries
 Appointment of Auditors
 Appointment of Nominations Committee
 6 P. M. Public Address : Dr. G. RUTHERFORD
 on "Health in the villages"

Place : **Christ Lutheran Church.**

WEDNESDAY—October 14.

9 00 A. M.

Worship— Revd PAUL DAS
 Secretary's Report:— Revd J. J. P. TIGA
 The Blind School:— Miss GREEN Superintendent
 B. C. C. and S. C. C. matters : Organisational, Educational and Evangelistic.
 Leaders:— Mr. P. BASKE and Mr. S. K. ROY.

10-30 A. M. Meeting of the Commissions

2 P. M.

N. C. C. Matters:— Mr K. JACOB
 Report on Evangelism:—Rev. GEO. MC. CABE
 Reports on Youth Camp:—Mr. R. JOHN
 The Bible Society:— Mr. DAVID FEATHERSTON
 N.I.C.T & Bk Society:—Revd P. DAS
 Report on Christian literature in Hindi:—Revd P. JOHN
 Christian Home:— Miss S. GUILLE
 Adult Literacy:— Pt. C. M. TIGA

6 P. M.

Public Address "Missionary Obligation of the Church":—
 Mr. K. JACOB Secretary N.C.C.

Place—**Christ Lutheran Church,**

THURSDAY—October 15.

9 A. M.

QUIET MORNING

Address by — the Rt. Revd Bishop of
 Chotanagpur

Private Devotions at Bishop's Lodge.

Intercessory Prayer— Led by the Revd J. LAKRA

Place—**St. Paul's Cathedral.**

2. P. M

A united Christian School for boys in Patna:—

Mr. P. L. LALL

Audio Visual Aids:— Rev. FERGER

Temperance:— Mr. George MABBERT

Economic Life of the Church:—Mr. H. LAKRA

3: 30 P. M.

Meeting of the Commissions

6 P. M.

Public Address on "Audio Visual Aids" by the
 Revd. Henri R. FERGER

Place—**Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi**

FRIDAY—October 16.

9 A. M.

Worship— Revd. J. L. KINDER

Reports of the Commissions

Reports of the Treasurer

Report of the Nominations Committee

Place and Time of the next Meeting

Vote of Thanks

Closing Prayer and Benediction.

WILLINGEN SPEAKS

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| Commission | 1. (a) Missionary Calling of the Church | } | Chairman
Rev. Dr. |
| | (b) Calling of the Church to Mission and Unity | } | G. Schultz |
| " " | II (a) The Universal Church in its Local Setting | } | Chairman
Rt Rev. Bishop |
| | (b) The Role of the Missionary Society | } | Hall |
| " " | III (a) Missionary Vocation and Training | } | Chairman |
| | (b) Reshaping the Pattern of Missionary Activity | } | Revd P. John |
| " " | IV (a) Statement by Younger Church Delegates | } | Chairman |
| | (b) Interpretation and Action | } | Revd Paul Das. |

- N. B.*—(1) Delegates and Visitors are to decide which Commission they want to join.
- (2) Mosquito nets, mattresses and camp-cots will be useful. Wooden beds will be available here.

J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

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LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
RANCHI
(BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref

Date 7.10.1953

The Secretary,
S.-E.-L. Church
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Tigra,

Could you kindly
send me the Aff. fees?

Thanks,

Yours sincerely,

J. J. P. Tigra

7/10

Card of
Rs 165/-
to 898
H. M.

Ver 1/10/53

Arrah, Bihar,

5-9-53.

Dear Mr. Tigo

Almost all the affil-
iation fees are in, but
I note that the G. E. L.
Church owes for 2 years.

The Rs. 75/- pd. 19-8-52
was for 1951. I wrote

Mr. L. Hora Burja, P. O. ~~South~~

but have not heard
from him. Perhaps he is
not the right person.

Would you kindly
contact the right person,
and ask that 1952 and
1953 aff. fees be paid at
the earliest convenience.

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केवल पत्र



नाम Rw. J. J. P. Tiga
Lutheran Theological
 पता College
 डाकखाना Ranchi
 जिला Bihar

Thank you, very much.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. P. Tiga

Secretary

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Forwarded
 to the Day-Treas.
 of the Ranchi Church,
 Ranchi.
 Successful
 J. J. P. Tiga

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Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

Ref. 472/53

Dated 8th Sept 1953

The Secretary - Treasures,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi

Dear Mr. Hero,

Please find enclosed
a Post Card from Miss Tinsgaard,
Treasurer, BCC re. affiliation fees.
Our Church owes for 1952 and 1953.
As stated before the present
rate of affiliation fees is Rs 16/8/-
per representative. It means that
you have to pay Rs 82/8 a year.
So, please send Rs 165/- only to
Miss M. Tinsgaard, Sawtelle Memorial
School, Methodist Church in Southern
Asia, P. O. Arrah, Bihar.

Thanks,

Yours Sincerely,

J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Encl.

P.C. 4-5-9-53 from
The Treas. BCC

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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25/5/53

Eastern Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

25/5/53

HON. SECRETARY,
THE REV. J. P. TIGGA, M.D. M.S.T.

25/5/53

The Secretary - Treasurer,
P. O. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed
a Post Card from Miss Tripathy,
Treasurer, P. O. Church, Ranchi,
for 1952 and 1953.

As stated before the present
rate of affiliation fee is Rs 10/-
per representative. It means that
you have to pay Rs 20/- only to
So, please send Rs 10/- only to
Miss M. Tripathy, Sankalpa Memorial
School, Methodist Church on Southern
Road, P. O. Area, Ranchi.

Thank,

Yours sincerely,
J. P. Tigga

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

25/5/53

The Secretary
G. E. L. Chak. Ranchi

[Religious addresses]

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

BIHAR CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

at RANCHI from 11th to 14th Oct. '53.

The first information about a Christian Youth Camp under the auspices of the Bihar Christian Council and with the co-operation of the National Christian Council of India was sent out in May last. This camp is a follow up of the last World Christian Youth Conference held at Kottayam in December 1952.

The camp is scheduled to open at Ranchi on Sunday (afternoon) the 11th October '53 with the opening meeting and services of worship and end at midday on Wednesday the 14th October.

The subject of the camp is Christian Unity and witness subdivided in to the following subjects :—

- (i) Responsibility of the Youth for Witness.
- (ii) True and effective witness is possible by UNITY.
- (iii) Need for unity among christian youth.
- (iv) Challenge of the church for unity.
- (v) Witness by the christian youth.
- (vi) Faith, Unity and witness among and by the christian youth.

The addresses etc. will be in Hindi.

Among others Rev. John Sadiq, Secy. of N. C. C. of India (Nagpur); Mr. V. M. Koshy Secy. S. S. U. of India (Kunoor); Rev. J. L. Kinder (Arrah); Rev. W. Lyall (Lucknow); Prof. Horo (Hazaribagh) are expected to be present to guide and lead the Camp.

The expences per head are expected to be Re. 1/- camp fee, and Rs. 3/- for boarding and lodging for all the days of the camp. Seperate arrangements will be made for the stay of Ladies in the Girls hostel.

This notice also is being sent to all the Churches, Missions and Christian Youth Groups in Bihar to send their youth delegates to this camp. Youths from outside Bihar are also being invited.

Kindly inform the under signed immediately about the number of persons (number of men and ladies seperately) intending to attend this camp from your area.

AJIT KUMAR NANDY,
Convener,
Bihar Christian Youth Camp,
Nayatoly Lane,
RANCHI.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : MR. N. E. HORO B.A.,

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1236/53

The 12th August, 1953.

Extract from the resolution of the meeting of the C.C. Executive Council held from 5-7th August, 1953.

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5. Bihar Christian Council Membership- Reported that former representatives of the Gossner Church to the Bihar Christian Council retired in May, 1953, it was decided to elect new members for the next two biennial meetings of the B.C.C.

The following were elected to be representatives of the Gossner Church in the Bihar Christian Council:-

- (1) Rev. H. Topono, Synod President, Burju Synod, Burju, P.O. Murhu, Dist-Ranchi.
- (2) Rev. S. Surin, Synod President, Takarma Synod, Takarma, P.O. Lassia, Dist-Ranchi.
- (3) Mr. N. E. Horo, B.A., Secretary, C.C. Ranchi.
- (4) Mr. P. C. Horo, M.A., Professor, St. Columba's College, Hazaribagh.
- (5) Mr. J. Barla, M.A., B.D., D.Ed., Principal, Gossner High School, Ranchi.

This is to be approved by the full C. Council.

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The above document is forwarded to (5) Secretary, B.C.C. (6) Mr. N. E. Horo, B.A., Secretary, C.C. Ranchi for information and needful.

B.L.

W. H. ... 27/8/53
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

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HONY. SECRETARY:
THE REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A., B.D., M.S.T.

Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI, INDIA.

Ref.....

Dated.....195

333-400/53

18-8-1953

Mr. N.E. Horo.

The undersigned desires to send out the following informations and requests to the officers of the Constituent bodies of the Bihar Christian Council, the members of the Executive Committee, the Co-opted members of the Council, Conveners of Committees, the Secretary Santal Christian Council and the Secretary, National Christian Council and requests them to kindly take necessary actions.

I. *Notice for the meeting*:—NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty third meeting of the Bihar Christian Council will be held at the Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi from Tuesday the 13th. October to Friday the 16th. October, 1953. The forenoon of the 15th. will be observed as a "Quiet Morning".

The Travel and Hospitality expenses are to be met by the delegates through their respective Constituent bodies. The hospitality charges will be Rs. 3/8/- per day which may be sent in advance or at the time of arrival. Only one arrangement for all the delegates is being planned for.

Delegates and members are cordially invited to attend.

II. *Organizations affiliated to the Bihar Christian Council and entitled to send delegates*:—

- 1 Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, Chotanagpur Diocese.
- 2 " " " " Bhagalpur
- 3 Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ Mission.
- 4 Gomoh Methodist Church.
- 5 Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- 6 Methodist Church in Southern Asia.
- 7 Assemblies of God Mission.
- 8 American Mennonite Mission.
- 9 American Freewill Baptist Mission.
- 10 American Baptist Bangal-Orissa Mission.
- 11 Baptist Union of North India.
- 12 British Churches of Christ Mission.
- 13 Brethren in Christ Mission
- 14 Christian Medical Association of India.
- 15 Dublin University Mission.
- 16 Eastern Himalayan Mission Council.
- 17 Elim Missionary Society
- 18 Regions Beyond Missionary Union.
- 19 The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission.
- 20 United Missionary Society.
- 21 Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.
- 22 Eastern Himalayan Church Council.
- 23 The Bible Society of India.
- 24 North India Christian Tract and Book Society.
- 25 The Mission to Lepers.
- 26 Dipti Mission.
- 27 Pentecostal Holiness Mission.

"Affiliated Missions, Churches and Councils shall be entitled to representation in the following proportion:—

(1) Missions.	
Less than 16 Missionaries or less than 151 other workers.....	1 Representative
16 to 30 Missionaries or less than 151 to 300 other workers... ..	2 "
More than 30 Missionaries or more than 400 other workers.....	3 "

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100 to 1000 Communicants or members in full standing.				1	representative
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More than 20,000	"	"	"	5	"

No Mission shall have more than three and no church more than five representatives, provided that where foreign workers or missions have been completely identified with the Church the number of representatives from that Church may be equal to the aggregate number to which the Mission and Church would have been entitled, had they been separate.

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- 13 Revd. S. K. Patro
- 14 Mr. Immanuel Ekka
- 15 Revd. D. B. Hans
- 16 Mr. J. B. Leech

IV. List of the names of representatives :—The heads of affiliated Bodies are requested to send in the names of their representatives to the undersigned so as to reach him latest by the 15th. of September, 1953.

V. Affiliation fees :—The affiliation fee is to be paid at the following rates :

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- (2) Churches ... Rs. 15/- do do
- (3) Councils at the above rates (1) and (2) .
- (4) Other affiliated Bodies ... Rs. 15/- per repr. p. a.

Please send the affiliation fees to : Miss M. Tirsgaard M. A. Sawtelle Memorial School, Methodist Church In Southern Asia, Arrah P. O., N. Bihar.

VI. AGENDA will be circulated later. Meanwhile items are invited for inclusion.

VII. Joint meeting of the B.C.C + S.C.C. Executive Committees will be held on 12.10.53 from 8.A.M.

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J. J. P. Tiga
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G. C. L. Church.

Ranchi P. O.
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Secretary

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : MR. N. E. HORO B.A.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1133/53.

The 7-8-1953

To,
The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

Sir,
Enclosed please find "Form 2
Affiliation to the Bihar Christian
Council" duly filled up.
Particulars of item 8. will be
submitted later.

Yours faithfully,

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Bihar Christian Youth Camp.

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Under the auspices of the Bihar Christian Council, a Christian Youth Camp has been arranged to be held in October this year at Ranchi. The N.C.C. are co-operating and helping this camp by advice and financial grant. This camp is more a follow up of the last World Christian Youth Camp held at Kottayam in December 1952.

Y. K. Singh
etc.
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22/6/53

All Christian Youth groups and Church Youth Groups of Bihar are requested to send as many delegates as possible to this Camp.

A reception committee consisting of all the Christian youth groups of Ranchi i.e. Krist Yuvag Sangh, S.O.M., L.S.U., D.C.Y.M. have been formed in Ranchi to make all arrangements for the Camp.

The Camp is scheduled to open at Ranchi on Sunday, October 11th (afternoon) with the opening meeting and services of worship and end at Midday on Wednesday 14th October.

The subject of the camp is CHRISTIAN UNITY & WITNESS.

The addresses etc. will be in Hindi.

The expenses per head are expected to be Re.1/- camp fee plus Rs.3/- for boarding and lodging for all the days of the ~~camp~~ Camp. Separate arrangements will be made for the stay of ladies in the Girls' Hostel.

This notice is being sent to all the Churches, Mission and Christian Youth groups in Bihar to send their Youth delegate to this camp, The number and names of delegates (number of men and ladies separately) whom the Churches and Missions intend sending to this camp should be sent to the undersigned. All details and literature about this Camp will be sent to you later. In order that arrangements may be complete well in time you are requested to send in the names as early as you can but not later than August 1953.

Keep praying for the success of this camp. Notices may also be given in Churches ~~and~~ about this Camp.

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Date... <i>17/5/53</i>
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Reply No.
Date.

AJIT K. NANDI
Convener,
Bihar Christian Youth Camp,
Nayatoli Lane,
Nayatoli,
RANCHI.

RANCHI,
17th May, 1953.

Secretary, G. E. L. Church

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Bihar Christian Council

Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi, 15-16 Oct, 1952.

1. **DEVOTIONS :** The President opened the meeting with a reading from the word of God and a word of prayer.
2. **ATTENDANCE :** The following members were present at the meeting : The Revd. P. John (President), Dr. Anderson, Pandit C. M. Tiga, Revd. B. Harvey, Miss Steven Guille, Mr. S. K. Roy, Revd. M. G. Vogt and the Revd. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary).

Apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from Miss Tirsgaard.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES :** The Minutes of the Executive Committee dated 30.4.1952 as printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

4. **AFFILIATION OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH:—**The Secretary reported that the authorities of the Gossner Church had not signed the form of affiliation. Letter No. 1183/52 dated 18.9.1952 from the Secretary of the G. E. L. Church was read and considered.

RESOLVED that the decision of the last meeting be re-affirmed and the President be requested to explain matters to the authorities of the Gossner Church with a view to make them sign the Comity Rules

RESOLVED further that the resolution of this Committee dated April 5, 1951 be reaffirmed and that the N. C. C. be requested to make a distinction between the established indigenous churches and small missions looking for new areas for work.

5. **Financial Support for the N. C. C.:** RESOLVED that the Secretary be asked to publish a Bulletin in Hindi describing the work of the N. C. C. and making an appeal for contribution for its funds.

6. **Nature and Future of the National and Provincial Christian Councils :**

RESOLVED that the following statement be given to the N. C. C. Secretary in this connection—The Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council is firmly convinced that the National Christian Council should continue to exist and fulfil the functions it has in the past set itself to do on behalf of the Churches and Christian Bodies affiliated to it. While having no definite suggestions to make as to whether any of its present concerns are becoming out-of-date, we would emphasise that we Consider the N. C. C. 's function and usefulness to lie in three main channels of activity :

(a) To act as a central gathering point of experience and source of advice on the following main issues—Evangelism; Education, Medical Work, Christian Literature, Relations with Provincial and local Government authorities and particular frictions which may arise between Christians and non-christians (such as non-christian rites in Christian institutions).

(b) To act as a liaison between the affiliated bodies for such mutual co-operation as can be attempted together.

(c) To act as a liaison between the affiliated bodies and Central Government on all points which concern the position, status, and work of the Christian community throughout India.

With regard to the Secretaries of the Provincial Christian Councils the B. C. C. Executive Committee decides to carry on the for the present as at present.

7. **RELIEF WORK IN BIHAR :** Dr. D. Rugh made a statement on the Relief work done by the Church World Service of which he is a representative for Relief work in India.

The members of the Council told him their respective experiences in this connection.

It was resolved to give thanks to Dr. Rugh for his very valuable work and to request him to convey our gratitude to the Church World Service for their great work of Christian love and charity in this land of India and for Bihar in particular :

8. **APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION :**

(a) **DIPTI MISSION**—The Secretary be asked to write to the Bishop of Bhagalpur and circularise the reply inviting suggestion of the members.

(b) MISSION TO LEPERS—RESOLVED that the Mission to Lepers be received into the fellowship of this Council as one of its affiliated bodies, subject to confirmation by the Council.

(c) PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS MISSION : The Secretary of the Santhal Christian Council be consulted in this matter.

9. THE S. P. G. BLIND SCHOOL : The members of the Committee heard with deep sympathy the news of the death of Miss Telford : It was resolved that the following motion be passed unanimously :

We, the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council desire to record our sympathy with the C. I. B. P. C. of the Diocese of Chotanagpur in the severe loss they have sustained by the untimely death of Miss Catherine Telford, Superintendent of the Ranchi Blind School and to express our profound appreciation of her devoted work for the blind based on dedicated and trained knowledge of their needs.

10. MEDICAL MATTERS : (a) The Churches be informed that there is an association called the Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association for the help and guidance of the nurses and that they should get in touch with its Secretary. The Association is prepared to help those going into Government services being posted in isolated places where there is little or no guarantee of Christian fellowship.

(b) Christian doctors are strongly recommended to join the Christian Medical Association. and the nurses to join the Nurses' Auxiliary of the Medical Association. The Secretary of both of these bodies may be addressed to the Duchess of Teck Hospital, P. O. Gulzarbagh, Patna.

(c) RESOLVED that an appeal be made to the Christian Medical Association of India through the N. C. C. to consider the establishment of an Institute for mentally deficient and delinquent juveniles on a co-operative basis by several missions and churches for the care and cure of such cases.

(d) RESOLVED that an appeal be made to the National Christian Council for a Home or Homes in suitable, healthy localities for the aged and infirm on co-operative basis.

11. GOVERNMENT AND MANAGING COMMITTEES : Read letter from the Principal, C. M. S. High School, Bhagalpur.

RESOLVED to request Mr. Harvey to correspond with Mr. Mukherji with respect to the constitution of the Managing Committee.

12. ECONOMIC LIFE COMMITTEE : (a) RESOLVED to add the name of Revd. D. Hans with his consent. (b) RESOLVED that a combined camp be organised for Adult Literacy work and Economic Life with Pandit C. M. Tiga as its convener.

13. EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE WEEK OF PRAYER : Noted for information.

14. CHRISTIAN LITERATURE : Agreed that the " Dharmopadesh " by the late Rev. Benjamin Minz B.A; L. Th. be pre-faced by the President of the Council with picture of the author on the frontispiece.

15. EVANGELISM : Resolved that Revd. Abdul Haq be invited for a longer period in 1953.

16. YOUTH WORK : Resolved that the Youth Secretary be asked to form a Committee so that the Committee may see that there are no overlapping in the Camps held by the various Youth Organizations.

The meeting was closed with a word prayer and benediction.

Sd/- P. JOHN
President.
28.4.53

Sd/- J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary.

नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल

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बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल की अपील ।

१५. १०. १९५२ को बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल की कार्यकारक सभा ने अपने होनररी सेक्रेटरी को यह आज्ञा दिया कि जितनी मण्डलियां ओ मिश्रों इस कौंसिल में संयुक्त (affiliated) हैं उनसे यह अनुरोध करें कि वे,

(१) ३०. ११. १९५२ को नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल के लिये प्रार्थना का दिन मानें ;

(२) नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल के लिये विशेष चन्दा बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल खर्जांची के जरिये भेजें ।

अनेक वर्षों से बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल निरन्तर इसविचार से बेचैन है कि वह नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल के लिये उसकी बहुमूल्य सेवा ओ सहायता के बदले उचित चन्दा नहीं भेज रहा है ।

बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल अपनी संयुक्त (affiliated) शाखाओं से नम्रता के साथ यह निवेदन करता है कि इस साल ३०. ११. ५२ को हरएक मण्डली में नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल के लिये प्रार्थना का दिन मानें । उक्त दिन के लिये हिन्दी में पर्चे भेजे जा रहें हैं । उन पर्चों से पूरे काम किये जाय । उस दिन के चन्दे बिहार खृष्टियान कौंसिल के खर्जांची के पास भेजे जाय जो उन्हें नागपूर भेज देंगी ।

हम क्यों भारत ओ पूर्वो पाकिस्तान के नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल के लिये प्रार्थना करें ओ उसके लिये आर्थिक योग दें ?

१ कौंसिल

नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल ने ४० वर्ष की आयु पूरी की । १९१२ में प्रथम बार इसकी स्थापना नेशनल मिश्ररी सोसाइटी के नाम से हुई । १९२१ में इसका नाम बदल कर भारत, बर्मा और लंका का खृष्टियान कौंसिल हुआ और उसी साल इन्टरनेशनल मिश्ररी कौंसिल के साथ वह संयुक्त हो गया । तत् पश्चात् लंका, बर्मा और पश्चिमी पाकिस्तान के निजी कौंसिल बन गये ।

नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल में प्रायः सब गैर रोमी कलीसिया ओ मिश्रों के प्रतिनिधी हैं । भारत सरकार उसे इन सब कलीसियाओं और मिश्रों का प्रतिनिधी स्वीकार करती है । इसकी बनावट निम्न संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधियों से है :—

- (a) १४ प्रान्तीय खृष्टियान कौंसिल,
 (b) अनेक मण्डलियां और मिशनों जो सीधे संयुक्त हुए हैं, और
 (c) को-ओपेटेड अंग ।

इस में कुल ११० अंग हैं, और इन अंगों में अधिकांश भारतवासी हैं। तीन वर्षों में एक बार इसकी बैठकी होती है। मध्य-वर्ती काल में अखिल-भारतीय-ईष्टपाकिस्तान कमीटी काम चलाती है जिसमें २५ अंग हैं और वे साल में दो बार बैठते हैं। इस कौंसिल के पांच फुल्ल-टाईम सेक्रेटरी हैं, इन में तीन भारती और दो अमेरिकन हैं। इस सभा का हेडक्वार्टर्स नागपुर में है। यह कौंसिल एक मासिक-पत्रिका प्रकाशित करता है जिसका नाम नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल रीव्यू है। तीन तीन वर्षों में डाईरेक्टरी आफ चर्चिस एन्ड मिशनस प्रकाशित करता है।

[२ नेशनल खृष्टियान कौंसिल का उद्देश्य ।

यह कौंसिल इस धारणा पर स्थापित किया गया है कि कलिसियाओं और मिशनों के पोलिसी (policy) का निर्णय करने वाले ये कलिसियायें और मिशनों आप ही हैं। सिद्धान्त आ कलिसियाओं के नियम सश्वन्धी बातें इस कौंसिल के सीमा के बाहर हैं। इसके मुख्य उद्देश्य ये हैं :—

(१) कलिसीआ और मसीही उद्योग के बिषय जितने भी प्रश्न उठें उनके ऊपर बिचार करने ओ उनका जांच पड़ताल करने में अगुवाई करना ।

(२) समय समय पर मसीही प्रयत्न की बढ़ती का निरीक्षण करना और आगे बढ़ने के लिये प्रस्ताव ओ परामर्श देना ।

(३) प्रान्तीय कौंसिलों के कामों को एक मैज का बनाना ।

(४) मसीही जनता का सामूहिक बिचार (public opinion) प्रकाश करने को सहायता पहुंचाना और वर्तमान सामाजिक, नैतिक ओ धार्मिक सवालों पर जैसा आवश्यक हो वैसा कार्य करना ।

इस कौंसिल के सर्व्व प्रथम सफलताओं में Rules of Comity की बनावट है। अवश्य है कि सब संस्थाएं जो इस कौंसिल में सम्मिलित हैं वे इन नियमों को मानें। ये पारस्परिक समझौते ओ आदर के नियम हैं। इन नियमों की सहायता से यह लाभ हुआ है कि एक ही स्थान में अनेक मिशनों ओ मण्डलियों में एक के ऊपर दूसरे का चढ़ जाना, और कामों ओ परिश्रम ओ शक्ति का दुबारा पड़ना न्यूनतम तक लाये गये हैं ।

यों सहयोग के साथ मसीही प्रयत्न का सम्मिलित कार्यक्रम सम्भव हुआ है। अपने अंगों के बीच सहयोग की रक्षा करना इस कौंसिल के अस्तित्व को न्याय-संगत (raison d'etre justification for existence) बनाता है।

३ नेशनल ख्रिष्टियान कौंसिल के काम का कायदा।

यह कौंसिल न एक कलीसिया है और न एक मिशनरी संस्था है। वह एक परामर्श दाता के सामर्थ्य से काम करता है। उसकी फ़ैसलाएं किसी को आज्ञा-बन्धन में नहीं डालती हैं। प्रान्तीय कौंसिलें इस कौंसिल के जीवन के मुख्य बल हैं और वे ही प्रान्तिय हद में लगभग उसी प्रकार काम करते हैं जैसा यह कौंसिल पूरे देश में करता है।

इस कौंसिल का सेक्रेटेरियट निम्न कामों के जिम्मे में है;—

सुसमाचार प्रचार, कलीशा और उसकी सेवा, सरकार के साथ सम्बन्ध, साहित्य, ईलाज, मसीही शिक्षा, कलीशा का आर्थिक जीवन, मसीही पारिवारिक आन्दोलन ओ जनाना काम, युवकों का काम, अनपढ़ों की पढ़ाई, ओडियो विजिवल एड, अन्धों ओ बहरों की भलाई।

४ इसका आर्थिक प्रबन्ध।

प्रत्येक प्रान्तीय कौंसिल (२००), या ३००) रुपैया सालाना चन्दा देते हैं। ऐसी मण्डलियां जो सीधे सम्मिलित हैं वे हर प्रतिनिधी के दर से ५० रुपैया सालाना देते हैं। अडवैन्ट काल का पहिला एतवार प्रार्थना का दिन मनाया जाता है, और उस दिन इस कौंसिल के लिये मण्डलियों में चन्दा लिये जाते हैं। इन सब उपायों से भारत ओ पूर्वो पाकिस्तान से जितने रोकड़ जमा होते हैं वे बहुत कम हैं।

कौंसिल के खर्च का अधिकांश रुपैया उत्तरी अमेरिका ओ ब्रिटेन के फारेन मिशनरी कान्फरेन्स के जरिये पश्चिम के मिशनरी सोसाईटियों से आता है। उनके उदार पूर्ण चन्दों ही के कारण इस कौंसिल का काम चल रहा है। पर इस नये आत्म-शाशित भारत-पाकिस्तान में यह हो नहीं सकता है कि इसका ख्रिष्टियान कौंसिल बिदेशी स्रोतों से आये हुए रुपैयाँ पर ही निर्भर करता रहे।

५ कौंसिल के मित्र-गण।

यदि इस कौंसिल के काम का कुछ मूल्य है, यदि यह एक विशेष काम है, और यदि यह कौंसिल भारत-पाकिस्तान की कलीसिया

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BIHAR
CHRISTIAN
COUNCIL

NOTICE

*WJ
25/4/53*

Is hereby given that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council will be held on the 28th. and 29th (Tuesday and Wednesday) of April, 1953 at the Bishop's Lodge at the S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. on the 28th. The Bishop has kindly consented to take care of the accommodation and hospitality of those who come from outside. They are very earnestly requested to let him know about their time of arrival at and departure from Ranchi.

The agenda will be circulated later. Those who have some matters for the Executive to consider will kindly send them to the undersigned. Thanks.

J. P. Gupta 24/3/53
Secretary

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Ref: B/R. 370.

Christian Council Lodge
Nagpur 1, M.P.
March 18, 1953.

The Secretaries
Provincial Christian Councils

Dear Friends:

You are probably aware of the fact that the Government of India has appointed a Commission on Backward Classes. Representation has been made to the Government of India to give special attention to the needs of Christians. I do hope you will will appoint a small committee to gather material for a memorandum that should be submitted by your Council. This Committee should also interview the Commission when it comes into your area. I am commending to your attention and action the following resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the N.C.C. at its meeting on March 10-12, 1953.

- RESOLVED To draw the attention of the Regional Christian Councils and Church Bodies to the appointment of a Backward Classes Commission by the Government of India and to ask them to prepare memoranda dealing with the social and economic disabilities of Christians in rural areas indicating therein also the nature of the State aid desired.
2. To suggest that the Councils appoint committees to interview the Commission when it visits their area.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Bhattu.

cc: To Heads of Churches and Missions
for information.

NO. 1550-56/52

Office of the Secretary, G.E.L. Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi.
The 4th December, 1952.

Extract from the resolution of the meeting of the full C.C. held from 13th to 21st November, 1952.

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COMITY RULES OF THE N.C.C. - Kamity (Comity) ke niyamon par kaphi tark bitark ke bad Council ne yah sankalp kiya ki-

Whereas the Comity Rules under territorial arrangements have reduced India into innumerable geographical divisions, each claimed to have been occupied by ~~sixixixt~~ distinct missions or churches, exclusive of one another thus hindering the free and spontaneous expansion of the growing mission or churches, which must be considered unevangelical and against the Spirit and letter of the great missionary command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And whereas under the same rules and agreement reached intelligently or otherwise remains binding for ever either for better or for worse; thus some times creating impossible and ~~awk~~ awkward situations hindering the free spread of the Gospel owing to the blind and unalterable agreement.

And further whereas the Comity Rules make no provision for checking the sheep stealing which is the greatest crime of the missions and churches to-day.

And whereas the Comity Rules have become old and antedated and sadly fail to meet the modern problems of the growing churches.

(1) It is resolved to inform the N.C.C. that the G.E.L. Church is unable to sign for conscience sake, under the objectionable Comity Rules as printed out above.

(2) It is further resolved that the G.E.L. Church urge upon the N.C.C. the necessity of the complete overhauling of the Comity Rules removing the clauses which hinder the spontaneous growth of the Church and counteracting the evils which hinder the willing co-operation of the missions and churches and in the meantime the G.E.L. Church would request the N.C.C. to allow the G.E.L. Church to continue the membership until the Comity Rules are revised without signing membership form.

It is resolved that a copy of the above document be forwarded to B.C.C., U.C.C., M.P. C.C., W.B.C.C. and F.E.L.C. *and Assam C.C.*

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The above mentioned document is forwarded to the Secretary, National Christian Council, Bihar Christian Council, Utkal Christian Council, Madhya Pradesh Christian Council, ^{and} Bengal Christian Council and Federation Evangelical Lutheran Church for information *and necessary action*

C. D. S. S.
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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19/12/52
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From:-

The Convener,
Joint Council of Christian Education, Bihar.

To,

..... Mr. C. D. Sirka
..... Secretary G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Instructed by the Secretary B.C.C., I have arranged for a meeting of the Joint Council of Christian Education of Bihar on the 29th of December 1952 at 10.30.a.m. at Patna in the Baptist Mission Compound Lodipur.

Subject:- The Grave situation in the schools in Bihar.

I hope all the members will try to attend as this is a very important question.

H. C. Sokey

Convener,
Joint Council of Christian Education,
Bihar.

C.D.
3/1/52

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Bihar
Christian Council Held at the Methodist
Episcopal Church, Arrah, on the 30th
April, and 1st May, 1952.**

1. President P. John opened the meeting with a word of prayer.
2. Roll Call : The following members were present :—
President P. John, Rev. Brian Harvey, Mr. C. D. Sirka,
Miss M. Tirsgaard, Miss Stevens Guille, Rev. M.C. Vogt,
Mr. E. W. Oliver, and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary).
3. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on
2-10-51 as printed and circulated were taken as read and
confirmed.
4. Application for affiliation —

(a) Received application from Dipti Mission Dt. 22-3-52
with the form duly filled up and also a letter from Bishop
Lenman in the same connection.

Decision postponed until next meeting of the Exe-
cutive, But, in the event of any Government inquiry
about the recognition of the Dipti Mission it was agreed
that the matters should be referred to the officers of the
Council who will deal with it.

•(b) *Mission to Lepers* :

Read letter from Mr. W. Bailey Dt. 17-3-52. Resolved
that the form of affiliation be sent to them for doing the
needful. Meanwhile a letter of information be sent to
the U. P. Christian Council and that the Mission be
taken as affiliated.

5. *S. P. G. Blind School Ranchi* :—

Read letter from Miss. Telford Dt. 4-4-1952. Resolved
that the Rev. S. Kula of the G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
be appointed to the Blind School Committee as the
representative of the B. C. C.

6. *Comity Rules :*

All the affiliated bodies be requested to study the N.C.C. draft statement and to send their considered opinions and recommendations to Mr. B. Harvey, D. U. Mission, Hazaribagh by the end of October, 1952 who will kindly study the whole matter and submit a comprehensive statement on the documents of the affiliated bodies to the Executive Committee.

7. *Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church :—*

The question of Comity Rules was considered in relation to the G. E. L Church from whom no signed form had yet been received. After some discussion it was resolved,

That in the wider interest of the Church as a whole as well as in its own interest it should submit to the council a signed form pledging itself to observe the rules of Comity as other affiliated bodies have done, by the end of August. The final decision as to its membership in the Council will be taken in the next Executive meeting

Noted the correspondence between the N. C. C. and the G. E. L. Church.

8. *Duars :—*

Read letter from Secretary G.E. L. Church No. 485/52 Dt. 21-4-52. The G. E. L. Church forwarded for consideration a letter from the Duars — Diwa Mandli in which the Lutherans of that Congregation express their desire to remain in the Scotch Mission.

Resolved that the matter be referred back to the G.E.L. Church for amicable settlement with the Church of Scotland.

9. *World Conference of Christian Youth, Kottayam, Travancore. Dec. 11-25, 1952 :—*

Read letter from Rev. J. Gausdal dated April 17, 52—

Resolved that the suggestion of Rev. Gausdal be approved and that Mr. Gora C. Tudu be accepted as our delegate. It is noted that "The Santal Mission of the Northern Churches will find the money for travel expences."

It was further agreed that the Secretary be asked to ask for further informations re : delegation.

10. *Sat-Tal-Ashram Youth Trainig Course :—*

Read letter from Mr. Nirmal Minz Dt. 26-3-52.

Resolved that Mr. Nirmal Minz B. A., a B. D. student of Serampore College be given a help of Rs. 10/- to enable him to attend the Conference. This is in compliance with his request.

11. *Bihar Christian Youth Camp :—*

Read letter Dt. 26-3-52 from Youth Secretary Mr. R. John and his plans for a Bihar Christian Youth Camp from the 24th to 29th Sept. 1952.

Resolved that the plan be approved and that a sum of Rs. 50/- be sanctioned towards the expences of the Camp.

12. *Convener for the Committee on Evangelism :—*

Mr. E. W. Oliver informed the Committee that he was leaving for his furlough soon and he recommended that some one else may be appointed an Acting Convener.

Resolved that Rev. P. Schoonmaker, A. G. Mission. Chapra be appointed Acting Convener during the absence of Mr. Oliver on leave.

It was further resolved that Rev. Schoonmaker be requested to take up a survey of Evangelistic needs and opportunities of North Bihar, the apparent failures and

their reasons.

The Convener was also requested to write to Churches and Missions regarding No. (3) of P 18 of the Council Minutes, 1951.

President John will please contact Dr. Ralla Ram re, the visit of Rev. Abdul Haqq.

13. *Joint Executive Committee* :—

Resolved that the Secretary be asked to fix a date and place of the Joint Executive Committee Meeting of the Bihar and Santal Christian Councils in consultation with the Secretary of the Santal Christian Council.

It was suggested that the Joint Meeting be held at Giridih-Pachamba. The two Education Committees be advised to meet before the Joint meeting.

The following matters be brought up before the Joint meeting :

(a) Evangelistic Survey.

(b) Reports of the Education Bodies of the two Councils.

14. *Committee Meetings* :—

Resolved that the Committees of the Council be permitted to meet once between the Council meetings excepting the Committee on Evangelism and Education which may meet twice by permission of the Executive Committee. Bills for Inter Class travelling be submitted to the Treasurer of the Council to be passed by the Executive Committee. Postage & stationaries will be paid for by the Treasurer.

15. *Audio Visual Aids* :

Mr. Leech be requested to contact Dr. Ebright for an institute during Council Sessions in 1953. Mr. Leech be authourid to go ahead with preparations.

16. *Committee on Evangelism* :—

Resolved that Mr. Leech be Co-opted to the Committee on Evangelism for Audio-Visual-Aid work.

17. *N. C. C. Headquarters :—*

The Secretary should send reminders to all the affiliated Bodies asking them to send their contribution to the Treasurer of the B. C. C.

18 *Late Rev. V. P. Mamman :*

Resolved that a letter of Condolence be sent to Mrs. Mamman. President will draft the letter.

19 *Medical matters :*

(a) Resolved that the Rev. B. Harvey and Mrs. Wheeler be appointed members of the Medical Committee of Bihar.

(b) Resolved that a suitable resolution be sent to the Government in connection with the murder of Dr. Miss Tallan.

20 *Basic Education :*

The Education Committee should appoint a small Advisory body on Basic Education.

21 *A united School for boys in Patna :*

Resolved that Rev. P. John and Mr. S. Joseph be co-opted to the Committee.

22 *School Text Books :*

Resolved that the Education Committee be asked to appoint some one to be in charge of scrutinizing books which have Christian subjects.

23 *Relief Work :*

Mr. J. L. Kinder reported on relief work which was gratefully accepted.

24 *Economic Life of the Church :*

Resolved that a Camp be organised in 1953 and Mr. H. Lakra be asked to go ahead with the preparations and to inform the Executive Committee about the anticipated income and expence.

It was further resolved that the following be appointed to be in charge of the Camp which should be a Combined Camp for Economic Life as well as Adult Literacy.—

Mr. C. M. Tiga, Miss K. C. Sokey, Miss S. Guille, Mr. Nilopher Shaw and Mr. H. Lakra (Convener). The Convener may be advised to secure Govt. helps from the Welfare Department. He may be advised also to consult the leaders of others provinces re-projects on Economic Life of the Church.

25 *Bible Society :*

Resolved that all affiliated Bodies be requested to read the message from the United Bible Societies Conference held at Oatacamuned in Feb. 1952 in all their Congregations.

26 *Theological Education :*

Resolved that a Committee on Theological Education be appointed with the following as members: The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur, Mr. L. Burdett, Mr. P. Schoonmaker, the Rev. P. John and the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Convener).

The duties of this Committee will be to explore (a) Possibilities of a Combined Bible School, (b) a Correspondence Bible Course, and (c) a Union Theological College.

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer,

P. John
President

J. J. P. TIGA,
Secretary.

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9/10/52

No. 514/52

The Secretary,
St. E. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
No. 1183/52 dated 18.9.52 I beg
to say that I have no time at
present to go into all those details
and to search all the records
to find the dates when the Minutes
were sent to you. I am sure
they have all been sent to your
office. Moreover, I don't see the necessity
of the dates.

Yours sincerely
D. D. Singh

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary: Mr. C. D. Sirka.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1331/52

The 15th October, 1952.

To

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,

Dear Rev. Tiga,

As I am required to attend the office of
the Additional Collector, Ranchi to-day at 11 a.m.
I regret I shall not be able to come to the Executive
meeting of the B.C.C. to-day.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Sirka
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

*Mr. C. B. ...
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...*

Agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee,
Bihar Christian Council, 15th. and 16th. Oct. 1952.

1. Devotions
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Minutes 30.4.52
4. Affiliation of the Gossner Church
5. Applications for affiliation
 - (a) Dipti Mission
 - (b) Mission to Lepers
 - (c) Pentecostal Blindness Mission
6. N.C.C. Matters :
 - (a) Nature and future of the Councils
 - (b) Secretaries of the Provincial Councils
 - (c) Church and Mission Comity
 - (d) Bible Correspondence Courses
 - (e) Financial support of the N.C.C.
 - (f) N.C.C. Hdqrs. Fund
 - (g) Indian Christian Marriage Act
 - (h) Day of Prayer
7. Evangelism
 - (a) Revd. Abdul Hagg
 - (b) Audio Visual Aids
 - (c) Survey
 - (d) Evangelistic Week
8. Bihar Christian Youth Camp
9. Economic Life of the Church Camp
10. Adult Literazy Camp
11. School in Patna
12. Govt. and Managing Committees.
13. Sunday Schools
 - (a) World Sunday School Day
 - (b) Lesson Notes
 - (c) Mr. Fugh.
14. An institution for the delinquents
15. A Home for the aged.
16. World's Evangelical Alliance
Week of Prayer
17. Other competant matters.

Signature
Secretary
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Mr. C. L. Ledia
 G. H. L. Choudhary
 Ranchi

Agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee,
 Bihar Christian Council, 15th and 16th, Oct. 1952.

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| 17. Other important matters. | (h) Day of Prayer |
| 16. World's Evangelical Alliance | (g) Indian Christian Marriage Act 1930. A Home for the aged. |
| 15. An institution for the blind. | (f) W.C.C. Hodge Fund |
| (a) Financial support of the W.C.C. | (e) Bible Correspondence Courses |
| (b) Lesson Notes | (d) Church and Mission Comity |
| (c) World Sunday School | (c) Secretaries of the |
| (d) Provincial Councils | (b) Nature and future of the |
| (e) W.C.C. Matters : | (a) Pentecostal Holiness Mission |
| (a) Mission to Lepers | (b) Mission to Lepers |
| (b) Mpti Mission | (c) A publication for affiliation |
| (c) Affiliation of the Goswar Church | 3. Confirmation of Minutes 30.4.52 |
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18th September, 2.

To
The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council,
Ranchi.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.482/52 dated the 11th September, 1952, in respect of the Resolution dated November 1949 P.ID-11: That all affiliated bodies be asked to renew their pledge concerning Comity Rules etc., etc. You say your predecessor Rev.V.Walters made a note that he sent the newly printed forms to all the affiliated bodies soon after this meeting. Will you kindly ascertain when were the resolutions and minutes actually sent to the G.E.L.Church Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

C.D. Verma
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

B.L.18/9/52.

PRINCIPAL
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
RANCHI BIHAR, INDIA
**BIHAR
CHRISTIAN
COUNCIL.**

11/9/52

Ref. 482/52

Dated Ranchi, the 11th.Sep.52

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

Dear Mr. Sirka,

In reply to your letter No. 1168/52 dated the 10th. Sept. 1952 I wish to refer you to the following resolutions of the Bihar Christian Council and its Executive Cee. I am sure all the minutes of the B.C.C. have been sent to you.

1. Council d/-Nov.1949, p.10-11 : " That all affiliated bodies be ~~asked~~ asked to renew their pledge concerning Comity Rules. That a form be printed to be sent to all the affiliated bodies and to be returned duly signed by the proper authority. "

My predecessor Rev. V.Walters has made a note that he sent the newly printed forms to all the affiliated bodies soon after this meeting.

2. Executive d/- April, 1950 p.1 : " ~~That~~ It was reported that with the exception of the Assemblies of God Mission and the G.E.L.Church all affiliated Bodies to the Council had returned the Affiliation and Comity Forms duly signed.

The representatives of the G.E.L.Church assured the Council that the matter of not returning the Comity forms would be looked into and the matter put right ."

3. Executive d/- No. 1950 p.2 :

" G.E.L.Church : The Secretary reported that the G.E.L.Church had not signed and returned the Comity of Missions Form sent to them. The G.E.L. Church representatives on the Executive assured the Committee that this would be done."

4. Executive d/- April, 1951 p.3 :

" Affiliation of the Bodies which have not signed the Form passed by the last Council meeting : Resolved to recommend to the Council that all Bodies at present affiliated to the Council be regarded as affiliated until the new revised statement on Comity has been made by the N.C.C. when in order to be constitutionally affiliated they will have to subscribe to the new statement ".

5. ~~October 1951~~ Council d/- October, 1951 p.13

" That in view of the resolution No. R IV of the Council adopted at the Hazaribagh Council session the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church be requested to renew their pledge concerning Comity Rules and to return the printed form duly signed by the proper authority."

6. Executive d/- April, 1952 .

" The question of Comity Rules was considered in relation to the G.E.L.Church from whom no signed form had yet been received .After some discussion it was resolved that we ask the G.E.L.Church that in the wider interest of the church as a whole as well as in its own interest it should submit to the Council a signed form pledging itself to observe the Rules of Comity as other affiliated Bodies have done, and that it should be done by the end of August. The final decision as to its membership in the Council will be taken in the next Executive meeting. "

Yours Sincerely,

J. J. J.
Secretary, 11/9/52

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

No 1168/52

10th September, 2.

To

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter No.475/52 dated the 6th September, 1952 regarding Comity Rules. In this respect I write to state that to my knowledge the matter was only intimated by you letter No. nil dated the 11th October, 1951 and not from November 1949 as hinted in your letter under reference. Since then i.e. 1951 I have put the matter before each Council and I am sure the resolutions have been communicated to you under this office Nos.1210-11/51, dated 10/12 November 1951, 506/52 dated the 24th April, 1952 and 508/52 dated the 24th April 1952. According to present state of affairs I am unable to call the full C.C. before November, 1952 and therefore regret very much for my inability to comply with your request *just before as required*

Yours very sincerely,

C. D. Sharma
Secretary,

Church Council, Ranchi.

.L.10/9/52.

BIHAR
CHRISTIAN
COUNCIL.

No. 475/52

Ranchi,
6.9.1952

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

Dear Sir,

Received your letter No. 1121/52 dated 2.9.52 an hour ago. From November, 1949 it is now going to be nearly three years that you have not complied with the request of the B.C.C. to sign the affiliation form and there is no reason why your Council should not have taken any decision until now because you had the knowledge about the wish of the B.C.C. Executive Cee. held at Arrah and you were personally present there. As a matter of fact it was just a reminder to you.

Please see your way to comply with the request of the B.C.C. in this matter, before our Exec. meeting next month. Thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

J. S. Jha
Secretary,

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL,

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- 3 *Treasurer*: Mr. Z. Horo
- 4 Rev. J. A. Kujur
- 5 Rev. S. Bage
- 6 Rev. H. Topno
- 7 Mr. P. D. Kandulna, B.A.
- 8 Mr. B. Dangwar, B.A.

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- 10 Rev. K. D. Soy
- 11 Rev. C. K. Vengra
- 12 Rev. C. B. Aind
- 13 Rev. Z. Khalkho
- 14 Rev. S. M. Bage
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- 17 Rev. C. B. Minz
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Bihar Christian Council,

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Dear Rev. Sir,

For want of the resolution contained in your
letter No. 643/22 dated the 1st September, 1922 I could not
place the matter in the two previous C.C. Executive. I shall
however place the matter in the next full C.C. and communicate
to you its decision if the Council meets before 14.10.22.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,
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2nd September, 1952

To
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The Secretary,
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Dear Rev. Tiga,

For want of the resolution contained in your letter No.643/52 dated the 1st September,1952 I could not place the matter in the two previous C.C.Executive. I shall however place the matter in the next full C.C. and communicate to you its decision if the Council meets before 14.10.52.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Sanyal
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The Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Ranchi,
The 1st.Sept. 1952

Dear Mr. Sirka,

As the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council is now announced to be held at Ranchi on the 15th. and 16th. of October, I take your permission to remind you about the resolution of the B.C.C. Executive Committee held last April at Arrah where you were also present. The resolution is as follows :

" The question of Comity Rules was considered in relation to the G.E.L.Church from whom no signed form had yet been received. After some discussion it was resolved that we ask the G.E.L.Church that in the wider interest of the Church as a whole as well as in its own interest it should submit to the Council a signed form pledging itself to observe the rules of Comity as other affiliated bodies have done, and that it should be done by the end of August, The final ~~arrang~~ decision as to its membership in the Council will be taken in the next Exec. meeting. "

If you send me your reply by the 14th. of October, it will be alright because the matter cannot be taken up by our Executive before the 15th. of October 1952.

Yours Sincerely,

J.J.P. Tiga
(J.J.P. Tiga)
Secretary,

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No. 508/52

The 24th April 1952. 195

Extract resolution of the meeting of the Full Church Council of the G.E.L. Church Chotanagpur and Assam, held at Ranchi from 27th February to 2nd March 1952.

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COMITY RULES:- Read the letter of Dr. Bhattya regarding his inquiry whether G.E.L. Church desires to withdraw her membership from the N.C.C. and the reply of the C.C. Secretary to that letter.
 Resolved- that the Council approves the action of the Secretary.

Is ke sambandh men kaha gaya ki jab tak Council ko Draft copy adhyayan ke liye nahin diya jata hai tab ham membership form men ~~nahin~~ sahi nahin kar sakte hain.

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C.D. Sirma
 Secretary,

Church Council, Ranchi.

Copy to Rev. J.J.P. Tigga, B.D., S.T.M., Secretary, Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi, for information and necessary action.

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No. 506/52.

The 24th April 1952.

Extract resolution of the meeting of the Full Church Council of the G.E.L. Church Chotanagpur and Assam held at Govindpur from 27th to 31st October 1951.

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COMITY RULES OF N.C.C. AND B.C.C.

The Officers to reply that owing to the fact that the Comity rule stands in the way of the propagation of the Gospel freely among the non-Christians, which is against the evangelistic principle, the Council feels itself unable to allow the officers to sign the pledge concerning the Comity Rules as long as that clause of the Comity rule is not amended so as to allow free propagation of the Gospel.

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P. D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

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No. 490/52

The 22nd April 1952.

To

Dr. E.C. Bhattya,
Christian Council Lodge,
Near C.P. Club,
NAGPUR 1, C.P.

Dear Dr. Bhattya,

This is to acknowledge receipt with thanks the Rules of Comity and a statement on Comity Study and Revision as referred to in your letter B/R 542 dated the 15th April 1952.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Surin
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church Chotanagpur &
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April 15, 1952.

Mr. C. D. Sirka
Secretary, Church Council
G. E. L. Church
RANCHI, Bihar.

Dear Mr. Sirka:

I enclose herewith the Rules of Comity and a Statement on
Comity Study and Revision as desired by you in your letter of March 29, 1952.

Yours sincerely,

E. Rodrigues

Dictated but not signed.

for E. C. Bhatti.

Recently Comity has been assuming more than ordinary importance. The reasons are not hard to discover, and they are weighty enough to engage the attention of all those who are responsible for the evangelistic activities of churches and missions. Already a good deal of thinking has been done, and some suggestions are being made for the revision of the existing rules of Comity and their application. So important has the matter become that the National Christian Council has asked the Provincial Christian Councils and Church and Mission bodies to give their careful thought to the issues that are involved. Views are requested. Will you therefore send me the considered opinion of the Council, Church body or Mission organization you represent, in order that we may have the benefit of the widest possible consultation.

The issues put in the form of questions are these:

1. Is there a new situation affecting the traditional conception of Comity that arises when the following are considered?
 - (a) The emergence of the Church instead of the Mission as the primary and spontaneous evangelizing force and agency?
 - (b) The inadequate "occupation" of some areas by long established churches and missions, with no promise of meeting the evangelistic opportunities known to exist in these areas?
 - (c) The arrival of new missionary forces with no suitable area to engage their efforts?
 - (d) The rapid growth of cities in size and diversity of population, calling for a new definition of what constitutes an "open city".
2. Is the nature of new developments such as to modify radically the conditions -
 - (a) Under which the statement on Comity was last revised by the National Christian Council in 1938? That is; should the whole concept of Comity be changed, or even abolished?Or, (b) Under which assignments of territory were made years ago? Do these more recent developments now call for a careful survey to see what may reasonably be turned over to other churches or missions? This would not require a change in the conception of Comity but in application of what has already been found to be the most suitable way for Christian bodies to work together toward a common end.

It may seem superfluous to enquire about 2(a) when the National Christian Council in October, 1950 asked Provincial Christian Councils to report on what they had done to secure acceptance by their constituent bodies of the Statement of Comity. But at the same time the Council invited suggestions for the revision of the Comity statement; and following it, a conference of Provincial Council Secretaries (August, 1951) made several recommendations. These were generally approved by the N.C.C. Executive in November, 1951, which also stated that acceptance of Comity "has always been regarded as an essential condition of membership of the P.C.C.'s and the N.C.C., and therefore some indication of this fact should be included in their constitutions." There has been no considerable

opinion expressed that Comity in its traditional form be greatly altered or abolished, or that constituent bodies of the N.C.C. and the Provincial Councils be excused from giving their consent to follow its principles.

On the question of "occupation", the issues arise over specific territorial agreements. Are the agreements adequate in conception and execution in view of present evangelistic conditions in the field, or in the presence of a growing Church reaching out into a neighbouring field formerly assigned, perhaps, to another denomination. On this important question the N.C.C. has asked the Provincial Councils to review with church and mission bodies concerned any comity agreements which in the light of present conditions require study and possible revision. In the survey which this will doubtless require, the N.C.C. and the World Dominion Office are prepared to assist. There is need to learn what may be done to encourage further the growth of the Church in those areas where it has become most fruitful.

I would call attention to several recent contributions which deal with these issues:

"What is Our Missionary Objective?" by Alexander McLeish
(N.C.C. Review, March 1952)

"The Evangelistic Principle in Comity" by Roland W. Scott
(N.C.C. Review, March 1952)

"Comity - A Tool of the Growing Church" by D.A. McGavran
(World Dominion, Jan./Feb., 1952 p.37)

Also the entire statement on Comity is published in the N.C.C. Review for March, 1952.

Will you give this subject your thought and contribute to the general study which is essential if we are to form a consensus of opinion. I would be grateful for a statement, either individual or on behalf of your Church, Council or Mission, at any time up to December 1, 1952. If for any reason a longer time is needed, your note to that effect will be appreciated.

March 11, 1952

Roland W. Scott
Secretary
National Christian Council

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The Conference of Provincial Council Secretaries,
September 11-13, 1951 adopted the following:

- (a) The existing Statement on Comity with the amendments herein suggested is acceptable. As in the case of the N.C.C., adherence to the "Rules" should be required of all the constituent bodies of the Provincial Christian Councils.
- (b) In the case of ministrations to migrating individuals and groups, Section II(7) of the Rules on Comity is adequate.
- (c) With reference to the trend to urban population, where Comity arrangements have given the Christian responsibility

of a city to one denomination, we commend that where such a city has a population of more than 75,000 and has not been declared "open", churches other than those of the occupying denomination should be permitted to enter for the purpose of shepherding their own members but not for establishing institutions that would conflict with the occupying Church or Mission. In evangelism harmony should be maintained by close co-operation that will develop to the full the local spiritual resources. In the event of a city having a population of two lakhs or more, that city should be considered "open."

- (d) The Church affiliation of those who become Christians through the spontaneous growth (i.e. "voluntary evangelism") of groups shall be expected to follow territorial arrangements.

Further, the Conference of P.C.C. Secretaries recommended that:

- (a) In the case of areas newly open to evangelism or as yet inadequately evangelized the Provincial Council concerned should determine what comity terms should be arranged.
- (b) Periodic review of comity agreements within their boundaries should be conducted by Provincial Councils, especially in areas where no aggressive evangelistic work is being done, taking help, if necessary, from the N.C.C. Where possible, maps should be prepared to show existing boundary lines.
- (c) Those responsible for conducting radio programmes and Bible Correspondence Courses should be expected to observe the rules of Comity by informing, wherever possible, the church in the locality of an enquirer or correspondent who showed need of personal ministrations.

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World Council of Churches Executive Meeting

(London):— The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches which met at Lambeth Palace, London, from February 4 to 8 (see EPS No. 6), addressed the following expression of sympathy to Her Majesty Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her bereavement:

"We, the members of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches in session assembled at Lambeth Palace, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI. We desire to express our very respectful and heartfelt sympathy with Your Majesty in the hour of sad bereavement and pray that God may comfort and sustain you and other members of the Royal Family.

"We also offer our humble prayer to Almighty God that His blessing may rest upon your daughter in the great and new responsibilities that now rest upon her".

This message was conveyed to the Private Secretary of the Queen Mother at Sandringham in a letter signed jointly by three presidents of the World Council of Churches attending the Executive Committee, Bishop Eivind Berggrav of Norway, Dr. Marc Boegner, President of the French Protestant Federation, and Bishop Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Church, U.S.A.

When the news of the death of King George became known the Executive Committee broke off its session and adjourned to the private chapel of Lambeth Palace for a service of intercession on behalf of the Royal Family and the British Nation and Commonwealth, conducted by the Bishop of Chichester, chairman of the Committee.

The first comprehensive report on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, based on a survey conducted in countries throughout the world was presented to the Executive Committee. The Bishop of Chichester, chairman of the Committee, commended this report as "epoch-making in the life of the Church".

The report has been written by Dr. Kathleen Bliss. It is based on an enquiry initiated by the World Council of Churches and from replies received from nearly 50 countries. It will be published on February 19 under the title "The Service and Status of Women in the Churches" (S.C.M. Press, London). It deals in six chapters respectively with "Women, Church and Society", "The Voluntary Service of Women in the Church", "Full-time and Professional Service of Women in the Church", "Women and the Ordained Ministry", "Participation of Women in the Government of the Church", "Change and Opportunity".

On the occasion of the meeting in London of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr G. Fisher), gave a reception under the auspices of the Nikaeian Club at Lambeth Palace. Leaders of Church and State and members of the Diplomatic Corps attended this reception at which Mrs Fisher welcomed the guests in the absence through indisposition of the Archbishop.

Addressing the Committee Dr O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA), pointed out that one of the potentially significant activities of the 6th General Assembly of the United Nations recently concluded in Paris had been the establishment of the U.N. Commission on the reduction of armaments.

The CCIA had put forward the principle that reduction of armaments is not a mathematical proposition but a political and above all a moral problem. He urged that an extensive system of peace observation commissions be operated at potential danger spots throughout the world to guard against acts of coercion. "Only by a system of this kind can there be established a political and moral climate which can be favourable to the reduction of armaments", Dr. Nolde declared.

During the 6th General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris officers of the CCIA had been active in consultation with many U.N. delegates in supporting U.N. plans for the solution of the world-wide refugee problem.

The Committee gave considerable time to the preparation of the Faith and Order Conference to be held at Lund in August of this year and of the meeting of the Central Committee to be held in Lucknow, India, from December 31, 1952, to January 9, 1953.

It was decided that the General Secretary should pay a visit to the South African Churches in April and May 1952. E.P.S. Geneva

I.M.C. CALL to Prayer

On the occasion of the Enlarged Meeting of the International Missionary Council which is to take place at Willingen, Germany, from July 5 to 18, 1952, the following Call to Prayer has been issued in order to support the work of the Conference by the thoughts and prayers of Christian everywhere:

"In an age when change is more in evidence than continuity, when more is heard of revolution than of stability, the world mission of the Church cannot be accomplished merely on lines that have become traditional. Revolutionary changes are, in fact, daily taking place in the missionary work of the Church. Some of these are being precipitated through the political and social revolutions of our time. Others are the consequences of deeper insight into the nature of the Gospel and the calling of the Church.

"What is it that matters most amidst all these changes? What new policies are called for not only on grounds of expediency but in sure awareness of the will of God for our time?

"This concern underlines the action of the I.M.C. in launching a new inquiry under the general title of "The Missionary Obligation of the Church". In this inquiry an attempt is being made to bring together the deepest insights of recent years, to assess the significance of some critical events in the missionary scene today, and to point the way forward.

"As a stage in the whole process, a meeting of the I.M.C. is to be held in July 1952, at Willingen, Germany, to which will come representatives of the older and younger Churches. It is the hope and prayer of all involved in this undertaking that it may be used to the glory of God and for the more faithful proclamation to all mankind of the Lordship and saving power of Christ.

"Study and action can only achieve such ends if study is accompanied by prayer, and action is guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The I.M.C., therefore, earnestly seeks the cooperation of its friends throughout the world in remembrance and intercession, so that 'Willingen 1952' may be able to bear its own special testimony to the power of prayer.

"Preparatory work is taking place along five main lines of inquiry: 1) The theological imperatives of the Christian mission; 2) The indigenous Church, its present strength and weakness as an instrument for world-wide evangelism; 3) The place and function of the missionary society in a new day; 4) Christian vocation and its fulfilment in a world setting; 5) The pattern of missionary activity and the necessity for its reshaping.

"Will you pray for all engaged in these preparatory studies... for all who attend the Willingen meeting... for those who are being called upon to give the principal addresses... for the officers of the I.M.C. and the members of its thirty-two constituent councils...

"And will you keep these prayers concerning Willingen and the I.M.C. within your regular intercessions - for the Church to which you belong; for your 'partners in the other ships'; for the missionary agencies of the Church; for the Church in all the world;

"that in all things Christ may have the pre-eminence and that all the ends of the earth may see the Salvation of our God..."

E.P.S. Geneva

UNITED STATESNational Council opposes Permanent Universal Military Training

(New York):- Opposition to permanent universal military training (U.M.T.) was voted on January 31 by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

In the action taken, the Board acknowledged the need for "adequate defence measures" but condemned a permanent U.M.T. programme as "a long step in the direction of a garrison state".

In stating its opposition to permanent U.M.T., the Board pointed out that at least eleven of its constituent communions had taken a similar stand over a period of years. These included the American Baptist Convention, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, Church of Brethren, Congregational Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Friend's Five Years Meeting, Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, The Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church has also taken action.

"The effort to establish a system of permanent universal military training will meet with widespread opposition within our Churches", both on religious and moral grounds and in support of democratic ideals, the Board predicted.

Pointing out that Congress has already extended the draft to 1955, extended the period of military service from 21 to 24 months and raised the number of men from 3,500,000 to 5,000,000, the Board commented,

"It is one thing to acknowledge the necessity of drafting men for a limited period to meet a specific international emergency. It is another... to support the conscription of each succeeding generation of the nation's youth." Such a step, the Board declared, would be contrary to "our heritage as a free nation under God... a long step in the direction of a garrison state." The resolution offered a demand that members of the House and Senate would be able "to reach a decision in accord with God's will for our beloved country."

The National Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill will present to Congress, along with the Board's action, suggestions for improving the proposed U.M.T. programme.

E.P.S. Geneva

TURKEYMore Liberty for Orthodox

(Istanbul):- The year 1952 marked the first time since 1926 that the Greek Orthodox Church was permitted to resume the ancient custom of blessing the sea on the Feast of Epiphany. Special authorization for the celebration has been granted by the Turkish government.

The blessing rites were performed in Orthodox communities situated along the shores of the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara and on the Princes Isles. Priests presiding over the functions were permitted to appear publicly outside their churches, wearing religious vestments.

E.P.S. Geneva

JAPANJapanese Y.M.C.A. Leader visits Geneva

Mr Soichi Saito, National General Secretary of the Japanese Y.M.C.A. Movement, who is at present representing the Japanese Government before the United Nations Prisoner-of-War Commission, addressed the combined staffs of the World's Alliance of the Y.M.C.As and the World's Y.W.C.A. this week at Geneva. He had previously been given the responsibility of heading the Government Department which--during the years immediately following the war--was responsible for the repatriation of six million Japanese nationals.

"In Japan the Churches are overcrowded", Mr Saito reported. "Young men and women make up 80% of the average congregation. Teachers in Elementary Schools are seeking some new foundation, some new ethical basis on which to build. High School Y.M.C.A. groups (Hi-Y) are springing up in many parts of the country."

Mr Saito who, on his way to Geneva, renewed contacts with Y.M.C.A. leaders in the Philippines and at the International Older Boys' Camp in Australia, reported many encouraging post-war developments. Among a wide variety of significant activities he stressed the importance of the Y.M.C.A.-sponsored Lunch-Hour Bible Study Groups which already have over 1,500 members. Meeting in offices, factories, or Y.M.C.A. buildings, these groups are to be found in the offices of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Welfare and the Metropolitan Police Force, in banks and in a wide variety of educational and commercial centres. These groups which reach both Christian and non-Christian, are but part of the evidence of the nation-wide quest for new spiritual foundations. E.P.S. Geneva

GERMANYThe Cross and the Law

In a small town in Saxony, in the Eastern Zone, the Director of the local professional training-college recently removed the stone cross over the cornice of the schoolhouse belonging to the Church.

A prosecution was instituted. The Attorney-General of the province has ruled that the action was an offence against Article 304 of the penal code, and described the notion that as a result of the separation of the Church from the school the cross no longer belonged on the schoolhouse as an entirely erroneous one. The Church was granted authorisation to demand the restoration of the previous arrangement. E.P.S. Geneva

CEYLONBuddhism on the Offensive

How Buddhism in Ceylon is striving to make itself felt is demonstrated by the following significant incident, reported by Religious News Service in a release dated January 23:

The Japanese edition of a Roman Catholic pocket publication, "Catholic Digest", printed in the United States as long ago as June 1948, bore the representation of a statue of Buddha with the Christian Cross above it. The leaders of Buddhism have now not only protested against this, but required that "Pope XII should apologise." This demand was made at a demonstration of protest in Ambalangoda, attended by 3,000 people. The Government was asked to "cause the

editors of 'Catholic Digest' and the Pope to apologise for the great pain caused them." Meantime "Catholic Digest" should publish "a true picture of our Lord Buddha."

The Chairman of the All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Dr. Gunapala P. Malalasekera, denounced what he said were attempts by American Christians to suppress Buddhism in Japan after the occupation.

At the thirty-third Congress of Ceylon Buddhists, held before this incident, Dr. Malalasekera demanded that the mission schools, whose pupils are more than 60% non-Christian, be taken over by the State, and charged the Government with favouring Christian schools in predominantly Buddhist areas. "The Buddhists," he concluded, "demand the nationalisation of these educational establishments, which should in future be managed by the State, if not by Buddhist organisations."

E.P.S. Geneva

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Orthodox Church made Autocephalous

The attainment to independent status by the Orthodox Church in Czechoslovakia has been confirmed by the Patriarchate of Moscow. In the latest issue of the Moscow Patriarchate periodical, dated December 1951, Patriarch Alexei states

"The Russian Orthodox Church, in the person of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Alexei, and of the Holy Episcopal Congress (Sobor), is, at the request of the Sobor of the Orthodox Church in Czechoslovakia, bestowing upon this Church, hitherto an exarchate of the Moscow Patriarchate, the status of autocephaly (independence).

"The Russian Orthodox Church unanimously prays its heavenly Shepherd and Lord Jesus Christ to give His blessing to this newest sister in the family of autocephalous Orthodox Churches, the Church of Czechoslovakia, and to crown it with glory incorruptible."

E.P.S. Geneva

EGYPT

Relations between Copts and Moslems

Amid the ferment at present prevailing in Egyptian minds, very widely-differing movements are serving to hold together or apart the national and religious communities.

On the one hand, a joint committee has been formed in Cairo to promote "harmony and unity" between Moslems and Copts, the two principal religious communities of the country. Its chairman is General Kamel Rizhallah Bey, and it consists of five Copts and five Moslems; it has been officially approved by the Coptic Patriarch, Amba Yussab II, and by the Sheikh of Azhar. Its aim is to prevent the exploiting of the Anglo-Egyptian conflict by fanatics for the purpose of fostering anti-Christian feeling among the people, and to work for a better understanding between the Moslem majority and the Coptic minority.

Various political groups have likewise sought to promote good will between Christians and Moslems. A number of meetings organised to strengthen

national unity have been attended by Kamel Yusef Saleh, President of the Council of the Coptic community, and Ahmen Hussein, head of the Socialist National movement, known in the past for his anti-Christian views.

On the other hand, this same Council of the Coptic community has petitioned King Farouk to put an end to Government discrimination against the Copts - sermons by Moslem leaders broadcast over the national wireless whose tone is offensive to Christian feeling, refusal by national stations to broadcast Coptic religious services, etc. - and in particular to see that incidents such as the recent arson committed against a Coptic church in the Canal Zone are not repeated.

The new head of the Royal Cabinet, Hafez Afifi Pasha, has been sent by King Farouk to the Coptic Patriarch to present his Sovereign's apologies for the outrage to the Coptic Church, and to assure him that "the King wishes to emphasise that in his eyes all Egyptians are equal and should enjoy the same rights without discrimination. The King will never allow the Copts to suffer any injustice, since they are among his Loyal subjects and have long striven for the revival of the nation."

E.P.S. Geneva

GERMANY

Ecumenical Periodical in German

"After our gladness at the great discovery of the ecumenical movement, that the Christian Churches, when they meet together in the name of the One Lord of the Church, have an infinity of gifts to bestow upon one another, we have now to note that only by intensive and comprehensive labour do we progress along the path to true unity." Thus the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, characterises the service of scholarship and research upon which the new ecumenical periodical in German, the "Oekumenische Rundschau", is launching.

Kirchenpräsident Martin Niemöller welcomes the "Oekumenische Rundschau" as a fit instrument for genuinely drawing the Christian Churches and their parishes in Germany into ecumenical work. In view, in particular, of the forthcoming World Assembly in Evanston in 1954, it is, he says, of importance that, thanks to this new publication, a gap of which the German Church has been painfully conscious since the Amsterdam Assembly of 1948 should now have been closed. The "Oekumenische Rundschau" is appearing as a sister-paper to the "Evangelische Missionszeit-schrift", and, like it, is edited by Professor Freytag, of Hamburg, and published by the Evangelischer Verlag in Stuttgart. It thus at the same time emphasises the underlying interdependence of ecumenical and mission work already demonstrated by the close co-operation between the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

E.P.S. Geneva

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Bishop Bereczky honoured

The Comenius Theological Faculty in Prague has conferred upon Bishop Albert Bereczky, head of the Hungarian Reformed Church, the degree of Doctor of Divinity honoris causa. At the ceremony on January 23, Bishop Bereczky spoke on the prophetic service of the Church.

Taking as his starting-point the declaration that the Church was "the Church of the living God," and hence "not mistress but servant of the Word," he said that the Church was "par excellence tested by the prophetic message of the Church, i.e. the Word of God, that brings to life in concrete reality, and reaches forth into life."

Bishop Berezky described the service of the Church in the world as the obligation "to serve peace and justice among the peoples." The different Churches did not, however, always see eye to eye concerning the manner of their service, although they had honestly tried "to foster awareness of their fellowship in the Una Sancta."

On this point, Bishop Berezky said that he had come to realise "that our Churches have grasped something of the will of God today which in the Churches of the West has been thus envisaged only by a few, and which they have yet to learn as new." Thus the question was, "Is the prophetic service which we seek to perform by doing our duty as a Church in concrete tasks in a radically-altering world... not the path and service of the whole Church, and of all Christian people?"

The First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948 had, he said, dealt with the question "The Church and the Disorder of Society." And it had almost come to pass that the prophetic message of the Church had been given utterance. Bishop Berezky quoted statements made on that occasion to prove that "the voice of repentance was heard from the Church."

Since then, however, the new and creative solutions had not been found. Why not? The Church had not been sincere in recognising and accepting the judgment of God, going beyond Christianity as it had existed to date and the form of human society so closely bound up with it. For lack of such true repentance, it was incapable, amid the situation as it actually was, of realising the path of obedience. It could not hurry to make good what it had received from God two thousand years before, but it could hurry in one thing, if it was not to fall into the sin of coming too late. It could make haste to perform afresh for the good of the world the service offered it, as a rich opportunity and task, by the new Socialist order of society.

"These are, of course, political matters," Bishop Berezky concluded, "and not strictly the duties of the Church. But it is in these very matters that the great testing of the Church consists, whether it can achieve in political questions decisions that are not political but arise from faith... We cannot force our attitude on anyone. But one thing we can ask of everyone: to bear in mind that we are saying what it has been enjoined upon us to say in accordance with our faith and obedience, freely and from inner conviction, learning from the Word of God and hearkening to His still, small voice." E.P.S. Geneva

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
OF THE BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
HELD AT BISHOP'S LODGE, RANCHI,
on Tuesday, October 2, 1951

1. In the absence of President John being sick, and Vice-President having not arrived, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hall was voted to the Chair.

2. The Chairman then opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

3. Roll Call—The following members were present:—
Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Chotanagpur, Rev. Brian Harvey, Rev. C. C. Roadarmal, Pandit C. M. Tiga, Mr. S. K. Roy, Miss M. Tirsgard, Miss K. C. Sokey, Dr. D. G. Muthu, Rev. D. B. Hans, and Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary).

4. Confirmation of Minutes : The minutes of the Executive Committee held on 5. 4. 1951 were taken as read and confirmed with some corrections.

5. Letter from Mr. Malachi on Christian representation on the Legislatures. The Committee is unable to consider the matter because it is outside the jurisdiction of the Bihar Christian Council.

6. Dr. Wilder's letter re: a Medical Committee—Recommended to the Council that the matter be considered along with Dr. C. Hagen.

7. N. C. C. Headquarters Fund:—

Resolved, that the Council be asked to make suitable arrangements for raising more money to be given to the N. C. C. Headquarters Fund.

8. Travelling and Hospitality expenses of delegates to the Council meeting;

Resolved that the Churches and Missions be asked to pay the Travelling and Hospitality expenses of their delegates.

Co-opted members:—

Resolved that the Council Treasurer be permitted to pay the hospitality expenses of the Co-opted members whenever such need arises.

9. Enhancement of Affiliation fees :

With a view to, (a) Making a more worthy contribution to the N. C. C. (b) making the work of the Bihar Christian Council more adequately carried on, and (c) meet the enhanced cost of travelling of members, it is recommended to the Council that the present affiliation fees be increased.

10. The meeting was closed with a word of prayer and benediction by the Chairman.

Chairman.

J. J. P. TIGA,

Secretary.

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Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi, the 4th. April, 52

The members of the Executive Committee,
Bihar Christian Council.

Dear friends,

In order to make arrangements for those who are actually coming for the meeting to be held on the 30th. inst. Miss M. Tirsgaard, Methodist Episcopal Church ARRAH, Bihar would want all of us to let her know before the 25th. of this month whether we are going there or not and, if going then when may she expect. Please write to her immediately and tell her the date and the train by which you expect to be there. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you at Arrah.

Yours Sincerely,

Secretary,

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Members of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council
appointed in October, 1951 for the period 1951 to 1953 .

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2. Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Bhagalpur , Vice-President,
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J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary, 23/3

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

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Members are hereby informed that a meeting of the ~~XXXXXX~~ Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council will be held on Wednesday, the 30th. April, 1952 at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Arrah, commencing at 8 A.M. Miss M. Tirsgaard has kindly consented to be in charge of hospitality.

members may send to the undersigned any items which they would want the Executive Committee to consider.

(J. ~~Secretary~~ TIGA.)
BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, RANCHI.
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Seay,
E. L. Church,

Ranchi

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Dear Mr. Sirka,

Please

Send me my Bell Minster
Book in which I have
together the V.C.C Minster
also. Much of my work
has suffered because
you have not returned
it. It is a long time
that you have kept it
with you.

Yrs. Sincerely
J. J. P. TIGA

Please find out
the time to be
sent to J. J. P. TIGA
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Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. The 21st April 1952

To
Rev. J.F.P. Tiga, B.D., S.T.M.,
Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi.

Extract resolution of the meeting of the Full Church
Council of the H.E.L. Church Chotanagpur and Assam, held at
Ranchi from 27th February to 2nd March 1952. *to get this with the original*
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ke liye likhte hain.
Is ke babat phaesla ki jati hai ki C.C. is
bat ko B.C.C. men pesh kare.

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C.D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

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Ranchi, (Bihar) India

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1952

To

Guru Bachan Singh, B.A.B.D.
Secretary and Treasurer, M.I.R.C.C.
Gass Memorial Centre,
Raipur M.P.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 16th April, 1952 addressed to President G.E.L. Church Ranchi I beg to let you know that from the side of the Gossner Church President J. Lakra, Rev. J.A. Kujur and Rev. P. Kujur will meet the Comity Commission at Pathalgaon on the 27th April noon also some pracharaks are expected to present their d'position before the commission.

It is regretted that the autonomous Lutheran Church will not be able to contribute towards the expenses of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

C.D. Sirka
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 484/52

The 21-4-52. 195

To

Miss Tingsgaard,
Arrah.

Dear Miss Tingsgaard,

As instructed by the Secretary B.C.C.

I beg to inform you that I shall reach Arrah on the
30 th by noon from Patna for the Executive meeting of
the B.C.C. Thanking you in anticipation for the accomo-
dation.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Surin
Secretary,

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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No. 333/52

The 29/3/52. 195

An Extract resolution of the meeting of the Church Council held at Ranchi from 27.2.52 to 2.3.52.

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Comity Rules:- Read the letter of Dr. Bhattya regarding his inquiry whether G.E.L. Church desires to withdraw her membership from the N.C.C. and the reply of the Church Council Secretary to that letter. Resolved that the Council approves the action of the Secretary.

"Is ke sambandh men kaha gaya ki jab tak Council ko Draft copy adhyayan ke liye nahin diya jata hai tab ham membership form men sahi nahin kar sakte hain."

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Above mentioned document forwarded to Dr. Bhattya ~~xxx~~ requesting him to send a Draft copy of the Comity Rules for the study of the Council at an early date.

C.D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

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DIRECTORY INCLUDING ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS
OF
AFFILIATED BODIES
OF
THE BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
AFFILIATED TO
THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL
OF INDIA
NAGPUR, 1, M. P.

I. CHURCHES.

1. Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, Chotanagpur Diocese ;
The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur,
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
2. C.I.B.C. Bhagalpore Diocese, C.M.S.
The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur,
Champanagar, Bihar.
3. Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ Mission ;
Mr. J. C. Christie,
Nawabhandaria
Palamau, Bihar.
4. Gomoh Methodist Church :
Bishop Rockey,
Bishop's House
Calcutta.
5. Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church ;
Mr. C. D. Sirka, Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
6. Methodist Episcopal Church :
Rev. J. L. Kinder
Methodist Church
Arrah, Bihar,

2. MISSIONS.

7. Assemblies of God Mission :
Mr. S. S. Bryant, Suptdt.
7, Tiljala Road,
Calcutta 17.
8. American Mennonite Mission :
Mr. M. C. Vogt,
P.O. Chandwa,
Dt. Palamau.
9. American Freewill Baptist Mission :
Mr. Paul Woolsey,
Sonapurhat, Kishanganj Sub-Division,
Purnea Dist., N. Bihar.
10. American Baptist Bengal-Orissa Mission :
Rev. C. C. Roadarmal,
Beldih Triangle, Jamshedpur
P.O. Singbhum.
11. Baptist Union of North India :
Secretary,
Ludlow Castle Rd
Delhi.
12. British Churches of Christ Mission :
Mr. J. C. Christie,
P.O. Nawa Bhandaria,
Palamau District,
Bihar.
13. Brethren in Christ Mission :
Mr. William R. Hoke,
Field Secretary, P.O. Tirbeniganj,
Via Murligan J.A. Ry.
N. Bhagalpur Dt.
14. Christian Medical Association of India :
Dr. Christofer Hagen,
Mohulpahari Santal Pargana.
15. Dublin University Mission :
The Rev. Brian Harvey,
Dublin University Mission,
Hazaribagh.
16. Eastern Himalayan Mission Council :
the Rev. G. Fairservice,
The Manse, Matelli P. O.
Jalpaiguri Dt. West Bengal.

17. Elim Missionary Society :
Mr. T. B. Troke, Chairman,
India Field Conference,
28 Kamal Mansions,
Arthur Bunder Road,
Colaba, Bombay 5.
18. Regions Beyond Missionary Union :—
Mr. E. W. Oliver, Field Superintendent,
Mission House, Motihari,
Champaran Dist.
Bihar.
19. The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission :
29. Rev. Hans Svartdahl,
Manor Lodge, Darjeeling,
West Bengal.
20. United Missionary Society :
21. Mr. Edward Benedict,
Field Superintendent.
Raghunathpur P.O.
Manbhum Dist. Bihar.
21. Zenana Bible and Medical Mission :
22. Miss A. Cargo,
Teck Hospital, Patna.
P.O. Gulzarbagh.
3. AFFILIATED COUNCIL.
- 22 Eastern Himalayan Church Council :
Moderator E. H. Church Council,
Darjeeling.
4. AFFILIATED BODIES.
23. Bible Society of India :
The Secretary. Bible Society,
Bible House,
23, Chouringhee Road, Calcutta.
24. North India Christian Tract and Book Society :
The Rev. Paul Das, Secretary,
18. Clive Road, Allahabad I.
- 5 FRATERNAL COUNCIL.
25. Santal Christian Council :
Dr. R. M. Macphail, Secretary,
P.O. Bamdaha, Via Simultala, E.I.R.

CONSTITUTED COUNCIL FOR 1951 SESSIONS.

(Vide Constitution 5.P.3)

(i) Officers.

- 1 *President* : Rev P. John. a
Baptist Mission, Patna
- 2 *Vice-President* : The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur, p
"Bishop's House", Champanagar,
Bhagalpur.
- 3 *Treasurer* : Miss M. M. Tirsgaard, p
Sawtelle Memorial M. E. School,
Methodist Episcopal Church, Arrah.
- 4 *Secretary* : Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, p
Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi.

Note:—It was Resolved to put the names of the affiliated Churches first; and then the missions.

(2) A. Representatives of Churches.

- I Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church;
 - 5 Rev. J.A. Kujur, p
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
 - 6 Rev. H. Topono, a
G. E. L. Church, Burju,
P.O. Murhu; Dist. Ranchi.
 - 7 Rev. S. Kula, p
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
 - 8 Mr. Z. Horo, a
G.E.L. Church, Burju,
P.O. Murhu, Dist. Ranchi.
 - 9 Mr. C.D. Sirka, Secretary, p
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
- II Churches Representative Committee of the British Churches of Christ Mission :
 - 10 Mr. I. P. Tiga. p
Nawa Bhandaria, Palamau.
- III Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, Chotanagpur Diocese :
 - 11 The Rev. Gabriel Hemrom, p
C/O The Rev. J. Demta,
S.P.G. Mission, Tapkara,
Barda P.O. (Ranchi).

- 12 The Rev. Philemon Madhu Khalkho, p
Christian Line 2 Mohulbera,
Golmuri P.O. Tatanagar B.N.R.
 - 13 Mr. R. Menson Khalkho, p
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
 - 14 Mr. Puran Dadel, p
S.P.G. Mission,
Itki P.O. (Ranchi.)
 - 15 Mr. J. E. Nag, p
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
 - IV. C.I.B.C., Bhagalpore Diocese, C.M.S.
 - 16 Rev. D. P. Misra, p
The Parsonage,
Jamalpur, E.I R. Loop.
 - C.E.Z.M.S.
 - 17 Miss I. Osgathorp, p
Lal Kothi, P.O. Bhagalpore City.
 - V Methodist Episcopal Church :
 - 18 Rev. T. Massey, Methodist Church p
Sasram, Bihar.
 - 19 Mrs. J. L. Kinder, p
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 - VI Gomoh Methodist Church : 20 a
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 - 11 American Mennonite Mission :
 - 22 Mr. M.C. Vogt, p
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 - III Baptist Union of North India :
 - 23 Mr. Paul Lakhan Lal, p
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- IX Eastern Himalayan Mission Council :
29 The Rev. G. Fairservice, p
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30 The Rev. David C. Lewis, a
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36 Mr. George Mahbert, p
Mahbert House, Siliguri.
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- (3) CO-OPTED MEMBERS.
- 39 The Rt. Rev. Bishop Noel Hall, p
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
- 40 Mr. S. K. Roy, p
Toofan Kone, Kanke, Ranchi.
- 41 Rev. J. Lakra, p
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
- 42 Mr. M.M. Williamson, a
Motijheel, Muzzaffarpur, N. Bihar.
- 43 Rev. J.H. Dayal, a
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
- 44 The Rev. Dilbar Hans, p
S. P. G. Mission,
P. O. Murhu, Dt. Ranchi.
- 45 Miss K.C. Sokey, p
Bethesda Girls' High School, Ranchi.
- 46 Dr. D.G. Muthu, p
"Mayfield," Ranchi.
- 47 Rev. S.K. Patro, p
Dublin University Mission,
Hazaribagh,

48. Mr. E. W. Oliver, Field Superintendent,
Mission House Motihari,
Champan, Bihar. a
49. Mr. C. M. Tiga, p
C/O Mr. J. E. P. Tiga,
G. E. L. Church Press, Ranchi.
50. Rev. E. Ekka, p
Grassmore T. E. P. O. Nagrakata,
Dist. Jalpaiguri.
51. Mr. K. K. Sokey, p
G. E. L. Church, Purulia,
Manbhum.

The National Christian Council of India :

52. The Rev. John W. Sadiq, p
Council Lodge, Near C. P. Club,
Nagpur 1, M. P.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

I. Santal Christian Council :

53. Rev. J. Gausdal, Chairman, p
Ebenezer Lutheran Church,
P. O. Benagaria, S. P.
54. Mr. P. P. Tudu, a
Dhonukpuja Vil.
P. O. Pakaur, E. I. R. (Loop), S. P.
55. Mr. Gorachand Tudu, a
Kaerabani High School,
P. O. Kaerabani, S. P.
56. Mr. Paulus Baske, p
Taljhari School,
P. O. Taljhari, E. I. R. (Loop), S. P.
57. Dr. R. M. Macphail, Secretary, a
P. O. Bamdah, Via Simultala, E. I. R.

Visitors

Mrs. William R. Hoke, Mrs. Shirk, Mrs. Vogt,
Dr. G. Schultz, Rev. J. Klimkeit, Mr. Canham, Mr. H. Lakra
Mr. J. Topno, Mr. P. Hemrom,

Proceedings of the Twenty second meeting of the
Behar Christian Council held at Bishops Lodge, Ranchi
from October 2nd to 5th 1951.

Tuesday Oct. 2—First Session.

1. *Opening Devotions*—The Council was opened at 2 p.m.
with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. G Fair-
service.

2. *Chairman*—The Secretary, Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
informed the house about the inability of the President,
Rev. P. John to attend the meetings owing to his illness.
He read the following Telegram :

Bishop Lenman Champanagar, Bhagalpur. Been unable
preside Ranchi meetings please take charge letter follows.
John

Thereupon the vice-President, Rt. Reverend the Bishop
of Bhagalpur took the chair.

The Secretary then read a letter of good wishes to the
Council from President, Rev. P. John. In reply the house
decided to send a telegram of sympathy wishing him a
speedy recovery.

3. *Roll Call*—The printed list of members was scrutinized.
All members in the authorised list of members of the
Council given on pages 4—8 were present except those
with (a) after their names

The Rev. D. Hans, Mr. K. K. Sokey and Rev. E. Ekka.
were coopted to the Council.
R I It was Resolved that,

The names of Churches be put as (2) A before those of
the Missions which should be (2) B.

NOTE 42 members out of 57 were present. One Con-
stituency (G. M. C, No. 2 a VI) did not send any
delegate. Out of 14 absentees, President P. John,
Rev. DC. Lewis, Mr. P. Woolsey, Secretary
Bible Society, the Rev. Paul Das, Rev. J. H.
Dayal & Mr. E. W. Oliver sent their greetings
with their regret for not being able to attend
The Revd. J. Gausdal and Mr. Paulus Baske
fraternal delegates from the Santal Christian
Council were welcomed. They spoke a few words
of greetings from the Santal Christian Council.
Names of the visitors present were recorded.

Welcome.

The Rev. J. W. Sadiq, one of the Secretaries and representative of the National Christian Council and the newly affiliated Brethren in Christian Mission representative were specially welcomed.

4. *Adoption of the Programme*—The printed programme of the Council was adopted with a few alterations and additions.

(Appendix I)

5. *President's Address*—The Chairman read the President's address.

(See Appendix II)

6. *Minute Secretaries*—Mr. C. D. Sirka and the Rev. D. Hans were appointed minute Secretaries.

7. *Auditors*—Miss K. C. Sokey and Miss I. Osgathorp were appointed auditors.

8. *Nominations Committee*—The following were appointed to the Nominations Committee:—Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Chotanagpur (convener), Revs. J. Lakra and C. C. Roadarmal, Messrs W. R. Hoke and G. Mahbert, and Misses A Cargo and I. Osgathorp.

R II It was decided that in future the Executive Committee should submit a list of names out of which the members of the Nominations Committee should be appointed by the Council.

The time for the Council meetings were fixed from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

9. *Drafting Committee*—

R III After discussion it was decided to form a drafting committee consisting of the Revs. B. Hervey, C. C. Roadarmal and G. Fair service.

Secretary's Report The Revd. J. J. P. Tiga submitted the Secretary's report.

(See Appendix III)

The Revd. B. Harvey proposed and Mr. G. Mabbert seconded the motion to adopt the report which was carried.

10. *The Blind School*—The Rev. P. Canham gave a report of the S. P. G. Blind School, Ranchi.

The Drafting committee was asked to draft a Resolution in connection with the Blind School.

11. *Santal and Behar Christian Councils*—The Secretary read a report sent by Dr. R. M. Macphail concerning the relation between the Santal and the Behar Christian Councils.

(See Appendix IV)

As the time was over further discussion on the subject was postponed for the following session of the Council.

12. 6.00 p. m, Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral:—Address was made by the Rev. Dr. Guenther Schultz on "Experience of the Church in Germany during and after the War."

Wednesday Oct. 3—Second Session.

The Revd. D. Hans conducted the opening devotions.

Confirmation of minutes—The Minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

Item 10 (Contd.) The Blind School—The following resolution was adopted in connection with the Blind School:—

R IV That the S. P. G. Blind School, Ranchi, being the only institution in this State for the benefit of the handicapped be recognised as an institution whose facilities are available to all constituent bodies of the Behar Christian Council and that all constituent bodies be requested to spread information and arouse interest in the School; and to arrange some occasion annually for special prayers and contributions for its work and to invite the head of the institution at all Council meetings for report.

The desire of the house was expressed that in the Managing Committee of the Blind School the Behar Christian Council may be officially represented.

13. *N. C. C. matters*—The Rev. J. W. Sadiq gave the following Statement with the N. C. C. matters and conveyed the greetings of the N. C. C. to the B. C. C. which was accepted with thanks.

(See Appendix V)

Item 11 (contd) Relationship between the S. C. C. and the B. C. C.

R V It was decided to rescind part of the resolution with regard to the payment of Rs. 50/- as affiliation fee in 3 (ii) of the Joint Executive Committee of the S. C. C. and B. C. C. held at Ranchi on 18th to 19th April 1950.

14. *Adult Literacy*—The report submitted by Mr. Mr. C.M. Tiga was accepted.

Mr. C. M. Tiga requested the constituent bodies of the B. C. C. to appoint a person with whom to keep contact on the matter and to include in their annual census report a column—How many can read the Bible?

(Appendix VI)

15. *Youth Work*—The Secretary read the report on Youth work sent by Mr. R. John.

(Appendix VII)

It was suggested that an attempt should be made to coordinate the Youth organizations of different Churches.

The Rev. J. W. Sadiq pointed out that the N. C. C. would be glad to help with men and money in this matter.

Then the meeting adjourned for the day.

Wednesday Oct. 3—Third Session.

16. *Evangelistic Opportunities in Behar* ;—

The Rev. J. Lakra in his address pointed out that Neo Hinduism and denominational/committee rules were obstacles in enangelisation of Behar.

Among the opportunities he pointed out that Behar was the greatest centre of Christianity in this part of India excluding Assam and that what Christianity had done for the people was apparrant to Non Christians.

He pointed out that more stress should be given to villages, Nationals should be the nucleus of evangelistic work and that the Church must be a missionary Church.

Report on Evāngelism — The report sent by Rev. Oliver was read by Mr. McCabe and was accepted.

(See Appendix VIII)

There was a discussion at which Mr. Roy & others took part. Emphasis was given on wider circle of Evangelistic programme.

17. *Comity Rules* — The Secretary made a statement with regard to Comity Rules. He referred to N. C. C. & B.C.C. Rules and also about the proposed amendments.

R VI. The following resolution was adopted :—That in view of the resolution No. R IV of this Council adopted at the Hazaribagh Council session the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church be requested to renew their pledge concerning Comity Rules and to return the printed form duly signed by the proper authority.

18. *Christian Literature*—The Secretary read the report sent by Rev. P. John.

(See Appendix IX)

The Rev. Fairservice was requested to draft a resolution with regard to an exhibition of Christian Literature at the next session of the Council.

19. At 6.00 p. m. Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral. "The Challenge Of the Present World Situation to Christian"...Address was made by the Rev. J. W. Sadiq.

Thursday 4th of Oct. 1951 Fourth Session.

20. *Quiet Morning*—The fore noon was observed as quiet time. Rt. Rev. Bishop Noel Hall and Rev. I. Gausdal conducted the hour.

Thursday Oct. 4, Fifth Session.

The afternoon Session was opened with prayer by the Chairman at 2 p. m.

The Secretary checked the attendance of the members Rev. J. C. Christie who had just arrived was welcomed,

Following telegramme of greetings and goodwishes was received with thanks from Messrs Cronk and Woolsey, Kishanganj.

"Greetings and Prayers for a good conference stop our work Progressing here Cronk and woolsey."

Confirmation of minutes:—The minutes of the previous day were read and the following corrections and omissions were rectified :

The words "Brethren in Christ Mission" were substituted in place of the words "American Freewill Baptist Mission". The following which was omitted from the previous day's minutes was added to it :

21. *Christian Home Movement:*—Members spoke on the importance and place of the movement. It was decided to form a Committee of the B.C.C. for the Christian Home Movement".

RVII The work suggesting names for this Committee was delegated to the Nominations Committee.

Miss K. C. Sokey was appointed delegate to attend the Christian Home movement Conference in Nagpur to be held on the 10th and the 11th of October 1951.

Resolutions:—The following resolutions submitted by the Drafting Committee were adopted :

Item 11 (Contd.) Relationship between the S.C.C. and the B. C. C.

RVIII Resolved: That in order to provide for closer fellowship in cooperation between the Behar Christian Council and the Santal Christian Council the following arrangements be made:

1. That the executive Committee of the two councils meet jointly at least biennially for discussing matters of common concern (Next meeting in Nov. 1952). More frequent joint meetings may be held if necessary for the discussion of any special business.

2. That the Santal Christian Council be invited to send to the meetings of the Behar Christian Council five Fraternal delegates who shall have the right of the floor of the house."

Item 5 (Contd.) Youth Work.

RIX. "Resolved that in future the corresponding Secretary of the Youth Work be requested to maintain contact with all Christian Youth organisations in the state and as far as possible co-ordinate their work and prevent unnecessary duplication or overlapping of activities."

Item 14 (Contd.) Adult Literacy Committee.

R X "It was resolved that :—

(1) The constituent bodies maintain records of the number of literate Christians within their areas.

(2) The constituent bodies report to the convener of the Adult Literacy Committee the names of their promoters of Adult Literacy work or other correspondents in order that he may keep regular contact with them."

Item 18 (contd.) Literature Committee.

R XI It was resolved that the Literature Committee be asked to arrange for the next meeting of the B.C.C. a display of the news publications in Christian Literature.

Item 16 (contd.) Evangelism :—

Arising out of the discussions on the report on Evangelism of the Previous day it was decided to adopt a resolution. This was referred to the drafting Committee.

22. *A United Christian School for Boys in Patna.*

Mr. P. L. Lal in his speech appealed to the house to consider establishing a United Christian School for Boys in Patna.

R XII After discussion the following resolution was adopted :

"In view of the fact that there is no Christian Boy's School in Patna, the capital of Behar and a large number of Christian boys are attending Non-Christian Schools, this Council strongly feels that a school preferably as a united effort will meet a real need and that possibilities of establishing such a school should be explored in right earnest. With this in view it is resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to go into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Council,

The nominations Committee was asked to recommend names of members of the Committee.

23. The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Miss M.M. Tirsgaard, presented a financial statement of the B.C.C. of the period from Dec. 12, 1949 to Sept 30, 1951, showing a closing credit balance of Rs. 1551-11-3.

This statement had been audited by the appointed auditors, Misses K. C Sokey and I. M. Osgathorp,

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The statement was adopted.

The matter with regard to the inclusion of the names of the respective treasurers of the different constituent Bodies of the Council was referred to the Drafting Committee.

24. Enhanced Financial Support for N.C.C.

RXIII The Executive Committee of the B.C.C. having met at the tea interval decided to recommend to authorise the new Executive Committee to find ways and means and to make plans to raise more funds from indigenous sources and to take necessary action.

25. Memorandum to Government.

Mr. P. Baske made a statement introducing the subject of the necessity of sending a memorandum to Government.

While the matter was still being discussed the house adjourned for the day.

26. At 6.00 p.m. Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A. Address By the Rev. G. McCabe on "Poster and Picture Presentation of the Gospel.

B. Address By the Rev. John Sadiq on "Methods of Evangelism".

Friday, 5th October 1951—Sixth Session

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Item 25 (contd) Memorandum to Government :

RXIII After discussion on Educational matters it was resolved that any action being taken at present time in local areas by Constituent Bodies, whether jointly or individually, concerning Government support and recognition of schools, staffs and kindred educational matters, be reported at once to the secretary of the joint Educational Committee. That this Committee be convened as soon as possible to consider such action, memoranda etc. and to make representation to Government through B. C. C. Secretary. That Dr. H. C. Mukherjee be called into consultation and if necessary be asked to take action in Parliament along side the representation, being in the name of this Council.

Item 24 (contd.) Resolution on affiliation fee to N. C. C.

The Executive Committee proposed a resolution that the Council refer the question of enhancing affiliation fees to the New Executive Committee, for reconsideration.

RXIV Resolved that the Executive Committee be authorised to find other ways and means of raising Funds from indigenous sources within the Constituencies of the Council, in order to make a contribution to the N. C. C. more nearly proportionate to the services rendered by it to the state.

Item 26. N. C. C. Headquarters Fund.

The Secretary reported on the contributions of the various Provincial Councils made towards this fund & urged upon the members' immediate attention to be paid to this matter.

RXV Resolved that constituent bodies be asked to make a special non-recurring collection within the next twelve months towards the Headquarters fund and send it to the treasurer B. C. C. for forwarding to N. C. C.

Item 16 (Contd.) Evangelism :

It was resolved,

- (1) That a fresh survey be made of the evangelistic possibilities within the state ;
- (2) that the N. C. C. be approached for a grant to give effect to Evangelistic projects arising out of the survey ;

- (3) that where the custom has not yet been established the constituent bodies be encouraged to make a concerted Evangelistic effort annually within their areas;
- (4) that the Secretary be instructed to obtain the services of an Evangelist for an extended Evangelistic tour in 1952.

Item 23. The Treasurer's Report (contd) :

RXVII Finance—It was resolved that the Constituent bodies be requested to communicate to the Council Treasurer, the names and addresses of their treasurers; and that the Council treasurer be requested to send a subscription reminder to each Constituent body during the month of January each year.

28. *Sunday Schools :—*

The. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga gave his report on the Sunday Schools.

RXVIII Resolved that a Committee on Sunday Schools be appointed with the following as members :

1. Rev. Ph. M. Khalkho, 2 Miss Millicent Dwyer, 3 Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Convener), 4 Rev. J. L. Kinder, 5 Mr. I. P. Tiga and 6. Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Youth work.

29. *Relief Work :—*The Secretary read the written report of President P. John on Relief work.

(Appendix XI)

Rev. J. Lakra reported on the L. W. F. Relief.

RXIX This meeting of the B.C.C. learns with gratitude the gift of wheat etc. from the Lutheran world Relief Church World Service, U. S. A. and all other Organizations for the famine stricken area of Behar and will be glad to assist through its Constituencies in the distribution.

30. *Report on Medical work.* Dr. Christopher Hagen and Miss A. Cargo reported on this work in Bihar.

Dr. Hagen made the following Statement :—

In order to try and integrate with the Christian Councils we are arranging to elect an Executive Committee of the Association in each one of the Areas served by Provincial Councils with the exception of the Santal

Christian Council. It is proposed to have an Executive Committee of 4 or 5 members with the Secretary of the Christian Medical Association for that Area and the Secretary of the Nurses Auxiliary for that Area. We are asking the Provincial Councils if they will accept this Committee with the addition of 2 members, probably nonmedical to be appointed by the Provincial Christian Council. In some cases this will mean a substitution of this Committee for the existing Medical Committee of the Council. In other cases where the Council has no Medical Committee this will become the Medical Committee for their Area. We are also asking the Councils to appoint one member of the Christian Medical Association from the Area, probably the C.M.A. Secretary for that Area as a member of their Council. In this way it is hoped that where there is no Medical Committee at present we shall have such a Committee and in the Areas where such a Committee already exists there will be no overlapping or duplication.

RXX It is Resolved that members two (non medical personnel) be appointed biennially to serve with the Behar Executive Committee of the Christian Medical Association of India as the Medical Committee of the Bihar Christian Council.

RXXI The Behar Christian Council calls the attention of Christian Medical Association of India to the difficulties that are arising in meeting Bihar requirements for Training Dispensers and it is suggested that the establishment of such training centers at Ludhiana or Vellore be considered.

Item 31. Report of the Nominations Committee.

RXXII Resolved that the recommendation of the Nominations Committee with necessary amendments be accepted as follows :

Officers.

President— Rev P. John B. M. S. Patna
 Vice President— Rt Rev. Bishop Lenman Bhagalpore
 Treasurer— Miss M. Tirsgaard, Arrah
 Secretary— Rev J. J. P. Tiga, Ranchi

Coopted members.

Rev P. John, Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur,
 Miss M. Tirsgaard Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
 Rt Rev Bishop of Chotanagpur Miss K. C. Sokey, Ranchi
 Mr. S. K. Roy, Ranchi Dr. D. G. Muthu, "
 Dr. M. W. Anderson Patna Rev Joel Lakra

- (ii) that the Executive Committee make arrangements for the camp and subsidise the camp if necessary.
- (iii) that the N. C. C. be requested to provide a grant for the camp
- (iv) that Dr. BHATTY be invited to be present at the camp.

A brief summary of the address of Mr. H. Lakra is appended

(See Appendix XII)

Item 33 Theological Education in India.

Rev. J. W. Sadiq made a statement. It was said in the Council that a Theological College in Bihar of degree standard was desirable to be established in which education could be given in Hindi. It was also said that on account of various reasons, a United College could not be opened until now. However, the importance of Serampore Theological College was stressed and a desire was expressed to consider the question of a Union Theological College in Bihar.

Item 34 Place and time of next meeting.

It was referred to the Executive Committee.

Item 35 Bible Society:

Report of President P. John was read.

(Appendix XIII).

Item 36 Vote of Thanks.

The Council expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur for hospitalities and for enabling the Council to meet in his own lodge and also to authorities of St. Paul's High School and St. Margarrets High School for excellent & arrangement for lodging for the guests. Vote of thanks were also expressed to the chair.

The Chairman, Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore closed the meeting with prayer & benediction.

Sd/— BISHOP LENMAN
Chairman.

Sd/— J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary.

Appendix I

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 2

9 A.M. : Meeting of the Executive Committee.

10-30 A.M. : Meetings of other Council Committees by arrangement of conveners.

2 P.M. : Council Session—
Worship : Rev. G. Fairservice
Preliminaries : Attendance of delegates,
Registration of visitors and Affiliations
Adoption of the Programme
Greetings from the Santal Christian

Council : Dr. R. M. Macphail

President's Address

Appointment of Minute Secretaries

Appointment of Auditors

Appointment of the Nominations Committee

Secretary's Report

S.P.G. Blind School : Report by the Rev.
P. Canham

Santal and Bihar Christian Councils :

Dr. Macphail

6.00 P.M. Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral.
Address by the Rev. Dr. Guenther Schultz
"Experience of the Church in Germany during
and after the War."

WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 3

9.00 A.M. Worship : Rev. D.B. Hans
N.C.C. Matters : The Rev. John W. Sadiq
Report of the Triennial Meeting
N.C.C. & B.C.C.

Evangelistic Opportunities in Bihar :

Rev. J. Lakra

Adult Literacy : Report by Pandit C.M. TIGA

Youth Work : Report by Mr. Raymond John

WEDNESDAY (Contd.)

- 2.00 P.M. Comity Rules: Secretary
 Christain Home: Miss K. C. Sokey
 Christian Literature: Rev. P. John
 Temperance: Mr. George Mahbert
- 6.00 P.M. Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral
 "The Challenge of the Present World Situation to Christian"...Address by the
 Rev. J. W. Sadiq

THURSDAY—OCTOBER 4

- 9.00 A.M. QUIET DAY.
 Address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur
 Private Devotions
 Intercessory prayer: Led by the
 Rev. J. Gausdal
- 2.00 P.M. The work of the Bible Society: Rev. P. John
 A United Christian School for boys in Patna:
 Mr. P.L. Lall
 Treasurer's Report: Miss M.M. Tirsgaard
 Sunday Schools: Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
 Economic Life of the Church:
 Mr. Herman Lakra
 Theological Education in India:
 Mr. J.W. Sadiq
 Relief Work in Bihar: Rev. P. John
- 6.00 P.M. Public Meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral
 (A) Address By the Rev. G. McCabe
 "Poster & Picture Presentation of the Gospel."
 (B) Address By the Rev. J. W. Sadiq.

FRIDAY—OCTOBER 5

- 9.00 A.M. Worship: Rev T. Massey
 Report on Medical Work
 Report on Evangelism
 Memorandum to Government: Mr. P. Baske
 Christian Education in Bihar: Miss K C. Socky
 Report of the Nominations Committee
 Place and time of the next meeting
 Vote of thanks
 Closing words and Prayer: President

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Appendix II

Dear Bishop,

I hope you are quite well and feel well rested inspite of the long journey. I am glad you are back again in your diocese and there must be a good deal of work for you. Mr. Temple has been a great help to me in the matter of relief work.

You will have received my telegram today. I am sorry to say that I have not been keeping well for nearly a month and a half. My trouble is palpitation of the heart irregular pulse and high blood peessure. Two weeks ago the doctors ordered me to take a complete rest for 3 weeks. There should be no mental or physical exertion and all engagements at Patna and outside should be Cancelled.

I feel awfully sorry to have to cancel all engagements. I was looking forward to meeting friends at Ranchi and to getting inspirational fellowship, but this is not to be.

I shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly attend and preside over the meetings of the Council. Some important matters are to be discussed and dicided. I have been praying and will go on praying for these meetings and for all those who take part in them.

with all good wishes

Yours sincerely,

P. JOHN.

Appendix III

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

1. In the period between the last Council Meeting held in November 1949 and this Council meeting the Executive Committee met for four times as follows:

- I 18. 4. 1950 at Ranchi
- II 14. 11. 1950 at Hazaribagh
- III 5. 4. 1951 at Ranchi
- IV 2. 10. 1951 at Ranchi.

All meetings in Ranchi were held at the Bishop's Lodge. The Proceedings of all these meetings have been printed and sent round to all the members.

2. *New Secretary* :—In the November meeting held at Hazaribagh Rev. V. Walters, my able predecessor resigned the Secretaryship of this Council because he received a call to the pastorate of the English Baptist Church, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta. The Executive Committee reluctantly accepted the resignation and placed on record its expression of thankfulness for the excellent and most efficient way in which he was able to carry through the difficult and sometimes delicate task, of the Council.

The Executive Committee then unanimously appointed me to be the Secretary of this Council. I took charge of the work from Rev. Walters on the 4th November, 1950.

3. *Memorandum to Government*:

I have to report that the draft of the Memorandum was nearly ready. Mean while the Raman Catholics expressed that the Memorandum had to be re-written on account of some changes in the outlook and attitude of some Government officials. Some of our members also felt the same way. On 14-11-1950 the Executive Committee decided to drop the whole matter. The Santal Christian Council, however, feels that the matter should not be dropped. The subject is therefore before this Council and Mr. Paulus Baske will kindly introduce the subject.

4. *New member of the Council*:

I am very happy to report that Brethren in Christ Mission has been accepted in to the fellowship of this Council and we most gladly welcome its delegate Mr. Hoke.

J. J. P. Tiga.

(Appendix IV).

Relationship between Santal and Bihar Christian Councils.

Memo. by Dr. R. M. Macphail.

The Santal Christian Council was formed in 1935, to meet a need which had been felt for some years for closer co-operation between the various Missions and Churches at work among the Santals, scattered as these are throughout Bengal (both West and East) and Assam, as well as Bihar. Chiefly for linguistic reasons, these needs were not being adequately met by the Provincial Councils, and such matters as the provision of literature, theological and educational training, language examinations for missionaries, the provi-

sion of Santali Dictionaries and grammars, and the preservation of the language and script from threatened extinction, could only be adequately dealt with on a co-operative basis through such a body as the Santal Christian Council. These needs are as great to day as ever, and the Council, which has discussed its nature and existence at recent meetings, has expressed an unanimous opinion that it should continue.

Affiliation was originally to the Provincial C. C.'s — the Bihar & Orissa C. C. and the Bengal & Assam C. C. respectively; but, after some years, at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. J. Z. Hodge, direct affiliation to the N. C. C. was sought and granted; so that now the S. C. C. is in the same relationship with the N. C. C. as Provincial Councils — paying its affiliation fees and nominating its members directly.

Relationship to the Provincial Councils has been preserved by the mutual appointment of 'fraternal delegates' — i. e., where the Bihar C. C. is concerned, the S. C. C. appoints one fraternal delegate to its meetings, while it appoints one fraternal delegate the meetings of the Santal C. C.

Recently, there has been a growing feeling that this slender link is not enough, especially where our relationship to the Bihar C. C. is concerned. On the one hand, questions arise from time to time which involve the making of approaches on behalf of the Christian Community in the Province as a whole to Government authorities; and such action will obviously be most effective if planned and undertaken jointly by Councils. On the other hand, there has been a failure in fellowship — we have felt that, while our individual Churches are linked with larger Churches on an all-India basis, our Council as such, has drifted away from the life of our fellow-Christians in the Province.

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of both Councils was therefore held at Ranchi on April 18th and 19th., 1950, to consider the whole matter. Minute No. 3 contains the findings on this point. Briefly, it was there proposed that (a) to meet the occasional need of joint action, the executives of both Councils should meet jointly, at least biennially, oftener if necessary; and (b) to meet the need for closer fellowship, the Santal C. C. should send a delegation of up to five members to the Bihar C. C. meetings, paying on their behalf an affiliation fee of Rs. 50/-.

When these Minutes were submitted to the annual meeting of the Santal C. C. on March 13th to 15th, 1951, the following Minute was adopted by the Council:—

6 A (i). Closer co-operation. We agree to closer co-operation (with the Bihar C. C.), but as this Council already pays affiliation fees direct to the N. C. C., it considers that it would be a heavy burden to pay affiliation fees also to the Bihar C. C. The Secretary was therefore asked to request the Bihar C. C. to allow us to send five fraternal delegates, without paying fees."

That, then is our present proposal to the Bihar C. C. — namely, that the suggestions made at the joint meeting of the Executive Committees be adopted, except for the proviso of payment of affiliation fees. The Santal C. C. will of course pay the expenses of its delegates to the Bihar C. C.; and I think I may say that, in return, we would be glad to welcome a similar number of fraternal delegates from your Council to our meetings — the only difficulty there is linguistic, as our official language is Santali, generally considered a barbarous tongue by those who live on the heights of Chota Nagpur or the shores of the Ganges!

(Appendix V)

N. C. C. Secretary's Statement.

Mr. Sadiq brought the greetings of the National Christian Council and made a statement on the important present-day concerns of the Council. Here are points from his speech:

1. One of the most important things that have happened in the N. C. C. in recent years is the fact that it has begun to take stock of itself. It is trying to determine priorities in its programme and to see how far it is fulfilling the purpose for which it was brought into existence.

2. The Council has felt that in its programme Evangelism must have the first place. A good deal of attention was given to this subject at the last meeting of the Triennial Meeting, where a commission worked on 'the presentation of the Gospel in the changing context'. Subsequent to the triennial meeting a Council on Evangelism has been set up and a bulletin which will share news about methods of evangelism will be periodically issued. The Bulletin is called 'Good News Bulletin'. Survey of evangelistic oppo-

rtunities in different parts of the country is to be stimulated, and possibility of evangelistic teams visiting different parts of the country is being explored. Attempt is also to be made to co-ordinate the evangelistic work being done through Bible correspondence courses.

3. There is a danger of being over-satisfied with the level of Christian co-operation which is possible through the N. C. C. and P. C. Cs. and forgetting the goal of Christian unity. One of the anxieties of the Council has been the fact that even in the present co-operation difficulties are arising, such as through infringement of rules of Commity or breaking away from the fellowship of the Councils by reason of extreme theological positions. Such violations of the fellowship will have adverse repercussions on the Christian enterprise and can be taken advantage of by hostile Government officials and non-Christian bodies.

4. The Council has to look into the question of its financial support, more than ninety per cent of which comes from abroad. If the Council is to be rooted into the soil of the country and into the consciousness of the average member of the Church, it has perhaps either to revise its setup or increase manifold its support from Indian sources. In this task the Provincial Councils can help the N. C. C.

5. Dr. Kraemers visit to India has stimulated interest in the question of training lay leadership. For this purpose plans are being discussed how services rendered by the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey can be in some measure rendered without setting up a permanent Institute in one place.

6. Dr. Bennets visit for the study of Communism proved stimulating. An Institute for the Study of Study has been set up at Bangalore with the help of the N. C. C.

7. In the field of Literature the three significant developments are the establishment of a Board of Christian Literature which co-ordinates the literature needs and their fulfilment, the establishment of the Service Council of the Christian literature Agencies which has become a clearing house of information on technical matters connected with the printing, publishing and distribution of Christian Literature; and the proposed School of Journalism to be started at Hislop College, Nagpur.

8. Mr. Sadiq gave information about contact with Government on important matters and about developments in the Christian Home Movement, Youth Work, Adult Education, Theological Education and Medical work. He said that the various departments of the N. C. C. and Provincial Councils were important arms of the Christian enterprise, but their ultimate value and effectiveness were dependent upon how far they were related to the life and witness of the Church in its universal and local manifestations. The Church is central and permanent in the Christian enterprise, and its main task is proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ, and this can best be done through unity and fellowship.

सयानों को पढ़ाई का रिपोर्ट

(जनवरी १९५०—जून १९५१)

सयानों की पढ़ाई के वार्षिक रिपोर्ट के विचार से सयानों को पढ़ाई का साल प्रति वर्ष पहली जुलाई को आरम्भ होता और ३० वीं जून को खतम होता है। इसका वार्षिक रिपोर्ट साधारणतः ३० वीं नोवेंबर तक में N. C. C. को भेजा जाता है। वर्तमान साल का रिपोर्ट इसी अक्टूबर के अन्त तक में भेजने को कहा गया है। मैं ने बीते साल का रिपोर्ट N. C. C. को दे दिया और उसकी कपी B. C. C. सेक्रेटरी को भी दी। परन्तु क्योंकि हमारा B. C. C. द्वि-वार्षिक है इसलिये मैं इस समय बीते साल के कामों का भी कुछ रिपोर्ट देना उचित समझता हूँ।

कौन्सिल को मालूम है कि मैं हजारीबाघ की मिटिंग तारीख ८ से १० नोवेंबर १९४९ के फैसले के अनुसार इस काम के लिये बुलाया गया। परन्तु मुझे इस काम में बहाली की निश्चयता जनवरी में तब हुई, जब मुझे Dr. E. C. Bhatti Secretary N. C. C. से चिट्ठी मिली। मुझ को मेरे कामों का व्योरा मेरी बहाली के साथ नहीं बताया गया। इसलिये मुझे मेरे कामों को पूरा पूरा जानना कठिन हो गया। मैं ने आरम्भ में सयानों के लिये जगह जगह स्कूलों का प्रबन्ध करना और आवश्यकतानुसार Adult Literacy Committee को बुलाना ही अपना काम समझा है मुझे अपने कामों का ज्ञान Dr. E. C. Bhatti Secretary, N. C. C. की मांग और अन्य चिट्ठियों से मालूम होता जा रहा है। मुझे अभी मालूम हुआ कि उपरोक्त कामों के सिवाय मस्टरों को ट्रेनिङ देना और मिशन और क्लोशा के वार्षिक सभाओं में उपस्थित होना भी मेरे कामों के अन्तर्गत है, और अर्जी है कि आप लोग अपनी वार्षिक सभाओं को जानती मुझे दें कि मैं आवश्यकतानुसार वहाँ पहुंचने की कौशिश करूँ।

मैं ने जनवरी १९५० से जून ३०, १९५० तक में २७ स्कूलों का प्रबन्ध किया। जिन में ८ ईसाई जवान २१४ अईसाई जवान और १७ ईसाई युवातियां पढ़ती थीं। कुल जमा ३१५ विद्यार्थी पढ़ते थे। इन

विद्यार्थियों में ११८ जवान और ५ युवातियां पढ़े लिखे हुआ के हिसाब में आये। मेरे इमतिहान का प्रधान सवाल है, बैबल के कोई हिस्से को पढ़वाना।

इस वर्ष सयानों की पढ़ाई का काम रांची और लोहरदगा के बीच यहाँ वहाँ, परन्तु पूर्वी, पश्चिमी, उत्तरी बिरु और रांची सदर थाने के पूर्वी हिस्से में विशेष तौर से हुआ। परन्तु अभी मैं स्कूलों और विद्यार्थियों की यथार्थ संख्या के रिपोर्ट देने में असमर्थ हूँ; क्योंकि मुझे अब तक पूरा रिपोर्ट नहीं मिला है। मुझे इस काम के सिलसिले में यह रिपोर्ट देना आनन्द है कि इस साल मुझे दो भिन्न भिन्न जगहों में अखीष्टयान भाई बहिनों को मेरे काम के साथ ही साथ सुसमाचार प्रचार करने का अवसर हुआ, जिसका फल देखने में अच्छा ही है।

सयानों की पढ़ाई के लिये किताबें:—जनवरी १९५० से जून १९५१ तक में सयानों की पढ़ाई के लिये तीन किताबें लिखी और छपा जा चुकी है; १ ली सयानों के लिये प्रारम्भिक हिन्दी पढ़ना; २ पंरदकर ने ओड़ता कुँड ख बचना (उराँव भाषा में); ३ सिदा होड़ा पोथी (मुंडारी में)। नये पढ़े हुएओं के पढ़ने के लिये "लूर गही मंहवा" (बुद्धि का बढ़पन) नाम की किताब (उराँव भाषा में) छापे जाने को प्रेस में दी गई है। इसका हिन्दी अनुवाद हिन्दी भाषियों के लिये तैयारी की जा रही है। मुण्डारी में दो किताबें नये पढ़े हुएओं के लिये लिखी जा चुकी है, परन्तु लेखक ने कुछ विशेष अभिप्राय से वापस ली है। मिलने से वे भी छपा जायगी।

स्वयं सेवक शिक्षक शिक्षिकाओं का सम्मेलन:—स्वयं सेवक शिक्षकों में ऐसे लोग हैं, जो अपनी खेती बारी के काम या District Board स्कूलों में काम करते हैं। उन्हें अपने कामों को छोड़ अन्य दूर जगहों में जाना कठिन हुआ है, अतएव उनको सम्मेलन और ट्रेनिङ्ग के लिये बुलाना कठिन हुआ है। परन्तु ऐसा सम्मेलन और ट्रेनिङ्ग भविष्यत् के लिये इलाके इलाके में करने की कोशिश मैं कर रहा हूँ।

सयानों की पढ़ाई का काम ईसाइयों के धार्मिक, सामाजिक और आर्थिक उन्नति का एक साधन है और अखीष्टयानों के बीच सुसमाचार प्रचार का भी साधन है। मेरे बिचार में यह काम मिशन और कलीशिया के दूसरे दूसरे विशेष कामों के अन्तर्गत है। N. C. C. के मिनिट से मालूम होता है कि दूसरे दूसरे प्रान्तों के मिशनों और कलीशियाओं ने

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Ranchi, (Bihar) India

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The

** 11th January

1952

Dr. E.C. Bhatta,
Secretary, N.C.C.,
Christian Council Lodge,
Nagpur 1, M.P.

Dear Dr. Bhatta,

With reference to your letter No. B/R1923, dated the 4th December 1951, concerning the resolution of our Church Council we did not mean that our Church to be withdrawn from membership of the Council. In the absence of the Comity rules which we understood to be amended and circulated among member Churches we passed the resolution for the time being. Our Council meeting is going to meet next month and I hope the matter will be ~~discussed~~ discussed again regarding signing of the pledge concerning Comity rules.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Telephone 2864

NAGPUR-1, M. P.

Telegram: AIKYA

Ref: B/R. 1923.

December 4, 1951.

Mr. C.D. Sirka
Secretary, Church Council
G.E.L. Church
RANCHI, Bihar.

Dear Mr. Sirka:

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 10, 1951, in which you have quoted the resolution of your Church Council intimating that the Council feels itself unable to allow its officers to sign the pledge concerning Comity rules. Do I understand from this that your Church wishes to withdraw from the membership of the Council? I hope you will enlighten me on this point.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Bhatta

E. C. Bhatta.

INLAND LETTER

NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED



B/R. 1523.

Mr. C.D. Sirka

Secretary, Church Council

G.E.L. Church

RANCHI, Bihar.

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Sender's name and address —

THE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

NAGPUR · I, M. P

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For immediate attention.

National Christian Council

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Christian Council Lodge
NAGPUR 1, M.P.

December 4, 1951.

The Heads of the Churches & Missions
and Secretaries of the State
State Christian Councils.

Dear Friends:

I am sending to you a copy of the Agreement of Government of India with the U.S.A. regarding the entry into the country of relief supplies under the E.C.A., and also extracts from the letter of Mr. K. Mitra.

You will note from the extracts from the letter of Mr. K. Mitra that the gifts have to be received through the Regional Food Directors of the Government of India at the ports on behalf of the voluntary relief and rehabilitation organisations such as the National Christian Council of India.

Under this Agreement hospital supplies and equipment can be received duty free. This arrangement is valid up to June 30, 1952.

A copy of this Agreement was received by us this morning and we are losing no time in passing it on to you.

Please convey this information to the heads of educational institutions and hospitals in your area.

Write to your Home Boards to send to you as gifts the equipment you require for your work.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Bhatta

E.C. Bhatta
Secretary.

Extracts from the D.O. No. 13-1/51, dated 25th October 1951, of Mr. K. Mitra, Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi, to Dr. D.F. Ebright, 37 Cantonment Road, Lucknow, U.P.

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Hospital Supplies

"Under the provisions of an agreement between the Government of India and the Government of U.S.A., the Government of India accords duty free entry into India of supplies of goods and standard packs for relief and rehabilitation donated through U.S. voluntary non-profit relief agencies. "

"You will see that such consignments have to be received in India through the Regional Directors of Food of the Government of India at the ports on behalf of the voluntary relief and rehabilitation organizations, such as that of yours. I see no difficulty as to why the packages under reference should not be exempt from customs duty. "

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Copy of letter No. 25th July, 1951
from the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture
(Food), New Delhi to all State Governments.

Subject:- Distribution of Free Gifts of Foodstuffs Received under the Relief Supplies Agreement with U.S.A. and by other Recognized Relief Organizations/Workers from U.S.A. and other Foreign Countries.

I am directed to say that the Government of India have entered into an Agreement with the Government of U.S.A. under which supplies of foodgrains and other foodstuffs including milk powder, processed foodstuffs and multipurpose foods, drugs and medicines, multi-vitamin tablets, hospital equipment and supplies, agricultural implements and such other donated supplies and goods as would be acceptable to the Government of India for free distribution by approved relief organization in the country are likely to be received up to 30th June, 1952. These supplies will be distinct from and in addition to the loan granted by the Government of the United States to India for the purchase of foodgrains. Such relief supplies, it has been provided in the Agreement, shall be accorded duty free entry into India and the State Governments and local bodies shall not levy any duty, toll or tax thereon.

2. The Government of India have decided that the following procedure should be adopted for the receipt and distribution of such gifts supplies :-

(1) The consignments under this Agreement will be received by the Regional Director (Food) at Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, or by officers at the designated airports, as the case may be, on behalf of the voluntary relief and rehabilitation organisations of U.S.A., recognised by the Government of U.S.A. and approved by the Government of India. The relief organisations at present approved by the Government of India are :-

- (a) American Friends Service Committee
- (b) CARE INC.
- (c) Church World Service
- (d) Mennonite Central Committee and Lutheran World Relief; and
- (e) National Catholic Welfare and Conference

(ii) On receipt of these gift consignments, the Regional Directors (Food) at Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, or the officers at the designated airports to the Customs Authorities for getting such imports exempted from the usual customs duties, the State Governments should, after duly satisfying (Food) or the Officer concerned, as the case may be, to the effect that the gifts imported by the organizations have, in fact, been distributed free among the poor and needy of all sections of the community irrespective of their race, caste, or creed;

3. The Government of India have further decided that State Governments and other local authorities should not levy any duties, tolls, or taxes on such gift consignments.

4. Besides the supplies which are to be received under the aforesaid Agreement, certain other private charitable organisations/relief workers, recognised by the Government of India and/or the State Governments, are receiving and are likely to continue to receive gift parcels containing foodstuffs etc. from U.S.A. and other foreign countries for free distribution in India. The Government of India have decided that similar procedure should be followed and facilities accorded as mentioned in paras (2) and (3) above, in the case of gift consignments received by these organisations/workers also.

5. This letter has been issued with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance (Revenue Division) Government of India.

July-August, 1951.

FACT SHEET

ON

INDO-U. S. AGREEMENT CONCERNING
VOLUNTARY RELIEF SUPPLIES.

In continuation of the India-Wheat-Loan-Bill passed by the U. S. Congress, an Agreement subsidiary thereto, and intended to facilitate the movement and distribution of packages and supplies donated for relief and rehabilitation in India, was signed on July 9th at the Department of State by Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador, and the Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

The agreement applies to certain foods, medical supplies, hospital equipment and agricultural implements shipped to India under an amendment to the Indian Emergency Food Aid Act of 1951. This amendment authorizes the Administrator for Economic Cooperation to pay the ocean freight charges on these types of supplies when donated through organizations qualified as voluntary non-profit relief agencies under applicable ECA regulations and registered for operations in India with the Department of State's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

According to the terms of the agreement signed on the 9th July, 1951, the Government of India will allow duty-free entry and defray the inland transportation charges on the relief supplies mentioned above. These actions, by materially reducing the cost of handling shipments, will increase considerably the effectiveness of the distribution of the gifts donated by the American people through the relief agencies.

The following agencies are qualified for operations in India under the ECA regulations and are registered with the Department of State's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. Their respective addresses and operations are indicated:

1. American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa: Food supplies and feeding; medical supplies and services including hospital equipment, programs of primary and adult education, health, midwifery, child welfare; agricultural and self-help projects.
2. CARE Inc. 20 Broad Street, New York, N.Y.: Emergency packages and agricultural hand tools.
3. Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N.Y.: Food supplies, feeding; medical supplies and services; child welfare, rural rehabilitation programs.
4. Mennonite Central Committee and Lutheran World Relief, Akron, Pa.: Food supplies and feeding; medical supplies and services.
5. National Catholic Welfare Conference, 462 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.: Food supplies and feeding, medical supplies and services, medical personnel, training centers, hospital equipment.

The above information may kindly be communicated in response to any enquiries in the matter which may be received by you or your friends.

A.B. Bhadkankar
Second Secretary

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : Mr. C. D. Sirka

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. ~~1210/51~~ 1211/51

The 10th November 1951.

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The Secretary,
National Christian Council
Bihar Christian Council

The undermentioned document forwarded for information and needful.

An Extract Resolution of the Church Council, G.E.L. Church, Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi, at its session held at Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, Dist. Ranchi on the 30.10.51.

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9. Comity Rules of N.C.C. and B.C.C.

The Officers to reply that owing to the fact that the Comity rule ~~sax~~ stands in the way of the propagation of the Gospel freely among the non-christians, which is against the evangelistic principle, the Council feels itself unable to allow the officers to sign the pledge concerning the Comity Rules so long as that Clause of the Comity Rule is not amended so as to allow free propagation of the Gospel.

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C.D. Sirka
Secretary,
Church Council, Ranchi.

22/9/51
From the

General Superintendent.



CHURCH OFFICE
P. O. BENAGARIA,
SANTAL PARGANAS.

4th Sept., 1951

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

Dear Mr. Sirka,

I am due to be at Ranchi 2.-5. Oct. in connection with the Bihar Christian Council, Biannual Conference, and since we this year at the request of the Santal Christian Council have tried to make a Survey of how far the Gospel has reached among the Santals, I write this letter to you to find out if it is feasible that I could go from Ranchi so as to meet with your Santali Christians at Singhani on Sunday the 7th of Oct. If that were possible, I would be glad to avail myself of the opportunity to meet with the Santals there. Kindly let me have a few words from you.

Yours sincerely

J. Hansdal

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

[Affiliated to the National Christian Council]
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ARRAH

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE,
RANCHI,

Bihar, North INDIA.

Ranchi 11th. October 1951

Ref.

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

Dear Mr. Sirka,

The following resolution of the Bihar Christian Council passed at its meeting held at Ranchi on the 2nd. to 5th. instant is forwarded to you with the request to kindly take necessary action :

" Comity Rules :

The Secretary made a statement with regard to Comity Rules. The following resolution was adopted :-

That in view of the resolution No. R IV of this Council adopted at the Hazaribagh Council Session, the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church be requested to renew their pledge concerning Comity Rules and to return the printed form duly signed by the proper authority. "

Very Sincerely Yours,

J. J. P. TIGA
Secretary. 11/10/51

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NORTH INDIA

Ranchi, 11th October 1951

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Secretary : Mr. C. D. Sirka.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1124/SI.

The October 11, 1951. 195

To

Rev. J.J.P. Tiga,
Secretary, B.C.C. Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Tiga,

As the Council must be acquainted fully with the Comity rules of the N.C.C. and B.C.C. in order to express its opinion on the signature of the officers on the affiliation papers I would request you to kindly supply this office with copies of all the Comity rules of the N.C.C. and B.C.C. If you cannot supply the copy just now kindly send the original and I shall be responsible to return them back to your office.

Yours Sincerely,

C. D. Sirka
Secretary
G. E. L. Church

Mr. Chairman,

ere economic planning of the life of the church means the improvements on the economic condition of ~~our~~ christian brethren within the church. If we can some how improve the economic conditions of christian homes, it automatically goes to improve the church economy. Some of the churches own lands, paddy fields, tanks and gardens here and there and if they properly supervised and utilised they will add substantial revenue to our church treasury. well, how this church treasury is going to be managed is not our subject. It is for the church authorities to weigh their income and expenditure.

We are living in a very hard pressed circumstances. The present world presents us very gloomy and uncertain future. But the church is ever busy in its philanthropical works. The hope and the message given by our Lord Jesus Christ is pushing us forward with our Christian works. It is christian faith and faith in Christ alone is our mainstay. We are opening more schools and we are extending our mission fields. We have got to maintain many priests, catechists, teachers doctors and nurses. We need atleast four times more money than we need in pre-war days. Pre-war days were different for the indian churches. We depended more on foreign help. We used to say to white missionaries 'Our Mai bap'. Now the circumstances differ and we are required by the forces of circumstances to stand on our own legs.

In many of ~~churches~~ the church sermons and especially in the autonomous churches we hear the priest and catechists appealing for subscriptions. A priest and catechist cannot but do this because without sufficient funds many things cannot be done. A layman hears the appeal for subscription sunday after sunday and he grumbles. He feels that the appeal is for the right cause but still he murmurs and this is because he has not got much money in his pocket, and out of this small income he has to meet his family and church expenses. And it is also true that though he murmurs he gives what he can for church Christ's sake. These are hard facts. What I am trying to drive at is that the church authorities should realise that it is high time to devise ways and means for putting money into the pockets of the people and thereby to improve the conditions of their home. If our christian brethren are taught to earn more and to improve their lot it tends to establish good relations of permanent value between the church authorities and the people under their charge. We thereby earn the sympathy and good will of our christian brethren. If they have sufficient money in their pockets, they will certainly be more liberal in their donations. We have got to be realistic. So long we live in this work-a-day world we are required to care for our family and children. Give and take is the rule of the day, and the rule of the Bible also. We have to give first and ask for more and more. We have got to be interested in the welfare of the people. Welfare means everything that goes to make life more pleasant, more liveable and more human. It covers housekeeping, food and comfort, health and medical services, cleanliness and sanitation, training and improvement as well as social activities.

The attitude of christians to-wards their priests and catechists is more important than any other factor in affecting the church economy. The church authorities must have a psychological approach which will raise the personal moral of the christians and lead them in the direction of giving their own ~~maximum~~ volition their maximum efforts for the good of the church. The state of mind of a pessimistic pastor or a leader reacts on all his charge. So the priests and catechists must have always an optimistic out-look in spite of all ills and ills of life.

Now let us consider ~~let~~ seriously how we can improve the economic conditions of our christian homes. We are glad to learn that something is being done by the christian homemakers like Mrs. Brice and others. We have already heard the report of Miss K.C. Socky. Out of the five members of the economic planning committee one Mr. Pradipt Roy has gone to America. At least we three out of five could meet on the 1st Oct., 1951.

Myself, Miss Socky and Rev. B.D. Hans, who are present here. We have discussed on this very difficult subject and we have arrived at the following conclusions subject to be modified by the members of the B.C.C. We shall welcome more suggestions as it is such a subject which needs our serious considerations.

The whole idea is to make our Christian home self-sufficie.

The days when a man
so called civilization
him almost every thing -
like fruits, vegetables, fuel, bamboos and almost all necessities of life. He was himself an agriculturist, carpenter, hunter, maker of naria tiles, etc. He was himself his own servant. He was a simple unsophisticated man with limited cares and anxieties. But in this modern age we are living in the atmosphere of towns and this confronts us with so many problems of life. Our sons and daughters are becoming weak, delicate and ease-loving. They are lacking in discipline. Most of them are becoming cinema-goers and late-risers, and thus burning the broad-day light which is meant for work and service. As pointed out by Rev. Sadik day before yesterday this is the time when we require ~~the~~ self-discipline as preached so fervently by St. Paul ~~showed~~ should be given the first place in the economy of our Church life. We should keep our children under hard discipline.

Dignity of labour should take the second place. We should guide our children in such a manner that they need not wait for some body to do for themselves. They should be their masters and servants at the same time.

In the third place we must come down to our mother earth. I mean we should know something of agriculture. Most of our people come from the agricultural class and we must teach them the improved methods of agriculture. We may not bother ourselves with scientific theories but only some practical hints on soil, climate, manure, good seed, methods of and season will do. I am an agriculturist and so I can say this. I have written a few booklets on this subject though many more are needed still. A few fruit trees, say, one or two guava trees, half a dozen of papaya trees, one munga, one katai, one putkal, one kundri creeper, one kutumba, and a few poi sag. One more tree should mention i.e. a fig tree if we have space enough. Its fruits can be served as vegetables and medicine as it contains much calcium and carminatives. We can cultivate vegetables all the year round and thus we can have recreation and save money also. Fresh fruits and vegetables will improve our health. It is indeed very very interesting to watch them grow how leaf and flower buds burst and change colour and bring for us the fruits of our labour.

In the fifth place come to Dairy. I mean keeping two or three cows for milk. We can prepare butter, ghee, butter-milk and curd for our home. If we know how to feed our cows we can increase the milk yield, it can be doubled.

In the 6th place we must come to tailoring, lace-making and pull-over making etc. Lessons on these arts are urgently required at homes. If we go on adding what we are giving to ~~tailors~~ every year we can realize how much money we can save.

7. We then come to the art of washing and ironing. Tabita School ~~at~~ at Govindpur run by the German ladies Miss Dealer and Miss Schmith give ideal lessons on this like and on many other home-making lines. We should send more girls in this school for their training for future ~~mothers~~ mothers.

8. Now come to cooking and bakery. We must give much attention to proper matrition. It is up to the mother to see that the meals eaten by us and by our children are nutritionally balanced. Food tables, that is, tables showing the food values, calories, proteins and so on, should always, therefore, be near at hand and the mother should know how to use them. Our meals should tempt the appetite, satisfy hunger, and be nutritionally adequate. To ensure that the foods which build the body, those ~~which~~ which supply energy and warmth, and those which protect the body, are all included, an appropriate choice should be made from available supplies. A small baking oven will supply us fresh and nutritious biscuits and cakes according to our taste. A good mother prepares a different diet for Gastric cases and a different diet for blood pressure and Diabetics. Good food means good health, more energy and more work which means again economy.

9. Health and hygiene. It goes without saying that we should know simple rules of health and hygiene. This point was day before yesterday raised by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Chotanagpur. He told us that a book by Dr. Tomson will help us much in this matter.

10. In the 10th place a small handloom which consists of a few out-fits and equipments may be owned by christian homes. This costs scarcely one rupee. One can weave handkerchiefs, neckerchiefs, towels and gamchas for home use and for sale also. Here is Miss Sokey to give us this simple lesson.

learn these details. simple and our girls
schools and so we need not go into

12. For people who have ponds and tanks some knowledge of fishculture is necessary. Fish supply very useful phosphat for our meals. They sell very dear and thus we can put more money in our pockets by selling them.

13. Those who have a garden or flowers near their residence may be advised to resort to bee-keeping. It will supply honey for health and this means again economy.

14. For jungle areas where we have got lac-trees for cultivation some knowledge of the time of pruning the branches of the trees and the proper method of pruning different kinds of trees will help the cultivators to get more yield of lac products. This is a very paying occupation in some areas of Chotanagpur.

In conclusion I would like to say that we have endeavored to give you as many ideas as we could for your informations and considerations. But discussions alone will not help us. We must have a training in these lines so that we can show the torch of knowledge to our ignorant bretheren who are suffering for want of ideas. For this purpose we must have a training camp. Now the question will arise who will give us training? Some of us are here to help. I am personally ready to give lessons on agriculture, horticulture and poultry etc. Miss K.C. Sokey will help us a good deal. Here is our learned Dr. Mothu. In Itki we have Dr. Tomson. Miss Dealer and Miss Schmidt will be of some service to us. We shall have to find out some other experts on dairy and bee-keeping etc.

Mr. Chairman, we suggest for a training camp of at least a week to be held at some central and suitable place for the adequate training of the workers, for every parish and synods. We should have no objections even in taking non-Christians who may come and appreciate our good Christian life and training. We calculate that the number of the workers for training in the camp may go over one hundred. So we will have to wait patiently for some school vacation. In school vacation period we can accommodate men and women workers easily in some hostels. In our opinion Ranchi will be the best on account of its milder climate during summer vacation. We cannot hold the camp during X'mas vacation for so many reasons. Ranchi, is also near the Govt. Agricultural farm at Kanke where we will be required to pay a visit for agricultural, dairy and poultry purposes.

Secretary of the Committee
on the economic planning of the
life of the Church.

5th October 1951

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Memorendum to Government

After discussion on Educational matters it was resolved that any action being taken at present time in local areas by constituents, wheather jointly or individually, concerning Government support and recognition of Schools, staffs and kindred educational matters, be reported at once to the Secretary of the Joint Educational Committee. That this committee be convened as soon as possible to consider such actions memorenda etc. and to make representation to Government through B.C.C. Secretary. That Dr. H. C. Mukherjee be called into consultation and if necessary be asked to take action in Parliament along side the representation being in the house of the Council.

Resolution on affiliation fee to N.C.C.

The Executive Committee proposed a resolution that the Council refer the question of the enhancing affiliation fees, to the New Executive Committee, for reconsideration. The Executive Committee be authorised to find other ways and means of raising funds for indegenous sources written. The constituncies of the Council, in order to make a contribution to the N.C.C. more rearily proport- ionate ot the services rendered by it to the State. Further that constituent bodies be asked to make a special non-recurring collection with the next twelve months towards the Head Quarters fund and send it to the treasurer B.C.C. for forwarding to N.C.C.

Resolution Evangelisation

It was resolved:

- (1) That a fresh survey be made of the evangelistic possibilities within the state;
- (2) That the N.C.C. be approached for a grant to give effect to evangilistic projects arising out of the survey :
- (3) That where the custom has not yet been established the constituent bodies be encouraged to make a concerted evangelistic efforts annually within their ~~of~~ areas;
- (4) That the secretary be instruxted to obtain the services of an evangelist for an extended evangelistic tour in 1952;

Finance - Treasurers Report

That the constituent bodies be requested to communicate to the Council Treasurer, the names and addresses of their Treasurer; and that the council treasurer be requested to send a subscription reminder to each Constituent body during the month of January each year.

Sunday Schools

Resolved that a Committee on sunday schools be appointed with the following as members:

1. Rev. Ph. M. Khalkho, 2. Millicent Duyer, 3. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga (convener), 4. Rev. J.L. Kinder, 5. Mr. J.P. Tiga and 6. Corresponding secretary of the committee Youth work.

Peoposed by Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
Second bt Joint service.

Relief Work in Bihar

This meeting of the B.C.C. learns with gratitude the gift of wheat from the Lutheran world Relief for the famine stricke area of the Bihar and will be glad to assist through its constituencies in the distribution.

moved by J. Lakra
adopted.

Report on medical

It is moved that the Executive Committee be appointed triennially to serve with the Executive Committee of the Christian Medical Association of India as the Medical Committee of the Bihar Christian Council.

Report of the Nomination Committee

Officers:- President Rev. P. John B.M.S. Patna.
Vice President Rt. Rev. Bishop Lenman Bhaglapur.
Treasurer Miss M. Tirsgaard. Arrah.
Secretary Rev. J.J.P. Tiga. Ranchi.

Cooped members:- Officers.

Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur.	Miss K.C Socky.	Ranchi.
Mr. S.K.Roy Ranchi.	Dr. Mathu	,,
Dr. M.W. Andersen Patna. Z.B.M.M.	Rev. Joel Lakra	,,
Miss Stevens Guille. Ranchi.	Rev. S.R. Patro D.M.	
Mr. E.W. Oliver Motihari.		Hazaribagh
Mr. Leech R.B.M.G?	Mr. Emmanuel Ekka	
	Rev. D.B. Hans	

Executive Committee Officers

Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur	Miss Steven Guille
Dr. Andersen Z.M.M.B. Patna	Dr. Mathu
Pandit C.M. Tiga	Miss K.C. Socky
Mr. E.W. Oliver R.B.M.U.	Mr. S.K. Roy.
Rev. B. Harvey	Rev. Joel Lakra
Mr. C.D. Sirka	Rev. M.C. Voest.

Nomination Committee Suggestion Continued

Joint Council of Christian Education of Bihar

Miss. K.C. Sokey (convener)
(1) Chotanagpur(Miss K.C. Sokey (convener)
Rev. G.R. Horlock Jones ; Miss Stevens Guille; Mr. Markhan;
Mr. C.D. Sirka; Prof. P.C. Horo; Mrs. David; Mr. S.K. Roy;
Mr. Bauray; Mr. K. Abraham.

(2) Bihar
Mr. A.K. Mukerjee. B.A.B.T.B.D. Prof. Yakub Masih
Miss F. Germe. Mr. T.H. Shaw
Miss D. Betham (convener) Mr. Solomon Patna
Miss Tarafdar
Miss Tirsgoard

(3) The Convener of S.C.C. Education Committee (Bihar section)
others as in 1949 report

Committee on Evangelism

Rev. C. Engle Saharsa	Mr. Reder
Rev. Ed. Benedict	Rev. J. Lakra
Mr. E.W. Oliver (convener)	Rev. D.P. Misra
Miss Tuff	

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Committee on Hindi Literature

Rev. P.D. Misra has been added to committee.

Standing Committee on committee

Convener Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
Rev. J.C. Christie
Rev. J. Lakra
Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur
Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpur
Mr. E.W. Oliver Motihari
Rev. P John Patna

Representation on N.C.C.:-

Rev. P John Patna
Mr. E.W. Oliver Motihari

Rev. J.J.P.Tiga Ranchi

Indian Sunday Schools Union
Miss K.C. Sockey

Corresponding Secretaries

Youth work - Raymond John

Christian Homes Committee
Miss Sokey
Mrs. Hilliard, Chotanagpur
Mrs. A.P. Ye North Bihar

Rev. Khalkho Jamshedpur
Miss Adams

Santal Delegates-

Rev. S. Kula
Rev. G. Hemrom
Rev. D.B. Hans

Rev. P. Jones
Rev. B. Carvers Ranchi.

Please see the list of nominations in 1949 report.

United School Committee Patna

Miss Tirsgaard
Mr. P. Hal
Bishop of Chotanagpur

Resolution Medical Training

In Bihar Christian Council calls the attention of the M.A. of India to the difficulties that ~~XX~~ are arising in meeting Bihar requirement for training ~~dispensaries~~ and it is suggested that the establishment of such training centres at Ludhiana of Velere be considered.

Economic life of the Church

A report on the economic life of the church was read by Mr. Herman ~~akra~~ and appreciated by the house. After hearing various suggestions embodied in the report it was suggested ~~XXA~~ that a training camp be organised. Though no resolution was passed in the matter it was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Theological Education in India

It was said in the Council that Theological College of degree standard was desirable to the establish in which education ~~XXA~~ could be given in an Indian language. It was also said that in various reasons a united college could not be opened. However the importance of Serampur Theological College was stressed.

Placee and time of next meeting of the Executive committee was referred to the standing committee.

Votes of Marks:-

The Council expressed heart felt gratitude to the Rt.Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur ~~for~~ for hospitalists and for enabling the council to meet in his own lodge and also to the authorities of St. Paul's High Schools and St. Margaret's High School for excellent arrangement for lodging for the guests.

The Bishop of Bhagalpur closed the meeting with prayer benediction.

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1. Auditor's
1. Miss Stokes
 2. Miss P. ...

Appointments of Nominative Committee

1. The office bearers are ex-officio members of the Nominative Committee.
2. ^{for} nomination, Board

- we have to elect 4 more in addition 3 office

1. Bishop of Chotanagpur ✓
2. Rev. J. Lakra ✓
4. Mr. S. K. Roy - Fair service ✗
5. J. Gaudet ✗
6. Rev. Mr. Hall ✗ Mr. Hoque
3. Mr. Hoque
7. Mrs. C. ...
4. John Mahant

Q. No 6 ~~secretary~~ Miss D. ...
~~President~~ Mr. ...
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(Vide Constitution § 5, P.3)

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Baptist Mission,
Patna.

~~Secretary~~

2. Vice President : The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore,
" Bishop' House ", Champanagar,
Bhagalpore.

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4. Secretary : Rev. J.J.P. Tiga,
Lutheran Theological College,
Ranchi.

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I. Assemblies of God Mission : 5. Mr. S.S. Bryant, Suptdt.
7, Tiljala Road,
Calcutta 17.

II. American Mennonite Mission : 6. Mr. M.C. Vogt
Bihar P.O. Ghandwe,
Dt. Palamau.

III. Baptist Union of North India :
7. Mr. Paul Lakhan Lal
Karimganj,

Gaya.

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Executive Committee to submit a list of the
nomination Committee to choose from
And the Council to elect out of the list
Rev. J. L. P. TIGA M.S.T.B.D. Secretary
Rev. P. JOHN, B.A. President
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Methodist Episcopal Church, Arrah

Pl. Bishop as Convenor of the Provisional
Committee to meet - 1-4-51

Members of the Executive Committee
Bihar Christian Council

Time - Breakup at 5 -

NOTICE

9 to 12 Service
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Apply to - Secretary's report

for 1 year
Executive for 4 times
April 1950
Nov 1950
April 1951
Octo 1951 - the month

Secretary

Chief of the records - Mr. Waller

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Re 1949. Resolutions of C.C.

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Hall: — N. C. C. Resolutions

Went to have reports — every time the Council meets —
interest of the Churches in the Province.

1. N. C. C. Resol. to recommend for acceptance
2. Executive Committee to
short - ^{need} ^{kind of cooperation}

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1. Sunday Collection every year
2. What ^{matches} ^{Recent studies} in the right age.
3. etc.

II Prayer — observe a day of Prayer for the blind and
request to the executive body.

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NOTICE

Is hereby given that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bihar Christian Council will be held on Tuesday, the 10th. April, 1951 at the Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi, commencing at 8 A.M.

You are therefore requested to kindly attend the same.

The Agenda for the meeting will be circulated later. Meanwhile, members may kindly send to me matters which they would want to be considered by the Committee.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur has kindly consented to put up members coming from Patna and other places.

Sent To,
1 Un. C. K. Kye
2 Rev. J. J. P. Tigga
3 " Roadswell
4 B. P. J. N. R.
5 Rev. F. R. Willis

9. Rev. P. John
10. Dr. Nutter
11. K. E. Solee

6 Mr. Olvi
7 Miss Tirsgaard
8 B. P. K. K. K.

12 Dr. B. P. K.
13. S. K. Roy
14. Rev. Doyal.

J. J. P. Tigga
Secretary.

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 for a drafting
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- Resolutions
- Hall 1. Harvest
 - 2. Reader
 - 7. Fair service

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M. M. TIRSGAARD, M. A.
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(2) B. Affiliated Churches :

1. Goswami Evangelical
Lutheran Church :

Mr. C. D. Sirka, Secretary,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi

2. British Churches of Daltonganj,

~~Rev. A. D. Dutt~~, P.O. Daltonganj,
Dh. Palawan.
Rev. J. C. Christie

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J. J. P. Tiga

Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

P.S. The meeting will be held in the
Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi

Proceeding of the twenty second meeting of the Bihar Christian Council held at Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi from October 2nd to 5th, 1951.

The Council was opened at 2 p.m. with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. G. Fairservice.

The Secretary, Rev. J. J. P. Tiga informed the house about the inability of the President, the Rev. P. John to attend the meetings owing to his illness.

Thereupon the Vice-President, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bhagalpur took the chair.

The Secretary read a letter of goodwishes to the council from the President, the Rev. P. John. In reply the house decided to send a telegram of sympathy wishing him a speedy recovery.

Roll Call:- The list of members was scrutinized.

The Rev. D. Hans, Mr. K. K. Sokey and Rev. E. Ekka were co-opted to the council.

The Rev. J. Gausdal and Mr. Paulus Baske the fraternal Delegates from the Santal Christian Council were welcomed.

Names of the visitors were recorded :-

were present as visitors.

The programme of the council was adopted with a few alterations and additions.

The Rev. J. Gausdal spoke a few words of greetings from the Santal Christian Council.

President's Address:- The Chairman read the President's address.

Minutes Secretaries:- Mr. C. D. Sirka and the Rev. D. Hans were appointed minute secretaries.

Auditors:- Miss K. C. Sokey and Miss I. Osgathorp were appointed auditors.

Nominations Committee:- The following were appointed to the Nominations Committee:- the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Chotanagpur (Convener) Rev. J. Lakra C. C. Roadarmal Messrs W. R. Hoke and G. Mabbert and Misses A. Cargo I. Osgathorp.

It was decided that in future the Executive Committee should submit a list of names out of which the members of the Nominations Committee would be appointed by the council.

The council then adjourned for tea at 4 p.m. for a few minutes.

The times for the council meetings were fixed from 9 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Secretaries Report:- The Rev. J. J. P. Tiga submitted secretary's report.

The Rev. B. Harvey proposed and Mr. G. Mabbert seconded the motion to adopt the report which was carried.

The Blind School:- The Rev. B. Canham gave a report of the S.P.G. Blind school Ranchi.

After discussion it was decided to form a drafting committee consisting of the Rt. Rev. ~~the~~ B. C. C. Roadarmal and G. Fairservice.

This committee was asked to draft a resolution in connection with the Blind school. Referred to the drafting committee.

Santal and Bihar Christian Councils. :- The secretary read a report sent by Dr. R. M. Macphail concerning the relation between the Santal and the Bihar Christian Councils.

As the time was over further discussion on the subject was postponed for the following session of the Council.

Sd/. C.D. Sirka.
2/10/51.

Sd/. D. Hans,
2/10/51.

The Rev. D. Hans conducted the opening devotions.

Confirmation of minutes:- The Minutes of the previous day were read.

The Blind School:- The following resolution was adopted in connection with Blind school.:-

That the S.P.G. Blind school, Ranchi, being the only institution in this state for the benefit of the handicapped be recognized as an institution whose facilities are available to all constituent bodies of the Bihar Christian Council and that all constituent bodies be requested to spread information and arouse interest in the school; and to arrange some occasion annually for special prayers and contributions for its work and to invite the head of the institution at all Council meetings for report.

The desire of the house was expressed that in the managing committee of the Blind school the Bihar Christian Council may be officially represented.

Welcome:- The Rev. J. W. Sading, the representative from the National Christian Council and the newly affiliated Brethren in Christian Mission. Mission representative were specially welcomed.

N.C.C. matters:- The Rev. J. W. Sading gave a statement with regard to the N.C.C. matters and conveyed the greetings of the N.C.C. to the B.C.C. . He was requested to give a written summary of his report.

Relationship between the S.C.C and the B.C.C.:- It was decided to remind the part of the resolution with regard to the payment of Rs.50/- as affiliation fee 3(ii) of the Joint Executive Committee of the S.C.C. and B.C.C. held at Ranchi on 18th to 19th April, 1950.

Adult Literacy:- The report submitted by Mr. C.M. Tiga was accepted.

Youth Work.:- The secretary read the report on Youth work sent by Mr. R. John.

It was suggested that an attempt should be made to co-ordinate the youth organizations of different churches.

The Rev. J.W. Sading pointed out that the N.C.C. would be glad to help with men and money in this matter.

Then the meeting adjourned .

The meeting reopened again at 2 pm.

Evangelistic Opportunities in Bihar.:-

The Rev. J. Lakra in his address pointed out that Neo Hinduism and denominational comity rules were obstacles in the evangelisation of Bihar.

Among the opportunities be pointed out that Bihar was the greatest centre of Christianity in this part of India excluding Assam and that what Christianity had done for the people was apparant to Non-Christians.

He pointed out that more stress should be given to villages, nationals should be the nucleus of evangelistic work and that the church must be missionary church.

Report on Evangelisum:- The report sent by Re. Oliver was read by Mr. Macay and was accepted.

Comity Rules :- The Secretary made a statement with regard to comity Rules.

The following resolution was adopted:-

That in view of the resolution No. R. IV of this council adopted at the Hazaribagh Council session the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church be requested to renew their pledge concerning comity Rules and to sign the printed form duly signed by the proper authority.

Christian Literature:- The Secretary read the report sent by Rev. P. John.

The Rev. Fairservice was requested to draft a resolution with regard to an exhibition of Christian Literature at the next session of the council.

The 4th October, 1951.

The forenoon was observed as quiet time. The afternoon session was opened with prayer by the Chairman at 2 p.m.

The secretary checked the attendance of the members Rev. J.C. Chistic who had just arrived was welcomed.

A telegram of greetings and goodwishes was received from Messrs Cronk and Woolsey, Kishangarj.

Confirmation of minutes:- The minutes of the previous day were read and the following corrections and omissions were rectified:-

The words "Brethren in Christ Mission" were substituted in place of the words "American Freewil Baptist Mission." The following which was omitted from the previous day's minutes was added to it.

Christian Home movement:- It was decided to form a Committee of the B.C. for the Christian Home movement." The work suggesting names for this committee was delegated to the Nominations Committee.

Miss K.C. Sokey was appointed delegate to attend the Christian Home movement conference in Nagpur to be held on the 10th and the 11th of October, 1951.

Resolutions:- The following resolutions submitted by the drafting committee were adopted.

A relationship between the S.C.C. and the B.C.C.

"Moved : That in order to provide for closer fellowship in cooperation between the Bihar Christian Council and the Santal Christian Council the following arrangements be made:-

1. That the executive Committee of the two councils meet jointly at least biennially for discussing matters of common concern (next meeting in November, 1952). Those frequent joint meetings may be held if necessary for the discussion of any special business.

2. That the Santal Christian Council be invited to send to the meetings of the Bihar Christian Council five fraternal delegates who shall have the rights of the floor of the house."

B. Youth Work.:-

"Resolved that in future the corresponding secretary of the Youth Work be requested to maintain contact with all Christian Youth Organisations in the State and as far as possible co-ordinate their work and prevent necessary duplication or overlapping of activities."

C. Adult Literacy Committee.:-

"It was resolved that:-

(1) The constituent bodies maintain records of the member of literate Christians within their areas .

(2) The constituent bodies report to the convener of the adult literacy committee the names of their promoters of adult literacy work or other correspondents in order that he may keep regular contact with them."

D. Literature Committee:-

It was resolved that the Literature Committee be asked to arrange for the next meeting of the B.C.C a display of the newer publications in Christian Literature.

Evangelisum:-

Arising out of discussions on the report on Evangelisum of the previous day it was decided to adopt a resolution . This was referred to the drafting committee.

A United Christian School for Boys in Patna.

Mr. P.L.Lall in his speech appealed to the house to consider establishing a United Christian School for Boys in Patna.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted.

"In view of the fact that there is no Christian Boys' School in Patna, the capital of Bihar and a large number of Christian boys are attending Non-Christian schools , this council strongly feels that a school preferably as a united effort will meet a real need and that possibilities of establishing such a school should be explored in right earnest. With this in view it is resolved that a subcommittee consisting of

be appointed to go into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer , Miss M.M. Tirsgoard , presented a financial statement of the B.C.C. of the period from December, 12, 1949 to September, 30, 1951, showing a closing credit balance of Rs. 1551-11-3.

This statement had been audited by the appointed auditors , Misses K.C. Sokey and M.Osgathorp.

The Statement was adopted.

The matter with regard to the inclusion of the names of the respective treasurers of the different constituent bodies of the Council was referred to the drafting committee.

Enhanced Financial support for N.C.C.

The executive Committee of the B.C.C. having met at the tea interval decided to recommend to ~~the~~ authorise the new Executive Committee to find ways and means and to make plans to raise more funds from indigenous sources and to take necessary

necessary action.

Memorandum to Government.

Mr. P. Baske made a statement introducing the subject of the necessity of sending a memorandum to Government.

While the matter was still being discussed the house adjourned for the day.

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BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.



New Constitution as adopted at the Bi-ennial Meeting held in Ranchi, on the 4th to 6th March 1941.

1. **Name.** The Council shall be called "The Christian Council of the province of Bihar."
2. **Basis.** The Council is established on the basis that its functions are consultative and advisory, not mandatory. In no circumstances will the Council commit the bodies affiliated to it to any attitude or course of action without their consent.
3. **Objects.** The aim of the Council shall be to help in the work of extending and building up the Church of Christ. In the furtherance of this aim it shall :—
 - (1) Promote co-operation among the bodies affiliated to it.

- (2) Co-operate with other Provincial Councils.
- (3) Be in communication with the National Christian Council and with the International Missionary Council for the purpose of furthering any common aim.
- (4) Take into consideration such questions affecting the Christian cause in India, and particularly within this province, as may seem to be desirable.

4. **Methods.** The Council shall :—

- (1) Hold a Bi-ennial Meeting.
- (2) Consider all matters referred to it by any affiliated body, by other Provincial Councils or by the National Christian Council.
- (3) Appoint in the Bi-ennial Meeting an Executive Committee of sixteen members which shall meet as occasion arises and carry on all the business of the Council between its sessions: it being understood that in the furtherance of this business the Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees and may also fill up vacancies in its own number by co-option. The Executive Committee shall have power

to summon an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

- (4) Appoint Committees to deal with special interests when required.

5. **Membership.** The membership of the Council shall be constituted as follows :—

- (1) Four officers of Council consisting of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who by their election become co-opted members and shall be appointed at each Bi-ennial Meeting.

- (2) Representatives of A— Affiliated Missions within the Province, in the proportion hereinafter named.

Representatives of B— Affiliated Churches within the Province, in the proportion hereinafter named.

Representatives of C— Affiliated Councils within the province in the proportion hereinafter named.

Representatives of D— Other affiliated bodies the number of representatives to be decided in each case by the Council.

NOTE—Those Missions, Churches, Councils, and Other Bodies shall be considered affiliated which have been accepted by the Council, pay an annual subscription at the rate fixed by the Council, and accept the rules of Mission and Church Comity as adopted by the Council.

(3) Additional co-opted members in the selection of whom special consideration will be given to the adequate representation of important interests.

6. **Proportion of Membership, A.** Affiliated Missions, Churches and Councils shall be entitled to representation in the following proportion :—

(1) **MISSIONS.**

Less than 16 Missionaries or less than 151 other workers	} 1 Representative.
16 to 30 Missionaries or 151 to 300 other workers	} 2 "
More than 30 Missionaries or more than 400 other workers	} 3 "

(N. B.) In counting the Missionary staff Missionaries on furlough and wives of Missionaries shall be included. In counting the staff of other workers all male and female Christian workers employed in Mission activities shall be included.

(2) **CHURCHES.** (i. e., Denominational Bodies or their Interdenominational equivalent including those connected with Missions).

100 to 1000 Communicants or members in full standing	}	1 Representative.
1001 to 5000 ,, ,,		2 Representatives.
5001 to 10,000 ,, ,,		3 ,,
10,001 to 20,000 ,, ,,		4 ,,
More than 20,000 ,, ,,		5 ,,

No Mission shall have more than three and no church more than five representatives, provided that where foreign workers or missions have been completely identified with the Church the number of representatives from that Church may be equal to the aggregate number to which the Mission and Church would have been entitled, had they been separate.

(3) **COUNCILS.** An Affiliated Council shall be entitled to representation in the above proportions, the

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Council as a whole being reckoned as one Mission and one Church.

Each Affiliated Body under Article 5 (2) A. B. C. and D. shall elect its own representatives.

B. The number of Co-opted members shall be one half the number of the elected representatives and shall include the Officers of the Council.

7. **Funds.** The Council shall raise funds for its work by :—

(1) Subscriptions from each Mission, Church, Council, and Other Body represented in accordance with the rates fixed by the Council. (See page 7.)

(2) Donations from such bodies as are recognised by co-option.

8. **Boundary.** The Council shall adhere strictly to the Provincial boundary.

9. **Bye-Laws.** The Council shall frame Bye-laws for the conduct of its business.

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10. **Amendments.** This Constitution may be amended by the Council provided :—

- (1) That no alteration of the Constitution be made until it has been given general approval at one meeting of the Council and finally accepted at the next succeeding meeting.
- (2) That not less than half the members of the Council are present at the second Meeting and not less than two thirds of those present support the amendment.

NOTE.

Subscriptions. The following rates have been fixed :—

- (1) Missions, Rs. 30 per representative, per annum.
- (2) Churches, Rs. 15 do do
- (3) Councils at the above rates (1) and (2). (See page 4. No. 6 (3).
- (4) Other affiliated bodies—Rs. 15/- per representative per annum.

R. P. PRYCE.

Hony. Secretary.

March 12: 1941.

CONSTITUTED COUNCIL FOR 1951 SESSIONS.

(Vide Constitution 5.P.3)

(1) OFFICERS.

1. *President* : Rev. P. John,
Baptist Mission, Patna.
2. *Vice-President* : The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore,
"Bishop's House", Champanagar, Bhagalpore.
3. *Treasurer* . : Miss M. M. Tirsgaard,
Sawtelle Memorial M. E. School,
Methodist Episcopal Church, Arrah.
4. *Secretary* : Rev. J. J. P. Tiga,
Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi.

(2) A. REPRESENTATIVES OF MISSIONS

- I. Assemblies of God Mission : 5. Mr. S. S. Bryant, Suptdt.
7, Tiljala Road,
Calcutta 17.
- II. American Mennonite Mission : 6. Mr. M. C. Vogt,
Bihar P.O. Chandwa,
Dt. Palamau.
- III. Baptist Union of North India : 7. Mr Paul Lakhan Lal,
Karimganj, Gaya.
- IV. British Churches of Christ Mission :
8. Rev. J. C. Christie.
Aotea Roa, Landaur, Mussurie, U.P.
- V. Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, Chotanagpur Diocese :
9. The Rev. Dilbar Hans,
S.P.G. Mission,
P. O. Murhu, Dt. Ranchi.
10. The Rev. Gabriel Hemrom,
C/O The Rev. J. Demta,
S.P.G. Mission, Tapkara,
Barda P.O. (Ranchi).
11. The Rev. Philemon Madhu Khalkho,
Christian Line 2, Mohulbera,
Golmuri P.O. Tatanagar B N.R.
12. Mr. R. Menson Khalkho,
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
13. Mr. Puran Dadel,
S.P.G. Mission,
Itki P.O. (Ranchi.)

14. Mr. J. E. Nag,
S.P.G. Mission, Ranchi.
- VI. C.I.B.C., Bhagalpore Diocese, C.M.S. .
15. Rev. D. P. Misra,
The Parsonage,
Jamalpur, E.I.R. Loop.
16. Miss I. Osgathorp
Lal Kothi, P.O. Bhagalpore City.
- VII. Dublin University Mission : 17. The Rev. Brian Harvey,
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19. Mrs. J. L. Kinder,
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24. The Rev. G. Fairservice,
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G. E. L Church, Ranchi.

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**Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Bihar
Christian Council Held at the Dublin University
Mission, Hazaribagh, on Tuesday
November 14th, 1950.**

1. The Rev. P. John occupied the chair. A passage of Scripture was read and prayer offered by the President.
2. **Roll Call :** The following were present : Rev. P. John (President); Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chota Nagpur ; Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore ; Rev. F. R. Willis ; Rev. Joel Lakra ; Rev. J. J. P. Tiga ; Pandit^s C. M. Tiga ; Miss M. Tirsgaard ; Miss K. C. Sokey and Rev. Vaughan Walters (Secretary).
Apologies for absence were received from : Dr. Anderson ; Miss Stevens Guille ; Dr. Muthu ; Mr. E. W. Oliver ; Mr. S. K. Roy and Rev. C. C. Roadarmel.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes :**
 - (a) **Comity :**
 - i. **Gomoh.** The Secretary reported on the present situation and read a letter from Rev. M. L. Ketchem, Snpdt. of the A. G. Mission, asking to continue the Status Quo until the time of the meeting of the General Conference of the Assemblies of God of North India in March 1951. It was decided that the matter remain pending until a report was received of the findings of the General Conference of the A. G. Mission in March 1951.
 - ii. **Duars.** Rev. Joel Lakra reported that the situation between the Eastern Himalayan Mission Council and the G. E. L. Church has now been amicably settled.
 - (b) **Memorandum to Government :** The Secretary reported that the Memorandum had not been submitted to Government since the Roman Catholic representatives felt that the Memorandum should be revised and

re-written. Rev. Joel Lakra reported on his interview with the Revenue Minister. In view of these reports it was felt that the Memorandum should now be dropped since it was felt that more could be achieved through individual contacts with the officers concerned, and that it was inopportune to send the Memorandum to Government since there was a danger that it would create a bad feeling.

(c) **G. E. L. Church :** The Secretary reported that the G. E. L. Church had not signed and returned the Comity Of Missions Form sent to them. The G. E. L. Church representatives on the Executive assured the committee that this would be done.

(d) **Theological Training :** It was pointed out that Rev. Joel Lakra had not yet compiled a list of theological books in the vernacular as required by the Council. The Bishop of Chota Nagpur suggested that the list of books he himself had compiled be filed for reference and that Mr. Lakra add to this list.

4. **Ranchi Blind School :** The Bishop of Chota Nagpur called the attention of the Executive to the findings of the N. C. C. Special Committee of the Welfare of the Blind and Deaf held in New Delhi on August 11th and 12th 1949 (ref. N. C. C. Review October 1949 particularly section 18 concerning Publicity and Propaganda.)

Resolved that the Executive commends to the interest and support of the Constituent Churches of the Bihar Christian Council the S. P. G. Blind School Ranchi which is the only institution under Christian auspices for the Welfare of the handicapped in the whole of the Province. And by way of complementing section 18 ref. to above of the special committee agrees that a representative of the Institution concerned should be invited to the meetings of the Council to report on its work and needs, and ways and means of ensuring full

co-operation from the various churches affiliated to the Council.

Further resolved that a short statement be prepared for circulation to the churches with regard to the needs of the Institute and kind of co-operation that could be given to ensure that the opportunity it affords for the education of the blind may be fully used.

5. **Literary Work :** Pandit C. M. Tiga reported on the Adult Literacy Work. He pointed out the difficulty of getting equipment for the work and it was suggested that he approached Government re. the possibility of getting the necessary equipment.

Pandit Tiga also pointed out the importance of the work being supervised in the various centres where schools had been opened. It was suggested that the church authorities working in the areas concerned be asked to appoint a church representative to supervise the work of the school that was being held in their area. The importance of 'following-up' work was emphasised and the secretary of the Adult Literacy was asked to report on this in the next General Meetings of the Council.

6. **Medical :** The secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the C. M. A. re. Closer Relationship between the Area Organisations of the C. M. A. and the Provincial Christian Councils. The Executive was not clear on what the C. M. A. had in mind and the secretary was asked to write for further information.

7. **Literature :** Rev. P. John reported that no book had been submitted for publication for the year 1951. He thought it desirable to submit a book for publication and that a request be made to the N. C. C. for a loan to publish it or help for colporteur work.

8. **Nominations :** The secretary reported that Dr. M. W. Anderson and Miss Stevens Guille had left for England on furlough and that it was necessary to replace them

on the Executive. The following appointments were made :

Dr. Birodini Porh to replace Dr. Anderson.

Rev. Joseph Dayal to replace Miss Stevens Guille.

9. **Request for Affiliation :** A request for affiliation to the Council had been received from the Secretary of The Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission. The secretary was asked to inform the authorities concerned to first contact the Bishop of Bhagalpore and if he had no objection to their working in the Katihar City and surroundings then there would be no objection to their affiliating themselves to the Council.

10. **Sunday School Youth Training Institute :** Rev. J. J. P. Tiga reported on the work of the Institute and of its success. A request was made that the Institute be made an annual affair.

Resolved that the Youth Secretary make a request to the N. C. C. and the I.S.S.U. for financial support to make the Institute possible for the year 1951. That a request be made also to the constituent churches that they again co-operate in the planning and organising of the Institute.

11. **Christian Home Movement :** Miss Sokey reported on the work of the Christian Home Movement. The report was accepted.

12. **New Secretary of the Council :** Rev. V. Walters informed the Executive Committee that he was very sorry to have to submit his resignation as Secretary of the Bihar Christian Council as he had received a 'call' to the pastorate of the English Baptist Church, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta, and had felt led to accept it. He said that he had enjoyed the work of the B. C. C. Secretary for the last four years and had made a wide circle of new friends and that he felt very sad at the time

of parting from them. The Executive in accepting the above resignation passed the following resolution :—

The Executive reluctantly accepts the resignation of the Rev. Vaughan Walters, B. A., from the Secretaryship of the Council and wishes to place on record its expression of thankfulness for the excellent and most efficient way in which he was able to carry through the difficult, and sometimes delicate task, of the Council. It wishes and prays that he may be used of God for His glory in the new sphere of his service.

Appointment of new Secretary : Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, B. D. was unanimously appointed secretary of the Council.

Rev. J. J. P. Tiga expressed the appreciation of the members of the Executive to the Dublin University Mission for its welcome and hospitality.

The Bishop of Bhagalpore closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

P. John,
President.

Sd. Vaughan Walters.
Secretary.

Minutes of the Joint Executive Committee of the Bihar and Santal Christian Councils held at the Bishop's Lodge, Ranchi, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18th and 19th 1950.

Present : Bihar :—Rev. P. John (President) ; Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chota Nagpur ; Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore ; Rev. F. R. Willis ; Rev. C. C. Roadarmel ; Rev. J. J. P. Tiga ; Pandit C. M. Tiga ; Mr. S. K. Roy ; Rev. V. Walters ; Miss Tirsgaard ; Miss Stevens Guille and Miss K. C. Sokey.

Santal :—Rev. B. Soren (President) ; Dr. R. M. Macphail ; Rev. H. N. Riber ; Rev. B. Marandi and Mr. Paulus Baske.

Visitors :—Rev. F. L. Taylor ; Rev. G. Kula and Mr. R. D. Sirka.

Apologies for absence were received from :—Dr. Anderson ; Dr. Muthu ; Rev. L. E. Pocklington ; Rev. H. Barla ; Rev. J. Gausdal and Mr. E. W. Oliver.

1. It was decided that Rev. P. John (President of the Bihar Christian Council) remain in the chair for the Joint Committee Meeting.

2. Memorandum to Government of Bihar on Educational Matters in the Chota Nagpur and Santal Areas. Item 9 and 10 Res. 1 of the Last Meeting of the Bihar Christian Council.

Mr. S. K. Roy presented the draft of the Memorandum to the Government of Bihar. The Memorandum was prepared under the following heads :—

- (a) Discrimination on Religious grounds regarding Government Scholarships.
- (b) Government Grants.

- (c) Location of Schools.
- (d) Elementary Training Schools.
- (e) Santali Script.
- (f) Failure to make grants according to order dated 9th July 1947.
- (g) Representation on Managing Committees.
- (h) Military occupation of Mission Premises.
- (i) Religious teaching in Mission Schools.

The draft was carefully considered item by item, improvements were suggested and changes made, after which Mr. S. K. Roy was kindly asked to prepare the final draft for printing. The following resolutions were passed :—

- (i) That Mr. Paulus Baske represent the Santal Parganas on the deputation.
- (ii) That the Secretary of the Bihar Christian Council write to Dr. H. C. Mukherjee inviting him to kindly lead the deputation and that he accordingly arrange a suitable time and place with the Chief Minister of Bihar on which the deputation could come together, and that Dr. Bhatta (N. C. C.) be also invited to join the deputation.
- (iii) That a permanent body of vigilants be appointed representing the Santal and the Bihar Christian Councils to be wise to matters of importance that should arise between the Government and the Christian Community. The members of this committee to be the following :—
Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (convener); Rev. D. B. Hans ;
Prof. P. C. Horo; Rev. Benjamin Soren and Mr. Paulus Baske.

3. Closer Co-operation : Long deliberations ensued as to ways and means of bringing about closer co-operation between the two Councils. It was of general agreement that there should be closer co-operation since it was felt that a closer fellowship was needed, and also an

opportunity be given to discuss common matters of business. It was finally resolved :—

- (i) That the two Executives meet jointly at least biennially in view of closer co-operation, the next meeting to be convened in November 1952. More frequent joint meetings may be held if necessary for the consideration of any special business of joint concern.
 - (ii) That the Santal Christian Council pay an affiliation fee of Rs. 50/- to the Bihar Christian Council and that they be entitled to send a delegation of up to five members to the Bihar Christian Council Meeting.
4. Mr. Paulus Baske proposed a vote of thanks to the Bihar Christian Council for extending to the Santal Christian Council an invitation to discuss closer co-operation between the two Councils.
 5. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga on behalf of the members of both Councils thanked the Bishop of Chota Nagpur for the welcome extended to the members to Ranchi and for the hospitality provided.
 6. The Bishop of Bhagalpore closed the meeting with prayer.

P. John,
President.

R. M. Macphail
(Secretary Santal C. C.)

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PRAYER LEAFLET

*In everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known unto God. (1 Thess. 4:6)*

**CHRISTIAN COUNCIL LODGE,
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FOREWORD

For some time now the Secretaries of the Council have felt the need for a Prayer leaflet through which the concerns of the Council and its various departments might be shared with its many friends in India and abroad, and through which they themselves might be helped to uphold one another and thus 'bear one another's burdens'. This idea took a concrete form at a Retreat of the Secretaries held early in August. Each of the Secretaries had prepared a list of items for prayer, and several sessions of the Retreat were devoted to thanksgiving and intercession. We thank God for the rich experience of the spiritual fellowship in the Retreat, and for His guidance in this first step of sharing our needs with our friends. We came back with a deep conviction that the effectiveness of the Council and its work depends ultimately on the power of God which is available to all through the mediation of Christ our Lord. This leaflet is sent out with that end in view, for the effectual, fervent prayer available much

**THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS DURING
OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 1951.**

GENERAL

Let us thank God for

The continued freedom in our country for the propagation of the Gospel, and for the helpful contacts with the Government, especially with regard to the entry of missionaries into India, the import of foreign goods for missionary societies, and the solution of educational problem in Travancore-Cochin.

For the establishment of the Council of Evangelism under the National Christian Council, and the beginnings of its success in putting before churches and other Christian bodies the claims of Evangelism.

For the growing hunger for the Gospel among the intelligentsia of the country.

OCTOBER

Let us pray

For the Bihar Christian Council meeting at Ranchi, October 2-5, especially for the public meeting for preaching which the Council is organising on October 1.

For the meeting of the Karnataka Christian Council at Shimoga, Mysore State, October 3-5.

For the meeting of the Christian Home Committee, October 10-11, at Nagpur, to review 10 years work and make future plans.

For the World-Wide Communion Sunday on October 7th that it may be the means of promoting fellowship and unity among churches and their members.

For the meeting of the N. C. C. Committee on High Schools at Nagpur, October 23-24. The main concern of the meeting will be 'Policy for Christian Secondary Education'.

For plans for Central Lay Institutes in the South which will be made at a meeting in Madras on October 23.

For the meeting of the U. P. Christian Council, October 30 - November 1, at Lucknow.

NOVEMBER

Let us pray

For the Thirteenth Biennial Meeting of the Christian Medical Association and Nurses' Auxiliary at Baroda November 1-4. The main theme of the conference will be "The Future Policy of Christian Medical Work."

For the meeting of the N. C. C. Committee on the Welfare of the Blind and the Deaf at Nagpur, November 7-8. Procurement of financial assistance to the existing institutions for further development, facilities for training of teachers of the handicapped, and literature for the blind will be some of the main concerns.

For the meeting of the Literature Service Council at Nagpur, November 15-16, to consider ways of rendering more effective technical assistance in Christian printing, publishing and book-selling.

For the Audio Visual Institute at Raipur, November 20-22, at which about 60 people from all over the country will assemble.

For the meeting on November 24-26 at Nagpur, of the special Commission on the Nature and Future of the National and Provincial Councils. The Commission will have before it the Findings of the conference of Provincial Council Secretaries recently held at Nagpur.

For the meeting of the N. C. C. Executive Committee on November 27-28 at Nagpur. A number of visitors from abroad will be present.

DECEMBER

Let us pray

For the whole work of the National Christian Council, and a true undergirding of it by the Churches as all pray for it on Sunday December 2, being the N. C. C. Day of Prayer for India and Pakistan.

For the meeting of the Andhra Christian Council at Kakinada, December 14 - 17.

For the Conference at Singapore, December 7-11, of East Asia countries, including India and Pakistan, on Christian Literature problems and programmes.

For a conference on Bible Correspondence Courses to be held at Nagpur on December 14, to share experience, and seek for co-ordination of work.

S. P. G. Blind School

RANCHI. B. N. R.

Annual Report,

1st April, 1950—31st March 1951.

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Secretary's Report.

In times as difficult as these it is good to be able to present so encouraging a report of our year's work. The financial state of the School at the beginning of the year was so serious that a special sub-committee was appointed to make recommendations, and an appeal for funds prepared and broadcast far and wide. The response to this appeal during the course of the year has been very gratifying—so much so that the debt to Diocesan funds incurred during the previous two years has been paid off. In this connection we are especially grateful to a number of firms in Bihar and Calcutta whose generosity has helped us tremendously. It is surely right that in an independent India support for such charitable institutions should come rather from within India than from outside. One could wish that the people of Ranchi itself recognised in more practical form their responsibility for the care of the blind in their midst. Local support is negligible. But to those further afield who have given so handsomely we tender our sincere thanks.

Our thanks are due too to the School staff who in true missionary fashion give their best for the sake of the children for a reward all too small, though fortunately one which has been augmented recently by the granting of Government dearness allowance. My own personal tribute is due to the Headmaster especially, without whose unfailing kindness and helpfulness the Blind School would be a very different place.

The staff of St. Barnabas' Hospital have again put us in their debt by their care of our children when sick, and the Superintendent of Kanke Mental Hospital has proved a good friend on two urgent occasions.

The internal economy of the School has seen one or two small changes. The children now wash their own clothes, with fairly successful results. Oddly enough, the boys took to the proposal much more readily than the girls, which seems to prove either that the idea that

small boys dislike water is a myth, or that women are naturally more conservative creatures. We introduced as an economy measure in the present high prices the system of substituting potatoes for one third of the daily ration of rice. This, begun with some trepidation, proved a surprisingly popular move. Even the girls made no objection. The children observed Gandhi week by digging up part of the compound and planting vegetables. These have been a great help, and it will obviously be to our benefit to use more of the land which now lies idle.

The entertainment which took the place of previous Sales of Work was a highly successful and very enjoyable occasion. St. Margaret's staff and pupils gave invaluable and greatly appreciated help on this occasion.

New admissions during the year have been above the average. Four boys and three girls have been admitted, and one boy readmitted. But, in case this report reaches those who know of blind children, let it be said that we have plenty of room for more, and the younger they come to us, the better. We are the poorer for the departure of Dambar to his home, in the hope of recovery of health. Three of our young men proceeded to Dehra Dun for a three-years' course at the new Government Training Centre for the Adult Blind. They will, we hope, eventually come back to us and teach others what they have learnt. Hannah, the first blind girl from this School to prepare for teaching in St. Margaret's Training School continues to make good progress, and will finish her course at the end of this year. Examination results were good, both pupils from the 7th class having passed in the 2nd division, three boys and one girl in the 5th class passed in the 1st div., and one boy in the 2nd div., and one boy passed his L. P., 2nd div., Eight have been newly admitted to the workshop. Two boys have been baptised, Daniel and Masihcharan, the latter in hospital on Christmas Day, and Masihcharan, Alfred, Jaimangal, and Rahil have

been confirmed. Two of our oldest inhabitants, Elias and Patras, died in hospital during the year. We miss them both; may they rest in peace.

Finally, a word about our needs. While we are happy to be able to report that the School is out of debt, the need for a more adequate income remains as acute as ever. Even with the strictest possible economy, it is exceedingly difficult to make ends meet in these expensive days. The children's diet is as plain as it could be, and their clothes just hold together. If many more people would promise to give a little every month or every year, in thankfulness for God's good gift of sight, it would relieve us of a great deal of anxiety. Remember our needs—of your prayers, your sympathy, your gifts, your cast-off clothing, your old gramophone records; even your empty cigarette tins give pleasure to little blind boys whose possessions are very few.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Income

	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Cane Sales ...	5348	12 0		
Knitted Sales ...	752	4 0	6101	0 0
Boarders' payments...	919	2 0		
Pupils' fees ...	925	6 9	1844	8 9
S. P. G. Scholarships ...	490	5 6		
Endowments ...	642	14 0		
B. Byers Trust ...	265	12 0	1398	15 6
Church Collecting Book ...	147	8 0		
Entertainment profits ...	305	0 0		
Donations ...	6992	10 3		
Refunds ...	102	10 6		
Refund of loan to mistri ...	95	0 0	7642	12 9
Grants: Government ...	3120	0 0		
Govt. Special... ...	912	0 0		
" Scholarships ...	360	0 0		
Dearness allowance ...	1150	0 0		
Municipal grant ...	480	0 0	6022	0 0
Withdrawn from deposit a/c ...	1497	5 0	1497	5 0
	24506	10 0	24506	10 0

DONATIONS

	Rs.	AS.	P
The Sone Valley Portland Cement Works, Japla	500	0	0
E.C. Benthall Charitable Trust, Calcutta ...	250	0	0
Escorts (Agriculture and Machines) Ltd. Patna	250	0	0
Burmah Shell, Ltd. Calcutta ...	100	0	0
Messrs J. Thomas & Co, Calcutta ...	100	0	0
Britannia Biscuit Co, Calcutta ...	100	0	0
Indian Aluminium Co, Ltd, Muri ...	100	0	0
Messrs. Volkart Bros, Calcutta ...	100	0	0
Dunlop Rubber Co, (India) Ltd, Calcutta ...	75	0	0
Messrs Heatley & Gresham, Ltd. Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Bharat Airways, Ltd. Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Ch. Abrecht, Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Messrs. Kilburn & Co, Ltd, Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Tractors (India) Ltd, Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Messrs Worthington Simpson, Calcutta ...	50	0	0
Imperial Tobacco Co. of India, Ltd, Calcutta	50	0	0
Messrs D. Macropolo, Ltd. Calcutta ...	30	0	0
„ W. S. Cresswell & Co, Calcutta ...	30	0	0
Anchor Line Ltd. Calcutta ...	25	0	0
Messrs Khaitan Sons & Co, Calcutta ...	25	0	0
„ Talbot & Co, Calcutta ...	25	0	0
„ G. Atherton & Co, Ltd. Calcutta ...	25	0	0
„ Kodak, Ltd. Calcutta ...	25	0	0
„ E. M. Alcock & Mohatta, Ltd. Calcutta	25	0	0
„ Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co, Ltd. Calcutta	25	0	0
Miss G. Bateman ...	1484	11	0
„ E. Macaulay ...	664	5	0
S. P. G. Lace & Embroidery School ...	500	0	0
Chota Nagpur Regional Transport Workers	400	0	0
St. Paul's Cathedral, Ranchi (Easter collections)	136	12	9
The Rev. Denton C. Green ...	132	14	0
Officers at Eastern Command (Per. Lt-Col. P. Smith) ...	125	0	0
Brigadier and Mrs. R. E. Aserappa ...	100	0	0
M. A. Tulloch, Esq, Jamda ...	100	0	0
The Roman Catholic Mission, Ranchi ...	100	0	0
The Rev. P. Canham ...	100	0	0
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S. N. Bhattacharyya, Esq, Patna ...	60	0	0
Burgh by Sands (Carlisle) Sunday School ...	55	6	9

		Rs.	As.	P
	Bishop Westcott Schools, Namkum	52	0	0
	K. J. Peters, Esq, Muri	50	0	0
	Mrs. S. Aney, Government House	50	0	0
	Murhu Hospital Chapel Fund	50	0	0
I	St. Margaret's School	50	0	0
V	Miss. B. Canham	26	8	0
R	St. John Baptist Church, Mc Cluskieganj	26	0	0
	Major K. S. Narkarsiuji	20	0	0
B	Hassardganj Sunday School	20	0	0
	Bombay Girl Guides	20	0	0
	Chaibasa Girls' School	20	0	0
C	St. Margaret's Training School	15	0	0
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Editorial Note

INDIA and Easter might be called the key emphases in this issue of our Bulletin. A wealth of materials from India has come, particularly stressing the celebration of great Christian festivals. The growing church in free India is doing creative pioneering in worship experience.

A moving experience was the receipt of Mrs. White's beautiful letter describing the service of Thanksgiving for Beans, a sequel to the service for the dedication of two carloads of beans published in our Spring 1950 Bulletin. How worship and sharing love builds the fellowship of Christ's people across the world!

A Special Request: What are you doing to provide a Christian marriage ritual which is full of meaning, liturgically good, and truly representative of the life and thought of the Church in your land? Will you send, among other worship materials for our Bulletin, marriage rituals and ceremonies which you are using?

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Unveiling the Cross

By RALPH IMES

Note: This is especially planned for Good Friday evening. Any small church can put it on. A dark, black or purple, background for the Cross can be arranged out of crepe paper. The Cross should be about six feet high, rugged, and painted white or wrapped in white. The veils covering the Cross should be flimsy and of appropriate colors. Timing and lighting should be worked out smoothly. The climax should be one of dark silence changing to light and a spirit of surrender to the Lord.

There should be a leader, the minister usually, to keep the presentation moving. The person removing the veils should walk the length of the aisle slowly, carrying a candle.

Time of presentation—one hour.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:16-34

LENTEN CONFESSION: From *The Book of Common Prayer* (By minister or in unison.)

HYMN: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(Lights out; candles only.)

READING: "Selfishness" (See page 4.)

(The Veil of Selfishness is removed, while "Open My Eyes that I May See" is played quietly on the piano. *Then the lights are put on again.*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: From *The Book of Common Prayer* (By the minister.)

HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

RESPONSIVE READING: "The New Commandment" (Or whatever your hymnal may hold.)

(Lights out; candles only.)

READING: "Thoughtlessness" (See page 5.)

(The Veil of Thoughtlessness is removed, while "Follow the Gleam" is played quietly on the piano. *Then the lights are put on again.*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: From *The Book of Common Prayer* (By the minister.)

CHOIR: "On Calvary's Cross One Day" (Or congregation if there is no choir.)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-40 (Use a modern translation.)

(Lights out; candles only.)

READING: "Indifference" (See page 5.)

(The Veil of Indifference is removed, while "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" is played quietly on the piano.)

SILENT PRAYER (The minister should mention the "Key Words" on page 5 and observe a moment of silence between them.)

(Then the lights are put on again.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Use an appropriate one.)

CHOIR: "I Would Be True"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:10-14

HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

(Lights out; candles only.)

READING: "Carelessness" (See page 5.)

(The Veil of Carelessness is removed, while "We Give Thee but Thine Own" is played rather boldly on the piano. *Then the lights are put on again.*)

DUET: "Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak" (Or a solo, or some special arrangement.)

(Lights out; candles only.)

READING: "Ignorance" (See page 6.)

(The Veil of Ignorance is removed in silence.)

PRAYER: (By the minister.)

Let thy spirit possess us, O Lord; let thy strength flow through us; let thy work be our work. Fashion us, in body and in mind, so that we may have thy approval, and be hands and feet and mind for thee. *Amen.*

READING: "Cruelty" (See page 6.)

(The Veil of Cruelty is removed in silence. *Then the lights are put on again.*)

CLOSING:

Have thine own way, Lord,

Have thine own way, Lord.

HYMN: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (Spotlight on the now bare Cross.)

SELFISHNESS

Twenty centuries ago mankind crucified the Lord. Many things brought Christ to the Cross. One of those was selfishness. Men through thinking more of themselves than they did of either their Lord or their fellow men brought Christ to the Cross.

Being Christian, we believe that all men are brothers. We know that Christ went about healing the sick, encouraging the disheartened, and being a trusted friend to everyone. He was purely unselfish; he sacrificed everything he had to the cause of brotherly love. He went so far as to say that only those who lose their lives in service to others will truly find life. And he then proceeded to show the world that it could be done. He lived with the rich and the poor; he helped everyone who asked for help. He taught

the people how to help others. In the end he made the supreme sacrifice in giving his life that we might have life. He sacrificed himself for us.

Through the years since that great sacrifice, we have let a cloudy veil of selfishness come over the Cross and darken its message to us and others. Let us remove this veil from the Cross and from our souls.

THOUGHTLESSNESS

Most of the disciples with Jesus were thoughtless about the things they said and did. Peter denied the Christ in such a moment. James and John wrangled about the positions they were to have in the kingdom Jesus was to establish.

Today, we too do not take time to think about Jesus and what he really means. Our meditations do not take us to the mountain tops with Jesus but leave us in the valleys of the thoughtless, where a film-like veil obscures the Cross. Let us remove this filmy veil of thoughtlessness and think in terms of Thomas Clark's *Poems for Life*. (Page 217. Or any suitable poem or prayer may be substituted.)

INDIFFERENCE

There was a time in the history of the Church when people thought that the best way to follow Christ was to spend their time in worship and meditation. Some of them withdrew to lonely desert spots or shut themselves up in cells to prove their devotion. They felt that this was the kind of sacrifice that honored God.

But they failed to recall that Jesus had taught the necessity of feeding the hungry, helping the sick, lifting up the unfortunate, and seeking the lost. This means serving not only the ones in trouble, for in the end it turns out that we have been serving Christ all along.

Often those who are doing most for others become discouraged and wonder if it is worthwhile after all. When you put in hours of time at home or school or church lending a hand where it is needed and are tempted to become discouraged, then turn to the remarkable story of the last judgment and remember, "Ye did it unto me."

But we have not always done "it unto the least of these"—we have been indifferent. It often has made no difference to us, as it made no difference to those who killed Christ Jesus, what we do about Christ. An ugly, dirty shadow has fallen over the Cross, a kind of veil shutting us off from Christ. Let us remove this strange barrier, born of our own laziness, and find again the Christ who gave that we might live.

SILENT PRAYER ("Key Words")

Thanks for home and family. (Followed by silence.)

Thanks for friends. (Followed by silence.)

Thanks for the Church. (Followed by silence.)

Thanks for Jesus the Christ. (Followed by silence.)

Who taught us to pray—(the Lord's Prayer in unison).

CARELESSNESS

It has been said: "The Christian course is to repent, confess, right the wrong so far as that is possible, forget, and go forward in the newness of

life!" He who has proved his sincerity by doing works worthy of repentance knows a deep peace, a blessedness.

As Christians we can do works of repentance. Through the centuries we have not cared. This carelessness has cast a yellowing tint over the Cross, a veil that has stamped us as more than cowards. Let us tonight, then, remove from *our souls*, as well as the Cross, the ugly veil of carelessness.

IGNORANCE

People like us killed Jesus because they were ignorant; they had not sought the truth that sets men free. Our not knowing, our ignorance, has recrucified Christ. Ignorance has cast a veil over the Cross. Most of us tonight ate a nourishing meal, perhaps we could have eaten more. But, as we ate, were we conscious of those who need food, clothing, and shelter? Probably not! Such lazy ignorance needs to be lifted from our minds so that we may know, for to know is to give and to give is to live.

CRUELTY

One who is cruel is one who causes pain to others. These persons show no pity, are hardhearted, and rejoice in causing pain to others. Such actions, harsh and pitiless as they are, drape the Cross in the blackest, the darkest, of all veils. As we think together on the cruelest of all stories, let us tear from our souls all tendencies toward modern savagery which cause us to be merciless and brutal. (Read John 19:1-20.)



A Prayer

For Those Who Search for His Sheep

BLESSED Lord Jesus, the good shepherd of the sheep, whose flocks are upon a thousand hills and who hast put into our hearts the hope of a better country, even a heavenly one; bless all those who search for thy sheep in scattered places, that they may bring them back to thee who art with the Father and the Holy Spirit, even one God, world without end. *Amen.*



NATURE'S MIRACLE

The operations of nature are so familiar that we cease to regard them with surprise. Upon the field, which lately appeared but inert dust, man scatters dry seeds. Soon they are quickened into life. Aided by sun and rain and air, plants rise out of the ground, shaped as by the hand of an invisible artist and tinted in shades of blending beauty. In a hundred days the field so lately naked and desolate is covered with treasure richer than gold, each pendent seed a storehouse filled with life-sustaining food. Man gathers what, with strange presumption, he calls the products of *his* skill and labor.

(Continued on page 13.)

An Easter Camp in India

By MISS A. ROBINS*

THE CAMP was held in Kakri, a village where our Christians are strong in their faith. Rev. D. Washington, the pastor, Parikhan, the village schoolteacher, and the people of Kakri worked hard to have everything ready for the comfort of those who came. Our tents were pitched, and firewood and water were ready for us when we arrived. Our Christian people came from villages all over the district to attend the meetings. They brought their own food. Counting the 200 Christians of Kakri, the total attendance must have been about 400. The meetings were held in a *shamiana*. Thursday evening each group brought their food to the *shamiana* and we all ate together. As we ate together, Mr. Wolcott led us in a fellowship meeting, reading portions from the Bible and explaining the significance of Jesus' Last Supper with his friends. After we had eaten, Mr. Wolcott led us in a very beautiful Communion Service, which was served in small clay cups that had been made especially for the occasion. All were served at the same time. About eighty-five participated. The whole service was pervaded with a spirit of quiet reverence.

The next day was Good Friday. Mr. Wolcott led our early morning devotional service. After this early service we prepared for a group study of the events of Good Friday. The teachers and preachers who were present were called to one side and prepared to teach some part of the Good Friday story. While this was going on, the people had a song service. Then the people were divided into nine groups, and a teacher or preacher taught each group some incident of the Good Friday events. There were women enough to make two groups, and Miss Dayal and Miss Robins taught the women. Upon completion of the group meetings, we met together again and, in the order of the events, one from each group told his story, so that at the end the whole story of Good Friday had been related. We were greatly impressed by the ability of the village people to tell the story.

Good Friday was a day of fasting. About 100 people fasted.

At the afternoon meeting Mr. Washington led us in a worship service. In his talk he gave a very vivid picture of Christ's sufferings at his trial and crucifixion. After this service there was a song service, accompanied by the Modhapur group playing drums and instruments. Then we were dismissed to go and break our fast.

After eating and resting we gathered again for the evening meeting. At this meeting Miss Dayal and Miss Robins showed large pictures depicting the events in the last week of Jesus' life.

The next day, Saturday, we began with an early morning devotional service led by Parikhan, the schoolteacher.

After the morning devotional service we again had a group study period as on Good Friday, but this time we studied the Resurrection story. There were eight groups that studied the events of the first Easter Day. When the groups came together again, one from each group told his story, all the

* This account is condensed from a news story in *The Indian Witness* about a *Jalsa*, or Easter jungle camp, held near Ballia, India, in the Easter season of 1948.

stories together completing the Easter narrative. After this fifty women from Kakri and Goothwan villages were taken into full church membership. It was an impressive sight to see these fifty women being received into the church at one time. The women seemed to be well prepared for this step and to understand what they were doing.

The afternoon meeting began with singing, accompanied by village musical instruments. After this twenty-five young men from Kakri and Goothwan were taken into full church membership. This was followed by the baptism of twelve men, women, and children from a new village, Inamiapur. We were then entertained by a drama prepared by the young men of Kakri. In this drama the futility of *ojhai* treatment for sickness was portrayed. A boy was ill; the parents called in two men to perform *ojhai*; the boy did not get well. Then they called in a fake doctor who took large fees but did the boy no good. Then a Christian preacher was called who prayed and gave good medicine, and the boy was restored to health. In the evening service the Kakri people entertained us again with two dramas and music. One of the dramas was the story of the Good Samaritan, which was very well done.

Then came Easter Day. Early Easter morning, about 3:00 a.m., we all gathered and with lighted candles went in procession through fields and villages, singing Easter songs of joy and praise. On our return to our meeting place an Easter drama was given by the village schoolteachers and hostel schoolboys. At about 8:00 a.m. we had our regular Easter Service. Our district superintendent, Rev. P. J. Dayal, gave a stirring Easter message. This was followed by an Easter drama given by the Rasra Hostel schoolboys. After this the Easter camp was over and we all went home. All who attended seemed to think that the Easter *Jalsa* had been most worthwhile and that all had been richly blessed by the services.



The Legend of the Dogwood

THERE IS a legend that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this and in his gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it:

“Because of your regret and pity for my suffering never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross . . . two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember. . . .”



Concern for Others

A Service about Bread and the Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

RESPONSIVE READING: "The Bread of Life"

Jesus said unto them: I am the bread of Life:

He that cometh to me shall not hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

Everyone that drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

They said therefore unto him, What then dost thou for a sign, that we may see, and believe thee? what workest thou?

Our fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.

Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven; but My Father giveth you the true bread out of heaven.

For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

HYMN: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

MEDITATION: "A Code for the Small Community"

I am one of the small communities of America. I am not Chicago and I am not New York. I will respect myself. I will not indulge in self-pity because I am small. I will develop and conserve my resources. I will not fail to organize as I should, but I will not waste my energy in useless organization. I will not encourage factional strife of any kind—religious, social, or economic. Other communities may be able to endure factionalism, but my resources are limited and they must be conserved. I am a thinking unit in America's great republic, which is ruled by public opinion, and I will endeavor to make my contribution to an intelligent public opinion. I will not knowingly be ruled by ignorance or prejudice. All attempts to fill my mind with propaganda I will resent as an insult not to be endured.

Because I am a community the most important fact about me is that I have a purpose and a spirit. I will encourage all those individuals and those groups who try to keep their spirit and purpose free from evil and full of righteousness and good will. I will recognize that probably the basic man in my community is a farmer, a gardener, a fisherman, or a miner. Were it not for these people who man the industries my community would not exist. I will try to prosper with them and not off them. I am a

small community but I do not need to be isolated or provincial; the goods of the world are mine but the world expects me to provide as well as to take. I will be worthy of the wholehearted devotion of my people because I offer them a chance to secure the abiding satisfactions of life.—Arthur E. Holt

Not in a day nor in a year have men grasped what Jesus meant when he told them to love their neighbors as themselves. We have not grasped his meaning yet, but little by little the horizons of our minds have widened. Let us be thankful for those who have made the first discoveries in the meaning of Christian brotherhood, and let us give ourselves to following in their train.—John Irwin

PRAYER

HYMN: "My Master Was a Worker"

MEDITATION: "Paavo the Yeoman"

HYMN: "I Thank Thee, Lord, for Strength of Arm"



INDIGENOUS WORSHIP

By THE RT. REV. FRANK WHITTAKER
Bishop of the United Church of South India
Medak, India

In the majority of our village congregations, worship is very informal though it has been developed according to certain recognized patterns. There are certain parts of the Sunday services and evening prayers which are repeated regularly in all congregations (for example, the Prayer of Confession, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, etc.), but there is also a good deal of room left for spontaneity and variety. In the more informal services a place is given for village Christians themselves to take part (for example, songs by children, Bible reading by literate adults, telling Bible stories, or a short address, by one of the young men or a young woman). Special services are held for special purposes, such as, the dedication of houses or wells, the receiving of first fruits of harvest, prayers for rain or in time of sickness, cattle disease, plague, etc. One well-developed feature of worship in this area is the giving of thank offerings by those who have received answers to prayer or wish to recognize special blessing. The services of Holy Communion, confirmation, and baptism are rather more formal. These have been adapted to the needs of the village congregation. You are probably aware of the work which is now being done in the Church of South India in the creation of a new liturgy for such services. The service of the Lord's Supper has recently been published by the Oxford University Press; the service of confirmation is about to be published; the service for baptism is in preparation. Both formally and informally the Church in this area is seeking to adapt its worship to the needs of the people, and we have a sense of living in a creative period of the church's history.



Thanksgiving for Beans

By MRS. E. E. WHITE
Aruppukottai, South India

Editor's Note: In Bulletin No. 9 we published a brief service used in Huron County, Michigan, U.S.A., in dedicating two carloads of beans for CROP to be sent overseas for relief. Some of these beans reached a famine-stricken area in South India. Christian leaders there had seen the service used in dedicating the beans, and so they prepared and the people participated in a service of thanksgiving for the gift of food.

The account of the service and the thanksgiving litany, translated from the Tamil language, follow.

We find *The Rural Church at Worship* very interesting. Recently we received some lima beans for distribution in villages where famine conditions exist. We wrote a litany of thanksgiving in Tamil for this help in time of need. The people were able to respond with real feeling, "*We thank thee for this food, O Lord.*" In some villages they are in desperate need. The rationing in rural areas has completely broken down. The people with no work, because there is no rain, have no money to buy in the black market. Even wild roots and spinach, which they sometimes eat in hard times, are unavailable because everything has dried up. Little four-year-olds were not even able to walk. Not one mother in the village had milk for her infant. The beans were received so gratefully, one man even saying fervently, "This is just like Christmas."

In our service of thanksgiving we felt anew the brotherhood of all Christians and realized that God's loving care surrounds us at all times. It is heart-rending to see so much suffering, but it is a joy to feel in the giving and in the receiving the fellowship of all believers.

THE THANKSGIVING LITANY

Because thou hast given a rich harvest to our brothers in the West, and as an expression of their great love they have given us this timely help,
We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

In our land without the sweetness of rain, for our thin and hungry children, the aged, the sick who cannot work, the suffering poor and needy;
We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

All thy discouraged children, receiving new strength, renewing our faith by this gift from the West,
We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

For the answer to our prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread,"
We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

With one heart and glowing mind, glorifying God in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

Our beloved Saviour taught us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Our brothers

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*A Galilean Service**

By ELDEN E. EHRHART

THINKING TOGETHER ABOUT JESUS:

We can make our service more worshipful and meaningful if we will become *silent* as soon as we receive this paper and remain thus until we rise to leave at the end of the service.

SILENT MEDITATION:

We see thy glorious presence in all the beauty and loveliness of nature about us. The calmness of the water, the greenness of the grass, the tallness of the trees, the skimming of the swallows, the majestic clouds, and the arching of the sky all fill us with awe before thee. Help us to receive into our own lives some of this orderliness, this dependence upon thee, this loveliness and beauty which our eyes have been privileged to behold. *Amen.*

HYMN: "Day Is Dying in the West"

(To be sung antiphonally: verses 1 and 3, with refrain, by those in the boat; verses 2 and 4, with refrain, by those on shore. Only the verses sung by those on shore are printed here.)

2. Lord of life, beneath the dome
Of the universe, thy home,
Gather us who seek thy face
To the fold of thy embrace,
For thou art nigh.

Refrain:

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of thee,
Heaven and earth are praising thee,
O Lord most high!

4. When forever from our sight
Pass the stars, the day, the night,
Lord of angels, on our eyes
Let Eternal morning rise,
And shadows end.

Refrain (as above)

QUARTET: "The Vesper Hymn"

RESPONSIVE READING: "The Beatitudes"—Matthew 5:3-12.

(Those in the boat will read the first portion of each verse; those on shore will reply with the remainder of each verse.)

* Sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of David's Church, Killinger, Ontario, Canada.

HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast. *Amen.*

POEM: "The Christ of Common Folks"

MEDITATION and PRAYER

POEM: "Jesus Christ and Me"

RESPONSIVE READING: "The Sermon on the Mount"—Matthew 5:33-48.

(Beginning in the boat, those on shore will read alternate verses.)

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(Verses 1 and 2 to be sung by all; verses 3 and 4 by those in the boat only.)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!
(Repeat last two lines.)
2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!
(Repeat last two lines.)

QUARTET: "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

BENEDICTION ("Taps" to be sung by those in the boat.)



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Let us never cease to wonder at this miracle because it happens regularly. Rather let its frequency and comparative certainty make the miracle seem even greater.—Adapted.



Intercession in Behalf of Rural Life

By SUMMERS BRINSON*

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to bless all those who sow the seed and reap the harvests of the world;

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That it may please thee to bless the homes and home life of our country districts, that they may be pure and happy abiding-places for the children that shall come to them;

We beseech thee that these children shall be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

That it may please thee to guard all children and young people who live and labor on the land and to give them the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

We beseech thee that these young people, while acquiring knowledge of flowers, trees, the wind, the rain, and the soil, may also know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

That all those who are charged with the promotion of the church's work in country districts may be endued with the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit;

We beseech thee that the creative powers of the Holy Spirit may lead them in all holy and useful ways.

That town and country churches may have a broad vision of the fields white unto harvest about them and have grace to minister to those fields with love and devotion;

We beseech thee, O Lord, that these churches may have the mind of Jesus who went about doing good to all men.

That it may please thee to send forth more laborers into thy harvest;

We beseech thee that thy call may be heard by many, even as it was by Samuel and Jeremiah, Amos and Isaiah, Matthew and Paul, so that thy harvest may not waste and perish.

That clergy serving in rural areas may have such opportunities for conference and personal friendships as will tend to overcome the isolation of country people and assure them of the value of their lives to the common good;

We beseech thee that thy ministers may travel all roads in the countryside, seeking with a tender shepherd's care those sheep who may have strayed and bring them into the fold, and to lead all into green pastures and by healing waters.

That the Church may provide town and country ministers with means sufficient to educate their children and secure the necessities of life;

We beseech thee, O God, that all who benefit by the Gospel may literally share their means with thy called servants who preach thy saving Word.

* Mr. Brinson is Methodist District Superintendent, Owensboro, Kentucky.

That it may please thee to bless and to encourage all lay people, both men and women, who serve in rural fields with no thought of monetary reward but out of love to the dear Saviour's name;

We beseech thee, O Lord, that these may study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen who need not be ashamed, "and that thy presence may sustain them."

That the colleges and seminaries of our church may give adequate training for the rural ministry, and that young men studying for such ministry may realize the greatness of such calling;

We beseech thee, O God, that they may know that Jesus was close to the life of the tiller of the soil, knew the ways of those who worked in the open field, and spoke their language.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth so that in due season we may enjoy them;

We pray thee that thy people may ever remember that it is by thy eternal goodness the earth brings forth bountifully for their sustenance.

That it may please thee to bless all national and state governments and to guide them in their efforts to promote the welfare of those who live on farms, in villages and towns, and in great cities . . . for all are thine;

We beseech thee, our heavenly Father, that thou will take thy people unto thy bounteous care and that all experience which is their human lot . . . whether they are in the country or in the cities . . . may but deepen their consecration and prove to them again that the foundations of God are sure and steadfast altogether and forever. Amen.



THE FIRST COOPERATIVE

By MALCOLM DANA

The very first need felt and voiced by the Creator, after he had made the earth and all its animate life, was for a farmer. And this man was to be a co-operator. . . . Man's primary and greatest responsibility under God and in behalf of human beings has always been to care for the earth. Here truly is the gospel of the soil. Its preaching and practice will secure right care, development, and use of the holy earth. Farming is a threefold cooperative: God, man, and soil are to work together with mutual interests and rights in mind.



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in the West have fulfilled this command. That we may also help others less fortunate,

We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

Remembering it is more blessed to give than to receive, and dedicating ourselves insofar as it lieth in us to help others in need,

We thank thee for this food, O Lord.

*Quail and Bread Bring Peace**

WITHIN the brief period of a couple of months in the Desert of Sinai, the success of the migration of the Hebrews from the Land of Goshen to Canaan and their hopes for future existence as a nation were threatened and undoubtedly would have failed but for the supply of meat and bread which suddenly became available in liberal quantities to the hungry multitudes.

The book of Exodus says that "the quail came up and covered the camp." Their numbers were fabulous. Later, in the Book of Numbers we are told of another visitation of quail and that the least that a man gathered was ten omars (eighty bushels) per day. And they were placed in the sun to dry.

We are all familiar with the prominence of the sea gull in the decorations of Salt Lake City and how highly this bird is regarded by the Mormons because it appeared in great numbers and devoured the insects which were destroying the first food crops planted by the pioneers with seed that they had carried so laboriously across the plains and mountains to Utah.

Just how mankind is indebted to birds, both as a food resource and as collaborators in the endless fight against his insidious enemies, insects, is worthy of a treatise in itself. Their contributions to the comforts and advance of man are immeasurable.

Our successful progress is described by Isaiah as mounting up "with wings as eagles," and our imagination is satisfied when we are pictured in our last and highest estate as part human and part bird—angels.



*THE TOMB OF JESUS***

A solemn but beautiful service was held in the Cantonment Methodist Church at Benares on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter. We began at 6:30 p.m. (an hour later than the other services of Passion Week) by singing a hymn. Most of the service was conducted through reading of passages from both the Old and the New Testaments. There was no preaching done that night. The chief feature was that, while the last verse of the last hymn was being sung, the members lighted the candles which they had been asked to bring, and the church lights were put out. As the final Scripture passage was being read, the candles were put out too, beginning at the back benches, so that gradually the whole church became dark except for the two candles on the altar. They too were extinguished when the minister finished the passage, giving a clear idea of the tomb of Jesus. All knelt in prayer. After the benediction only two lights were put on, and the people went out of the church quietly.

* "Sermonette on Conservation," by Justus H. Kline, director-at-large of the National Wild Life Federation, Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

** The actual service was arranged by the Rev. and Mrs. W. Machin of Benares, India. From *The Indian Witness*, April 8, 1948.

Rev. J.J. Riga,

Secretary Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi

Dated Puruliathe 17th September, 1951.

Sir,

With reference to the N.C.C. letter dated 2nd January, 1951 to you with the extract from the bill to replace the special marriage act 1872 which is to be introduced in the central legislature soon. I have to say the following.

A marriage is not a marriage when it is performed against the approbation, counsel of the word of God. Therefore agreeing with the N.C.C. opinion may I suggest the following additions and alterations of words in the extract of the proposed bill.

In page I part II solemnization of special marriage para 4 line 3 after the word any "two persons" be deleted and the words (adult) "man and women" be substituted in their places. In page I part II para 4(a) in line I after the third word "has" and before "spouse" the word an "adult" be inserted.

In page I part II para 4(b) in line I after the word lunatic, the words "~~or important~~ *impotent*" be inserted.

In page 2 part III registration of marriage solemnization in other forms. In para 14(I) b line 2 between "one and spouse" the word "adult" be inserted.

impotent In para 14(c) line I between "lunatic" adult, the word "~~or important~~" be inserted.

Yours Sincerely,

K.K. Socky

Member B.C.C. G.E.L. Church Puruli
Manbhum.

Copy to the President,
G.E.L. Church, Chotanagpur
& Assam.

1. Report of Dr. J. M. Macphail
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W. K. Beck

To,

The Secretary,

Bihar Christian Council, Ranchi

Dated Purulia the 22nd of September, 1951.

Sir,

It is the detail report of my opinion dated 17.9.51, sent to you for your information.

In the proposed bill of marriage the word used "person" has a meaning, I think human beings of all ages even minor children are included in it. The persons should be adults, therefore I used biblical words "man and woman" who have ^{attained} ~~attain~~ man hood and woman hood" who have all the qualities of a man and a woman.

A marriage is not a marriage when it is performed against the approbation and counsel of the word of God.

For the following object the marriage of suitable and matchable man and woman to be husband & wife has been sanctioned by God. These have been clearly mentioned in the bible as well.

- (1) That they may produce children.
- (2) That they may be saved from committing sin of adultery.
- (3) That they may be partners for mutual help, love and peace in all respects.
- (4) That they be united and made one flesh or body by God. After matrimony the man begins to love his wife & they become one body.

In order to uphold the practice of hindu child marriage which is nominally restricted by law the word "person" is used in the bill.

The child marriage is actually not a marriage in right sense but betrothal promise to a marriage. As such it can be broken, at any time, by any one party on good grounds before the performance of dwira gaman or 2nd marriage and the aggrieved party may have a right to claim for compensation within the time allowed by law.

In dwiragaman or 2nd marriage the child marriage is consummated or legalised finally by the parties when they become adult. Since the 2nd marriage they begin to live together as husband & wife become one flesh or body. After the 2nd marriage if one party is displeased with the other ~~for~~ for any good and sufficient reasons and wants to dissolve the marriage the question of divorce or marriage dissolution

arrises for ~~chance~~ observe it,

In a few rare cases I have found the male human soule were
marriad , with the pressure and consent of the parents & guardians
with the femal human suls. The male human souls out of shame did not
disclose their impotency at the time of the marriage. The result
of such illegal marriages was that the *lives* of women were *spoiled*
on account of impotency of the males (so called) husband) In a few
such rare/cases women carried on *shamful* lives in other cases males (so
called husbands) become procures of their women (wives) who carried
on a *immoral* profession of ~~penial~~ life. Therefore in my humble openion
I suggested insertion and addition of the word "impotent". As such
marriages are not marriage in true sense.

Copy to the President,

G. E. L. Church Chotanagpur
& Assam, Ranchi, for information.

Yours Sincerely,

K. K. Socky

Member of Bihar Christian
Council , Purulia.

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Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1045/51

The 22nd. September 1951.

To

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

The following members of the G.E.L.Church
will be delegates in the Bihar Christian Council
meeting to be held at Ranchi on the 2nd to 5th
October 1951:-

1. Rev. J. A. Kujur.
2. Rev. H. Topono.
3. Rev. S. Kula.
4. Mr. C. D. Sirka.
5. Mr. Z. Hero.

Yours faithfully,

sd/- C. D. Sirka,
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church Chotanagpur &
Assam, Ranchi.

No. 1049/51

Copy forwarded to Rev. Mr. C. D. Sirka for
information.

C. D. Sirka
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church Chotanagpur &
Assam, Ranchi.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

Dear

Mr. Siska,

Ranchi: 19-8-51.

This is to inform you that the Biennial Meeting of the Bihar Christian Council will be held at Ranchi from 2nd to 5th Oct. 1951.

On the 3rd. to 5th. the Council will meet. On the 2nd. the Committees will meet. You are on the Joint Council of Christian Education of Bihar. Miss K.C. Sokey is the Convener.

If you have any matters for consideration, please contact Miss Sokey.

Yours Sincerely,

Secretary.

J. P. Singh
20/8/51



Mr. C. D. Sirka, Secretary,

G. E. L. Church ,

Ranchi.

Programme

OF THE

TWENTY SECOND BIENNIAL MEETING

OF THE

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

TO BE HELD

AT

THE BISHOP'S LODGE

S. P. G. MISSION,

RANCHI

October 2—5, 1951

President : The REV. P. JOHN, PATNA.

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 2

- 9 A.M. : Meeting of the Executive Committee
- 10-30 A.M. : Meetings of other Council Committees by arrangement of conveners.
- 2 P.M. : Council Session—
Worship : Rev. G. Fairservice
Preliminaries : Attendance of delegates, Registration of visitors and Affiliations
Adoption of the Programme
Greetings from the Santal Christian
Council : Dr. R. M. Macphail
President's Address
Appointment of Minute Secretaries
Appointment of Auditors
Appointment of the Nominations Committee
Secretary's Report
✓ S P.G. Blind School : Report by the Rev. P. Canham
Santal and Bihar Christian Councils : Dr. Macphail
- 6.00 P.M. *meeting* *Cath...*
Public Mitting in St. Paul's School Hall
Address by the Rev. Dr. Guenther Schultz
"Experience of the Church in Germany during and after the War."

WEDNESDAY—OCTOBER 3

- 9.00 A.M. } Worship : Rev. D.B. Hans
N.C.C. Matters : The Rev. John W. Sadiq's Report.
Report of the Triennial Meeting by
President P. John
N C.C. & B.C:C.
✓ Evangelistic Opportunities in Bihar : Rev. J. Lakra
Adult Literacy : Report by Pandit C M. Tiga
Youth Work : Report by Mr. Raymond John

WEDNESDAY (Contd.)

- 2.00 P.M. Comity Rules ; Secretary
Christian Home : Miss K. C. Sokey
Christian Literature : Rev. P. John
Temperance : Mr. George Mahbert
- 6.00 P.M. *meeting* **Public Mitting** in St. Paul's School Hall. *Cathedral*
"The Challenge of the Present World Situation to Christian"...Address by the Rev. J. W. Sadiq

THURSDAY—OCTOBER 4

- 9.00 A.M. QUIET DAY.
Address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur
Private Devotions
11.30 A.M. Intercessory prayer : Led by the Rev. J. Gausdāl
- 2.00 P.M. The work of the Bible Society : Rev. P. John
A United Christian School for boys in Patna : Mr. P.L. Lall
Treasurer's Report : Miss M. M. Tirsgaard
Sunday Schools : Rev. J. J. P. Tiga
Economic Life of the Church : Mr. Herman Lakra
Theological Education in India : Mr. J. W. Sadiq
Relief Work in Bihar : Rev. P. John
A work on rehabilitation
- 6.00 P.M. **Public Mitting** in St. Paul's School Hall *Cathedral*
A. Address By the Rev. E. W. Oliver *J. W. Sadiq (R)*
B. "Poster & Picture Presentation of the Gospel."

FRIDAY—OCTOBER 5

- 9.00 A.M.- Worship : Rev. J.L. Kinder *Rev. J. Lakra*
Report on Medical Work
Report on Evangelism *E. W. Oliver*
Memorandum to Government : Mr. P. Baske
Christian Education in Bihar : Miss K.C. Sokey
Report of the Nominations Committee
Place and time of the next meeting
Vote of thanks
Closing words and Prayer : President P. John.

**Information for delegates and others
attending the Council Meeting**

1. Hospitality arrangements are in the hands of :
 - (a) Rev J. H. Dayal, S. P. G. Mission, Ranchi—Indian style.
 - (b) Rt. Rev. Bishop of Ghotanagpur—European style (gentlemen)
 - (c) Miss K. Espinasse, S. P. G. Mission, Ranchi—for ladies.
2. All meetings except otherwise indicated will be held at the Bishop's Lodge, S. P. G. Mission, Ranchi.
3. Delegates are requested to bring (a) this programme, (b) the Minutes of the last Biennial meeting held at Hazaribagh in 1949, and (c) the Minutes of the Executive Meetings held in the ad-interim period.
4. Secretaries of Constituent Bodies are welcome to attend the Council meetings. They have the privilege of the floor at all time.
5. Consideration of the Comity Rules will be one of the most important tasks of this Council meeting.
6. Charges : (a) European style—Rs. 4/- per day.
(b) Indian style— Rs. 3/- per day.
7. Further information may be had from the Secretary.

J. J. P. TIGA,
Lutheran Theological College,
RANCHI.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF
THE BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL HELD
AT THE BISHOP'S LODGE, RANCHI,
ON THURSDAY,
The 5th. April, 1951.

1 Rev. P. John occupied the chair. A passage of Scripture was read and prayer offered by the President.

2 *Roll Call* : The following were present : Rev. P. John (President), Rt Rev. Bishop of Chotanagpur, Rt Rev. Bishop of Bhagalpore Rev Joel Lakra, Pandit C. M. Tiga, Miss M. Tirsgaard (Treasurer), Miss K. C. Sokey, Mr. S. K. Roy, Mr. C. C. Roadarmal, Mr E. W. Oliver, Rev J. H. Dayal, Rev. J. J. P. Tiga (Secretary).

Visitor : Mr. Herman Lakra, Secretary for the Committee on the Economic Life of the Church was present on invitation. Apology for absence was received from Dr. D. G. Muthu.

3 *Vacancies* : The Secretary reported that the Rt. Rev. Bishop F. R. Willis submitted his resignation and the D. U. Mission appointed the Rev. *Brian Harvey* to be its delegate in place of Bishop Willis now Bishop of Delhi.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Brian Harvey a member of the Executive Committee in place of Bishop Willis.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Anderson left a note with the Secretary to say that *Dr. Kristopher Hagan*, Benagaria Christian Hospital was to act for her as Area Secretary of the Christian Medical Association. He also informed the members that Dr. Porh had not been informed about her appointment as member of the Executive Committee as her address was not known. Mr. Harvey very kindly undertook to explain to her the situation and the Secretary was asked to send a letter of apology for having to change the decision of the Executive Committee about her appointment.

It was unanimously resolved that Dr. Kristopher Hagan be informed about her appointment as member in place of Dr. Anderson, ex-officio.

It was also pointed out that the place of Rev. J. J. P. Tiga was vacant. It was unanimously resolved that *Rev. D. B. Hans* be made member of the Executive Committee in the vacancy caused by the appointment of Rev. Tiga as Secretary.

4 *Congratulation to Rt Rev Bishop Willis* : The members of the Committee expressed their joy over the fact that Rev. Willis was appointed Bishop of Delhi. The Secretary was asked to send him a letter of Congratulation.

5 *Comity Matters* : (a) Gomoh : Decision of the General Conference of the Assemblies of God of North India is being awaited (vide letter from Rev. L. M. Ketchamd ated November 9, 1951.

(b) G. E. L. Church : Read reply of the Secretary G. E. L. Church Memo No. 137/51/f-9 dated 24th Jan. 1951 Saying that before they fill up the form they want to hear the result of the N. C. C. Committee on Comity Rules

In this connection Letter No S/M 419 dated April 12, 1951 enclosing a letter from the Secretary, M I RC. C., Raipur was read. Some discussion took place. Rev Lakra made a statement on the question of Udaipur. After careful consideration it was moved and resolved :

That with regard to the request of the Mid-India Christian Council through the N. C. C. for consideration of the Comity problem in Udaipur we reply. :—

- 1 We recommend that since this territory belongs to the M I. C. C. the matter should be decided by them.
- 2 We recommend that the G. E. L. Church join the M. I. C. C. in view of the work they have in that area.
- 3 We recommend that in the meantime the G. E. L. Church endeavour wholeheartedly in consultation with the M. I. C. C. to seek a satisfactory solution of the problem by mutual agreement.

6 *Comity Rules* : Read and considered letter No. S/M. 116 dated Jan. 29, 1951.

Resolved that the following statement be sent to the N. C. C. :

With reference to Resolution 3 on p. 36 of the Proceeding of the eleventh meeting of the C. C. I P. held from October 20th, to 25th, 1950, a discussion at the meeting of the B C. C. Executive held on the 5th. April 1951 revealed the need of some careful revision or qualification of Comity Rules where a strict interpretation of existing rules might provide a pretext for unduly hampering the expansion of some long established and populous church.

Such churches not infrequently throw out new branches by the emigration of their members to areas in which the claim of some other Church or Mission to evangelize has been recognized and not infrequently also attract non-Christians of the same stock who have also emigrated. When spontaneous accessions of this kind have begun or are likely to take place it seemed doubtful whether such a Church ought to be restrained by considerations of Comity from actively fostering the movement, simply because it is comparatively a new comer to the area.

Moreover strategic considerations cannot be left out of account. It seemed to some of those present somewhat preposterous that when a new region is opened for evangelization, a vigorous Church on its borders, which by its Geographical situation and linguistic and racial affinities is singularly well fitted to evangelize it effectively. should be restricted by some arrangement made at a time, when an entirely different set of conditions prevailed. An excessi-

vely rigid interpretation of Comity rules might in such cases lead to results scarcely reconcilable with the principle recognized by the Tambaram Conference that the Church is the true and proper agent for evangelization.

Resolution : The Executive submits the above statement to the appropriate Committee of C. C. I. P. with the request that some solution may be found.

Note : The Comity Rules adopted by the Bihar Christian Council are found at page 10 of the Proceedings of the Twenty First meeting held November 8th, to 10th, 1949.

7 *Affiliation of the Bodies which have not signed the Form passed by the last Council meeting* : Resolved to recommend to the Council that all Bodies at present affiliated to the Council be regarded as affiliated until the new revised statement on Comity has been made by the N. C. C. when in order to be constitutionally affiliated they will have to subscribe to the new statement.

8 *Application for Affiliation* : (a) Norwegian Free Evangelical Mission—Mr. Svartdahl should be asked to comply with the decision of the Executive Committee (Vide page 4 No. 9 of the Minutes dated November 17th 1950. (b) American Free will Baptist Mission :—Received the Form of Affiliation to the B. C. C. duly filled out by Mr. William R. Hoke, Field Secretary.

Resolved that the request for affiliation be granted.

9 *Economic Life of the Church* : Mr. Herman Lakra presented a report. He referred to the Minutes of the Central Economic Life Committee dated January 9-10, 1951, drawing attention to page 30 where it is said that there is a sanction of Rs. 100/- for Bihar.

Resolved that (1) the grant of Rs 100/- from N. C. C. Committee be approved and that the money be drawn for holding a Conference, (2) A Committee of the following be appointed to draw up a programme: Rev. D B Hans Mr. C. M Tiga, Miss K C. Sokey, Mr. Pradipt Roy and Mr. Herman Lakra (Convener), (3) the plan be submitted to the General Council meeting for approval.

10 *Christian Literature* : Rev. P. John reported He referred to a letter from Miss Ure in connection with Bible Text Posters. The matter was postponed for the Council.

Mr. Oliver was requested to lead the discussions at the meeting of the Council. It was agreed to request Miss Ure to come and speak at the meeting of the Council.

Reference was made to Tilak' Hymn Book in Hindi. It was noted.

11 *Theological Books* : Rev. J. Lakra's list was received and filed.

12 *Audio-Visual-Aids* : Mr. Oliver reported, and placed on the table some literature in this connection.

13 *Evangelism* : Rev J. H. Dayal and Mr. E. W. Oliver reported on the work of Rev. Abdul Haq and both of them recommended vary strongly that in 1952 a longer period should be given for Bihar so that Rev Haq may be made available for his lectures to a larger circle of the province

14 *S. P. G, Blind School* : Resolved that a representative of the Blind School be invited to speak at the Council meeting.

15 *Adult Literacy* : Mr. C. M Tiga reported on his work. He also distributed the minutes of the N C, C. Committee. He stated that the Churches did not seem to be as alive as they ought to be in this matter. There is, however, growing interest in it. The number of students is growing so high that it is difficult to find adequate number of teachers for them. The Churches and Missions should appoint their own area supervisors. He reported that Mundari Praveshika is now printed and out for use.

It was suggested that Training Institute be organized for training teachers for the Adult Literacy Schools.

Adult Literacy Committee : Resolved that Mr. Paul Lakhan Lal be appointed member of the Committee in place of Mr. Andrew Thomas

16 *Revised Marriage Bill* : Copies had already been circulated among all the members of the Executive Committee. After discussion it was resolved that.

B. C. C. Executive Committee, while reiterating previous resolutions strongly discouraging mixed marriages between a Christian and a non-Christian regards the proposed revised Civil Marriage Bill as necessary in the secular state of India and is of opinion that it will be advantageous if it becomes Law, in as much as it will supersede the Special Marriage Act 1872 which is universally recognized to be highly unsatisfactory.

17 *Date and Place for next meeting* : Resolved that the Council meetings be held from the 2nd. to 5th. October, 1951 either at Patna or at Ranchi. The second day of the meeting be observed as a Quiet Day.

18 *Vote of Thanks* : Members expressed their great appreciation of Bishop Hall's kind hospitality.

The meeting was closed with prayer and benediction.

Sd/- P. JOHN,
President,

Sd/- J. J. P. TIGA,
Secretary.

From the
General Superintendent.



CHURCH OFFICE
P. O. BENAGARIA,
SANTAL PARGANAS.

Sept. 13th, 1951.

The Secretary,
Gossner E. L. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Sirka,

Last year a Youth Conference was held at Ranchi, and a resolution was passed to the effect that the Federation be asked to open up an Employment Bureau.

This matter was discussed at the F.E.L.C. Executive meeting at Renigunta on the 17.-18. of last month (unfortunately you were not present there) and it was resolved "to study the question in detail in their respective areas and submit proposals regarding the possibility of opening an Employment Bureau to the next meeting of the Executive Council."

For such study the Secretary, F.E.L.C. is to deal with the Tamilnad area, Mr. N. Isac, Guntur, for the Telugu area, Mr. Dhanphul for the Orissa area, and so (most unfortunately) they have named me for the Hindi area.

Since I am coming to Ranchi in connection with the Bihar C. C. Biannual Meeting 2.-5. Oct., I would feel most grateful if any of you with knowledge from the big Christian community your side would come forward with definite proposals regarding such a Bureau, including where to be located, how to be staffed, how to be financed etc. From your experience it is likely to be found out what type of persons will consult such a Bureau, and what type of service can it possibly enter into contract with for supplying personell.

And so I am writing this letter in advance to you, and hope that you will not feel annoyed by being troubled with it.

Yours sincerely

J. Hansdal

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

Secretary : Mr. C. D. Sirka.

Ranchi, (Bihar) India

No. 1045/51

The 22nd. September 1951.

To

The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council.

The following members of the G.E.L.Church
will be delegates in the Bihar Christian Council
meeting to be held at Ranchi on the 2nd to 5th
October 1951:-

1. Rev. J. A. Kujur.
2. Rev. H. Topono.
3. Rev. S. Kula.
4. Mr. C. D. Sirka.
5. Mr. Z. Horo.

Yours faithfully,

sd/- C. D. Sirka.
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church Chotanagpur &
Assam, Ranchi.

No. 1046-50/51.

Copy forwarded to ^{above mentioned delegates.} Rev. J. A. Kujur, Rev. H. Topono, Rev. S. Kula, Mr. Sirka and Mr. Horo for information. respectively

C. D. Sirka
Secretary,
G.E.L.Church Chotanagpur &
Assam, Ranchi.

INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

V. M. KOSHY, B.A., B.T., DIP. EC.

COONOR

NILGIRIS

11th August, 1951.

Procc
The Secretary,
G.E.L. Church of Chotanagpur,
Ranchi, Bihar.

Sir,

To supplement the enclosed circular, let me say that the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, is on our present Committee and could be present at the Convention on that account and at our expense. I would therefore suggest you appoint him representative of your church on the General Council.

With kind regards,

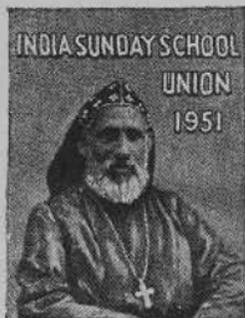
Yours sincerely,

V. M. Koshy

Administrative Secretary.

Copy to: Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.

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INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION
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Administrative Secretary

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THE INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

CONSTITUTION

showing proposed
amendments in italics

I. Name.

The organisation shall be known as the India Sunday School Union.

II. Object.

The object of this Union shall be to further by all possible means the establishment and the efficient working of Sunday Schools throughout *India and Pakistan*.

III. Membership.

Membership in the Union shall be open to the following persons:-

1. Representatives of any Auxiliary Sunday School Union which shall be affiliated to the India Sunday School Union by the Executive Committee of the India Sunday School Union.

(a) An Auxiliary Sunday School Union entitled to representation in the India Sunday School Union is an organisation of Sunday Schools for mutual benefit and meets the following conditions. It comprises at least five organised Sunday schools, preferably composed of duly authorised representatives. It holds an annual meeting for the inspiration of the schools, or an annual institute for the training of the teachers. It pays an annual affiliation fee and makes annual report to the India Sunday School Union. On receiving this fee and assurance that the above conditions have been fulfilled, the Administrative Secretary shall issue to it a certificate of affiliation which shall be duly approved by the Executive Committee at a regular meeting.

(b) Affiliated Unions shall be entitled to representation on the General Council of the I. S. S. U. on the following basis of affiliation fees. Auxiliaries from 5 to 25 schools a fee of Rs. 5 and one representative; from 26 to 50 schools, Rs. 6, and two representatives; 51 to 75 schools, Rs. 7 and three representatives; and so on up to a maximum of Rs. 15.

2. Three persons to be nominated by the *Christian Councils of India and Pakistan*.

3. Two persons to represent each of the *State Christian Councils*.

4. Two persons to represent each of the following Christian Youth Organisations in the Country:— Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Student Christian Movement, Christian Endeavour *Union* and Children's Special Service Mission. Other Youth Organisations may be admitted on application.

5. One representative from every Diocese of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon, and of the Church of South India and from every Presbytery of the United Church of Northern India, and one representative for every hundred thousand Christians or part thereof for every other duly constituted Synod, Council, Conference, Federation, Union or equivalent Church body recognized by the Christian Council or State Christian Councils, of India and Pakistan.

6. All the Officers and Secretaries of the Union.

7. Two persons to be nominated by the *British Administrative Committee of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association*.

These shall form the General Council of the Union and shall meet during the Triennial Convention (See Art. V) for the purpose of receiving reports and electing a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and an Executive Committee.

IV. Officers.

The following shall be the Officers of the Union:—A President, Vice-President and Treasurer who shall be appointed triennially by the General Council, and the Administrative Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee under an accepted agreement.

V. Convention and General Council.

The Union shall hold a Convention every three years, at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee. At one session of the Convention the General Council shall be constituted for the purposes mentioned in Article III.

VI. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:—

- (a) The Officers of the Union as provided in Article IV, and one representative elected by the Secretaries from amongst themselves.
- (b) Ten members to be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the General Council. Nominations shall be made as follows, provision being made in such nominations for continuity of membership:—
 - i. Three members representing the Christian Councils and State Christian Councils.
 - ii. Three members representing Auxiliary Sunday School Unions.
 - iii. Three members representing the Churches in India.
 - iv. One member representing Youth Organisations in the Country.

Five members shall form a Quorum. The affairs of the Union shall be conducted by the Committee which shall ordinarily meet twice a year. Vacancies occurring in the Committee in the interval between the meetings of the General Council shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

VII Finance Committee.

To control, under the direction of the Executive Committee, the expenditure of the Union in all departments, to have oversight of the Trade Department and the property of the I. S. S. U., to deal with urgent staff matters and to consider ways and means of augmenting the income of the Union, a Finance Committee shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee. This Committee shall consist of the President or the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Administrative Secretary and two others. The Committee shall meet as may be necessary. Three members shall form a quorum. Minutes of the meetings of the committee shall be reported to the Executive Committee for confirmation immediately by correspondence. Actions on decisions of the Committee shall be withheld for one month, except in the case of urgent necessity, to enable the confirmation of the Executive Committee members to be received. 80% of affirmative votes will be taken as confirmation. The minutes shall be sent to the *British Administrative Committee of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association* for information after confirmation by the Executive Committee.

VIII. Meeting of the Staff.

The Staff of the I. S. S. U., consisting of the Administrative and other Secretaries appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time under accepted agreements, shall meet periodically to discuss plans of work. Resolutions and recommendations may be sent from such meetings to the Executive and Finance Committees.

IX. Bye-laws.

Bye-laws for the working of the Union may be framed as found necessary by the Executive Committee at a regular meeting.

X. Alterations of the Constitution.

No alteration of, or addition to the constitution shall be made, save at a meeting of the General Council and after three months' notice to all members.

XI. This constitution shall come into force from 1st January 1951.

XII. Interim Period. (*This article to be deleted*)

Until such time as the above mentioned committees are formed and are ready to function the present Executive Committee be authorised to carry on the work of the Union on the lines laid down in this constitution.

BYE-LAWS.

1. The method of election of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:—

- (a) Nomination under items i, iii, and iv of Article VI (b) shall be made by the Executive Committee, at least four of the names proposed being those of members of the Committee during the previous triennium.
- (b) Auxiliary Unions, having an organic connection with the I. S. S. U. shall have the right to make nominations under item ii of the above-mentioned Article. These nominations shall be received by the Administrative Secretary in the first instance three months prior to the meeting of the General Council. Names thus received shall be circulated to all eligible Auxiliaries and the responses shall be placed before a meeting of Auxiliary representatives present at the

Convention. This meeting shall present the final panel of names for election.

- (c) The General Council shall receive the nominations made in the manner given above and proceed with the election.

2. Auxiliaries eligible to make nominations to the Executive Committee shall have been affiliated at least two years prior to the year of the first Convention after their affiliation with the I. S. S. U. To retain eligibility an Auxiliary shall remain in affiliation during the triennium. Affiliation is retained by an Auxiliary fulfilling the requirements of Article III. (1) before 30th September in each year.

3. In order to enable the members of Executive Committee and the Staff to meet with each other, at least one Staff Meeting each year shall be arranged to meet in the same place as, and immediately prior to, the Executive Committee and at one session of the Executive Committee the members of Staff shall be invited to make their reports in person.

4. The Staff will be organised as a co-operative group: each member, while pulling his weight in the team, shall have special responsibilities.

The Administrative Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, be responsible for the Central Office, the Trade Department, correspondence with the *World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association*, the arrangements for the St. Andrew Institution, and the convening of Executive, Finance, and Staff meetings.

The individual responsibilities of each member of the Staff shall be agreed upon in staff meeting; these responsibilities shall be made as absolute as possible.

5. Accounts.

(a) The rate of depreciation of the property at Coonoor shall be fixed at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

(b) Administration accounts shall not be charged with items relating to the Trade Department.

(c) Trade Department accounts shall be presented in printed form to the Finance and Executive Committees and be marked "Confidential."



C. B. J.

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Luth. Theol. College,
Ranchi, 19.4.1952

The members of the Executive Committee.

Dear friends,

As a part of the Minutes of the 1951 Council meeting is still in the Press I take your permission to send out these portions in order to enable you to refresh your ~~memories~~ memories before you come for the Executive meeting to be held at ARRAH on the 30th. inst. at 3 p.m. You will find all the resolutions and also some of the reports. At this meeting at Arrah we shall take up matters which have been entrusted to us and also peruse the other matters and see if actions will be necessary.

If you will kindly return to me ~~the~~ incomplete copies I shall replace them at Arrah when in the meeting, we shall have the complete Minutes in our hands.

It is very kind of our friends at Arrah to invite the Executive Committee there and I hope that all members will find the place and the fellowship there inspirational and refreshing.

We shall have a two-session meeting - one in the afternoon on the 30th. inst. and the other in the morning of the 1st. May.

Looking forward to seeing you at Arrah.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary,

BIHAR CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

INDIA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

COONOR, NILGIRIS

President

BISHOP S. K. MONDOL

Administrative Secretary

V. M. KOSHY

Treasurer

W. H. WARREN

THE FOURTH TRIENNIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Nasrapur (off Poona), December 23-26, 1951

Sir/Madam,

Arrangements—This Convention is intended to be inspirational and instructional in character. It has reference to the Christian education of the young in general and the Sunday School movement in the country in particular. Leaders in Sunday School work and others concerned with the Christian nurture of the young throughout the Churches in India and Pakistan are cordially invited to be present. The theme of the Convention will be 'Jesus Christ—Teacher and Lord'. The programme is under preparation.

Travel and food expenses would be met by the delegates themselves. It is hoped, however, that the sending bodies would help them with a part at least of the expenses.

Will you kindly make the Convention known to your constituency, and arrange for its representation adequately at the Convention?

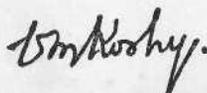
Those expecting to attend are requested to write for fuller information without delay. Owing to present conditions accommodation at Nasrapur will be limited to one hundred and fifty.

General Council of the I.S.S.U.—Article III of the enclosed copy of the Constitution gives you details regarding membership and functions of this body to be constituted during the Convention. You will notice that Sunday School Unions affiliated to the I.S.S.U., Christian Councils and State (Provincial) Christian Councils of India and Pakistan, Youth Organisations, Dioceses of the Church of India, and of the Church of South India, Presbyteries of the United Church of North India and every duly constituted Synod, Council, Conference, Federation, Union, or equivalent Church body recognised by the Christian Councils or State Christian Councils, are entitled to representation on the General Council. If your organisation carries eligibility, and has not yet intimated to me the name/s of your representative/s, will you kindly do so immediately, and also pass on the papers to them?

Amendments to Constitution—Notice is hereby given by the present Executive Committee, of amendments in the Constitution as shown in italics in the copy of the Constitution enclosed. These are due to be presented to the General Council.

Further information and Registration Forms may be had from the undersigned. Registrations will close on Dec. 1.

Yours on behalf of the Executive Committee



Administrative Secretary

B. e. l. ✓ P. O. Box Christian Council.

July 24, 1957

The Biennial Meeting will
be held from the 2nd to 5th
October, 1957. Please send the
names and addresses of
your delegates.

J. K. Jha
PRINCIPAL

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

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Adult Literacy Secretary & Convener.
C/O the S.P.L. Church Press, Ranchi.

29/10/50

October 26, 1950

To,
The Heads of all Constituent Missions and Churches of Bihar Christian Council

Dear Sir,

29/10/50

Would you kindly send me the following informations as I need them for my comprehensive report to the N.C.C. before November 1950.

- (1) Total No. of Christian Community (including children)
- (2) Name of the Districts and the Parishes they contain.
- (3) Name of the Parishes and the congregations they contain.
- (4) Name of the congregation and the No. of Christian adults, who can read and write. Men Women
- (5) Name of the congregation and the No. Christian adults who can not read and write. Men Women

Yours Sincerely

Chingja

1/10/50

Copy to all signed Presidents, and Past Alaska Chairmen
and Paris Chairmen for favour of ~~copying~~
the information required before
November 1950.

C. H. Sims
Secretary
G. E. L. Church
Rochester
20/11/50

one copy to Mr. L. Sims
for Mr. L. Sims
for Mr. L. Sims

Yours Sincerely
Christie

57th May,

50.

To
The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

Dear Sir,

The Church Council in its meeting held on May 12-16, 1950 appointed the following members to represent the Church for three year in the Bihar Christian Council.

1. Rev. J. A. Kujur, G. S. I. Church, Ranchi.
2. Rev. H. Topno, G. S. I. Church, Ranchi.
3. Rev. J. Lakra, President, G. S. I. Church, Ranchi.
4. Mr. K. K. Sakey, G. S. I. Church, Purulia, P. O. Purulia, Dist. Medinipur.
5. Mr. C. D. Sirka, Secretary, G. S. I. Church, Ranchi.

Yours sincerely,

Memo No.

783/50

sd.

C. D. Sirka.

Dated

Secretary,
G. S. I. Church.

Copy forwarded to :-

1. Rev. J. A. Kujur, 2. Rev. H. Topno,
3. Rev. J. Lakra, President, 4. Mr. K. K. Sakey,
5. Mr. C. D. Sirka,

and

For information./guidance.

C. D. Sirka
Secretary, G. S. I. Church.

27th May,

50

To, The Secretary,
F.E.L.Church.

Dear Sir, The full C.C. in its meeting held on 12 to
16th may 1950, appointed Mr. C.D. Sirka Secretary, G.E.
L.Church as a delegate to the F.E.L.C. from this church.

Yors Sincerely,

C.D. Sirka
Secretary,
G.E.L Church, Ranchi.

27th May, 50.

To
The Secretary,
Utkal Christian Council.

Dear Sir,
The full C.C. in its meeting held on May 12-16, 50. appointed the following representatives to the Utkal Christian Council for three years.

1. rev. Z. Khalkho. G.E.L. Church.
Rajgangpur, P.O. Rajgangpur, Gangpur State.
2. Rev. P.D.S. Bage. G.E.L. Church.
Jharuguda . P.O. Jharuguda dist, Sambhalpur.
3. Rev. H. Barutta: G.E.L. Church.
Chaibasa. P.O. Chaibasa. Mongbhum.

Memo No.
Date

Copy forwarded to :-

Yours Sincerely,
Sd/ G.D. Sirka.
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church.

1. Rev. Z. Khalkho.
2. Rev. ~~P.D.S.~~ P.D.S. Bage.
3. Rev. H. Barutta.

For information, guidance and compliance.

Secretary,
G.E.L. Church.

27th May,

50

To
The Secretary,
Assam Christian Council

Dear Sir, The full C.C. in its meeting in 12-16/1950 appointed the following representatives to Assam Christian Council for three years .

1. Rev. H. Minz, G.E.L.Church, Tinsukia.
P.O. Tinsukia, Dt. Lakhimpur. Assam.

Yours Sincerely,

Memo No. 758/50
Date

Ch. S. Laha
Secretary,

Copy forwarded to Rev. H. Minz G.E.L.Church.
for information guidance and compliance.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

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- 2 *Secretary:* Mr. C. D. Sirka
- 3 *Treasurer:* Mr. Z. Horo
- 4 Rev. J. A. Kujur
- 5 Rev. S. Bage
- 6 Rev. H. Topno
- 7 Mr. P. D. Kandulna, B.A.
- 8 Mr. B. Dangwar, B.A.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

- 9 Rev. S. Horo
- 10 Rev. K. D. Soy
- 11 Rev. C. K. Vengra
- 12 Rev. C. B. Aind
- 13 Rev. Z. Khalkho
- 14 Rev. S. M. Bage
- 15 Rev. M. Topno
- 16 Rev. S. Surin
- 17 Rev. C. B. Minz
- 18 Rev. U. E. Kujur
- 19 Mr. A. Purti
- 20 Mr. S. Topno
- 21 Mr. M. Topno
- 22 Mr. P. Lakra
- 23 Mr. H. Samad
- 24 Mr. R. K. Kujur
- 25 Mr. C. T. Panna
- 26 Mr. N. Kerketta
- 27 Mr. P. D. Bagrailla
- 28 Mr. M. Toppo

G. E. L. Church Compound
Ranchi (Bihar) India.

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To
The Secretary,
Bihar Christian Council

Dear Sir,

The Church Council in its meeting held on May 12-16, 1930 appointed the following members to represent the Church for three year in the Bihar Christian Council.

- 1. Rev. J. A. Kujur, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
- 2. Rev. H. Topno, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
- 3. Rev. J. Lakra, President, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.
- 4. Mr. R. K. Baksey, G. E. L. Church, Purulia, P.O. Purulia, Dist. Hamdhua.
- 5. Mr. C. D. Sirka, Secretary, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

Yours sincerely,

Memo No.

Sd. C. D. Sirka.

Dated

Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. Rev. J. A. Kujur, 2. Rev. H. Topno,
- 3. Rev. J. Lakra, President, 4. Mr. R. K. Baksey,
- 5. Mr. C. D. Sirka,

and

For information/guidance.

C. D. Sirka
Secretary, G. E. L. Church.

1519/49/F-7.

2nd November, 49.

To

Rev. Willis,
D.U. Mission.
Hazaribagh.

Dear Mr. Willis,

The following delegates will attend the B.C.C. meeting at Hazaribagh of whom Rev. J. Lakra would prefer European food and the rest would like the Indian food. Please arrange accommodation for them.

Delegates :-

1. Rev. J. Lakra, President G.E.L. Church.
2. Mr. Z. Horo, Treasurer, G.E.L. Church.
3. Rev. J. A. Kujur, Synod President, Northern Synod.
4. Rev. H. Topno, Synod President, Hazaribagh.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Lakra
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

CBBCM/2C.

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AND ASSAM, RAICHI.

Memo No. 1514-17/49/F-7. Dated, the 2nd November, 1949.

The undermentioned document is forwarded to the Rev. J. Lakra, President G.E.L. Church, Rev. H. Topno Synod President Hazaribagh, Rev. J. A. Kujur Synod President Northern Synod and Mr. Z. Horo Treasurer G.E.L. Church for information and the needful.

J. Lakra
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

Extract from the minutes of the full C.C. meeting held from October 7-11, 1949.

Item No. 9.

" Delegates to Bihar Christian Council meeting at Hazaribagh :-

Resolved that the following members be appointed to attend the Bihar Christian Council meeting to be held on 8th to 10th November 1949 at Hazaribagh :-

1. Rev. J. Lakra, MA. ED. STM, President G.E.L. Church.
2. Rev. H. Topno, Synod President, Hazaribagh.
3. Rev. J. A. Kujur, Synod President Northern Synod.
4. Mr. Z. Horo, Treasurer G.E.L. Church."

The delegates are expected to reach Hazaribagh by the evening of 7th November.

Memo No. 1518/49/F-7. Dated, the 2nd November, 1949.

Copy of the resolution forwarded to Rev. V. Walters, Secretary B.C.C. for information.

V. Walters
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.