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"Woodstock,"
Kodaikanal,
May 27, 1925.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th.

Yes, we shall be glad to give hospitality to Mr Gnanabaranam if he comes to Ranchi at the time of the meetings. I think he ought to come. I am very sorry you cannot come.

Rent of Bungalow. All right, I'll wait for an official letter from you before presenting anything to the Boards.

Future of Jharsuguda. You had better instruct Mr Gnanabaranam what to say when he comes to the meetings. He ought to have definite instructions. There may much difference of opinion with the German deputation.

Future of Rewah. I am sorry for the way things are going. I agree with you about the desirability of building up one Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and the C. P. My advice is that you prepare a statement of your side of the case and forward it to me so that I can get CC and AB action on it, and then take it up again with Mr Koenig ~~again~~. If he still refuses to have an agreement, then we can take it up with the NCC.

Hope you are having a good vacation.

We expect to leave here on June 6th.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



The All India Lutheran National Missionary Society

Camp: The Ashram, Tirupatur, N. Arcot.

J. D. ASIRVADAM,

Hony. Treasurer and

Secretary.

44, Kelly Street, 24-5-25.

Vepery, Madras. N. C.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th instant. I am glad you have thrown off your fever. It is kind of you to have written so fully of the Jhars. repairs and of the rent of the bigger bungalow.

I am writing to Gnanabaranam to see that only the most necessary repairs be attended to now. We may budget next year for something more. Re: the rent of the bigger bungalow, please do not take any action on the strength of the private letter I wrote to you. I shall write to you later officially. Yes, the S. Indian Trust does levy a tax only from the missions using considerable portions of the Mission property. The NMS has always been exempt. Missionary friends in the South know of our work and resources and are usually, I should rather say invariably sympathetic and give us concessions that may not be usually shown to Foreign Missions. As a S. Indian knowing a good deal about us, I look to you to do to us what we need. Our Indian Lutherans have done very well with regard to Missionary work but we cannot do very much unless you help in ways open to you. If the bungalow is put in a state of good repair, we shall be free only to look to the ordinary repairs, and direct our resources to the more important evangelistic work. All these are meant to make you sympathise with us and be willing to help us when there is a need, taking of course into account your responsibilities with regard to other matters. I am sorry I shall have no chance to meet you on your way to Ranchi. I hope to stay here till June 10. I am given some special work in the school this year in addition to some teaching work in the College, and so I have to be in Madras when the school work begins on the 15th of June. I therefore regret I cannot go to Ranchi now, as I should very much like to do. We too ought to be clear about the future of Jhars. etc. Gnanabm and Nallathambi have already started work i

Thars already. I just heard that on the first days of the work N. has begun, they have had a good number of patients.

As I am unable to come, I would like that our two Missionaries should go to know our Church people and leaders. Their visit will make them also known to the Gossner Christians. At least Ganab. should be there as early as possible. In fact in a recent letter, he has suggested that he should be allowed to go to Ranchi about the end of the month. But I am asking him to defer his visit till the 15th of June. I shall be glad if you can transfer your invitation to him.

We are very much distressed about Rewah affairs. We believe that if we can take over the CMS station of Sukulpura, we can work up our way eastward towards Raigarh and Ranchi. Tharsaguda. We should therefore come to an agreement with the Mission of the Am. Ev. Synod. Shall we appeal to the NCC. Our dream has been that any Church established in Rewah would become a part of the One undivided Luth. Church of Chota-Nagpur and Mid-Ind. The NMS assigned us Rewah because of nearness to Chindwara and Gossner area, and because of possibilities of hill-tribe work for which the Luth. Church was considered peculiarly fitted on account of their earlier successes among them. Mr. Könnig's opposition would cut off Rewah from Thars. Anything done to prevent it would be a great help to us too.

With very kind regards, yours sincerely,

J. A. Asirvadam.

JOINT MISSIONARY FIELD.

1. The area for Joint Mission Field shall consist of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and adjoining territories with Chaibassa as their outpost, though Singhbhum lies within the jurisdiction of the G.E.L.C.
2. There shall be a joint Board of control consisting of four members elected by the Gossner Church and two by the Gossner Mission Board and this joint Board shall have the right to elect its own President and Secretary for two years, alternating the two positions between the G.E.L.C. members and the Gossner Board members.
3. The Joint Board shall be the final body for all matters concerning the field and its work.
4. The G.E.L.C. and the Gossner Board shall have the right to withdraw either of their members any time they like.
5. All workers foreign or Indian in the Joint Mission Field shall be appointed, discharged, dismissed and transferred by the joint Board.
6. Workers for the Joint Mission Field shall be called by the Joint Board ~~both joint Board both from Germany, India and the Gossner Board~~ and the G.E.L.C. shall be respectively responsible to supply such workers to the joint Board.
7. The Gossner Missionary Society shall be entirely responsible to finance the joint Board.
8. The scale of the G.E.L.C. shall apply to all workers, supplied by the G.E.L.C.
9. The scale and furlough rules of the Gossner Missionary society shall apply to the workers supplied by that Board.
10. All the new converts shall form congregations affiliated to the G.E.L.C. by Pracharakpans, parishes, Ilakas and Synods and any help to such congregations shall be given by the joint Board through the G.E.L.C.
11. Any new asset that may be acquired shall be vested in the name of the G.E.L.C.

14-10-25.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your two letters of the 8th concerning the deputation and the "regrettable incident" at Jharsuguda. Concerning the Berlin deputation I have already written rather fully to you and also to Mr Mukerji. We are rather busy now touring, but shall be at home for a week or after the 16th.

Yesterday, while we were away at Tanj station a wire came from "Sevak" reading--MY LETTER SIXTH WIRE PLACE DATE TIME MEETING GERMAN DELEGATES. I replied as follows--COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 19TH; BOARD 20TH-23RD. There was not room for more. Moreover, I had already replied to Mr Mukerji's letter giving all facts. Our meetings are always held in Ranchi, in my office, beginning in the afternoon of the 1st day. Please inform Mr Mukerji if you see him, but I expect that he has already left for Ranchi. We shall be very glad to see him.

Concerning the other matter: Many thanks for the information. However, we had already received it all from Mr Gnanabaranam himself. We feel now that, unless the people who bring the charge against Whittle prove their case, we cannot do anything further. It is up to them.

Thanks for copy of your letter to Mr Stsoch. I spoke to him

about it yesterday. He said that he would reply to you. He does not expect to attend the AILC, but Mr John(not Paul!) may do so.

Dr Morehead. I am glad you were trying to get him here for the next AILC, but I think it is a vain hope. Nothing better could happen, from our standpoint, than to get Dr M. to India to see a few things for himself.

I have talked with Messrs John and Stosch about Jharsuguda. Mr Stosch says practically nothing(as is his manner), but Mr John says that no final word can be given until an understanding has been had with the Church Council. He says that the NMS people should not worry about it. I say so, too. I have so written to Mr Gn.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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The Lutheran National Missionary Society,

75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
8th October, 1925.

Dear Mr.Cannaday :-

I am very sorry that I missed seeing the Berlin delegates when they passed through Madras. I hope they will be here in Madras for the All-India Lutheran Conference. If they cannot be here, please see that I get early information about their departure so that I may meet them in Madras on their way back to Colombo.

Mr.Mukerji was recently in the hospital on account of fever. He is still very weak and does not attend office. I believe however that he will attend the next meeting of the NCC Executive, and when he goes to Calcutta you may depend on his visiting Ranchi. Please therefore arrange with the Berlin delegates for an interview with Mr. Mukerji and Mr.Gnanabaranam about that time.

I should also like to know whether the delegates are going to visit Jharsuguda and if so when. I believe that their programme has already been drawn up. It would be a great joy to them to see their own work and I am sure you will find them very appreciative of the splendid work done by the National Lutheran Council and its representatives.

I have just had a letter from Mr.Morehead . You know that I was trying my very best to see that he attends the All-India Lutheran Conference. I suggested that the Executive of the World Convention could meet then, but they have now arranged to meet at The Hague.

Looking forward to meeting you about Christmas time and with sincere greetings to you and Mrs.Cannaday,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

J. B. Asimadam.

Rev.I.Cannaday,
Gossner Lutheran Church,
R a n c h i.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
8th October, 1925.

Dear Dr. Stosch :-

I write this to welcome you and Rev. Paul to India, the land which has already captivated your whole-hearted devotion. Though you are now here only for a short time, I am sure it is a prelude to the fulfilment of the longings of many in Germany during all these years.

During the Michaelmas holidays I was away attending the Church and Missionary Conferences and so I failed to get to know from Mr. Cannaday more information about your journey from Colombo to Ranchi. My enquiries made at the Central Station did not give me any clue as to when you were passing through Madras on your way North. I am very sorry that I missed seeing you and Rev. Paul. It is however my sincere wish that I will have an opportunity of meeting you both on your way back to Germany in case you are passing through Madras then. If at all possible, you may be sure that representatives from all parts of India would be most delighted to meet you at the All-India Lutheran Conference to be held in Madras about New Year.

Some of us have during all these years been steadily working for the return of the German Missions and Missionaries, and it is to us a matter of sincere rejoicing that you are the first Lutheran Missionaries back in India. We expect Dr. Frolich of the Leipzig Mission in the course of this month. I am sure you will find ample cause to praise the Lord for the developments that have been made possible in India during these years. The Gossner Church has done splendidly, and though they feel the need for the return of the German Missionaries (a very real need), the new life that has been created there and elsewhere are a matter for special thanksgiving on the part of all those who have devoted themselves to the work of God in this land. It is my personal conviction that a new blessing will come to us when the German Missionaries will come back and throw themselves into the work of the Lutheran Church in India. The rich gifts of German Christians will lead the Indian Church to a far greater height than we have yet scaled.

Wishing

Wishing you both a very happy time during your stay in India and praying for God's guidance in facing the problems of the Church and finding right solutions suited for the present time and for God's richest blessings on the Gossner Church and Gossner Mission.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Secretary, Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council. Secretary, Lutheran National
Missionary Society for India.

Dr. Stosch.
C/o Rev. I. Cannaday.
Ranchi.

The Lutheran National Missionary Society,

75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
8th October, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

I have been in communication with Rev. S. Gnanabaranam regarding the very regrettable incident alleged to have occurred in the bungalow rented by the Trustees to the Government Telegraph Department. As you want to know the facts of the case so far as Mr. Gnanabaranam has been able to ascertain them, he has asked me to report the following to you.

Some three months ago Mr. Whittle asked his scavenger woman and the girl in question to wash his bath room. As they were finishing it up the scavenger woman went out closing in the man (W) and the girl. The teachers have taken a written confession from the girl to this effect. The man in question hearing that the girl has been scandalizing him dismissed her, though the mother is yet working with him. The girl is below 18 and is not confirmed. The girl continued to be in the service of Mr. W for three months after the reported incident.

The above are the facts that Mr. Gnanabaranam has furnished me with, and he feels that he had to go about this question rather warily. Mr. W if he gets exasperated might sue our men for damages. However, Mr. Gnanabaranam is prepared to do his very best to get at the truth and to take such action as is deemed necessary.

Rev. Luther Jöjowar was on tour for sometime and has perhaps returned by this time. As you know, he is still the Pastor of the congregation and it is but right that we give him also an opportunity to go into the case and assess the matter correctly.

Was the girl a party to the crime? The mother's continuing in service is rather suspicious. I believe that after all this talk, the mother should withdraw from his service. If it was a case of rape, the poor girl

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cannot be held responsible and if it was true, the mother certainly ought to have protested against it by giving up her work.

If you want Mr. Gnanabaranam to do anything more, will you please write to me.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Asimadam.

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Gossner Lutheran Church,
R a n c h i.

Oct 14, 25

My dear Paton,

Your two letters of the 13th just to hand.
Thanks for receipt for Sept salary and allowances.

Those NMS chaps are getting awfully excited! I had already replied to the Rai Bahadur, but he wired me too, and so I have replied after the tenor of your reply. Let them come by all means on the 19th or 20th, but when I spoke to Stosch about it he did not wax enthusiastic. He thought the whole matter could be easily attended to by correspondence. I told him I had written dozens of letters and was sick of correspondence!

Waltair. Hope you will have a nice seance with Dr Drach!
Oct 20th. All right, we'll be looking for you. By the way, Mr Sifton has written me (after getting your letter) about your visit to him on the 20th. He can see you at 1:30. I am replying that you will be there. Hope you agree.

All goes well here. We have visited three outstations and intend to visit three more this week.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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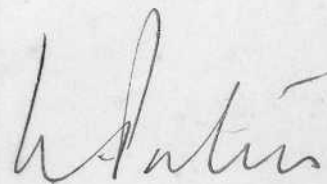
The Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

My dear Cannaday,

I have just had a wire from Rai Bahadur A.C. Mukerji, who is now Secretary of the National Missionary Society, as follows:- NO REPLY CANNADAY WIRE PLACE DATE TIME GERMAN DELEGATION MEETING.

As you know, the N.M.S. are interested in Jharsuguda and want to keep it. They ought to be considered along with others, and I think it would be a good thing if Mukerji came and met with the rest of us on October 20th. I have therefore wired him the date. I hope you agree.

Yours ever,



15-10-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

A good deal of writing and telegraphing has been going on the last few days and ^{it} now appears that Mr A. C. Mukerji intends to be here on the 19th or 20th to meet with the Berlin deputation. The CC meeting will be held on the 19th and the AB meeting will begin on the 20th. Possibly you have already been informed from Madras about their intentions there. We shall be glad to have you come at that time and be our guest. Our door is wide open to you! We go to Chaibassa today and I shall post this at Chakradharpur. Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly of the initials 'JH' or 'JG', written in dark ink.

The Lutheran National Missionary Society,

75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
29th September, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

Many thanks for your letters of the 19th and 22nd inst. I returned from Mayavaram only on the 20th and since then I have been busy moving to my present quarters; also I had to give up my trip to Guntur. I was very sorry to do so.

You say that the Missionaries from Berlin will arrive at Colombo on the 27th inst. If I know definitely on which day they will pass through Madras, I should very much like to meet them at the station. I shall persuade Mr. Mukerji to go with you from Calcutta on November 6th. He would be very interested to meet the deputies and Dr. Drach.

Many thanks for your invitation for Christmas. I should really love to be there and participate in the celebrations at Ranchi. It is very kind of you and Mrs. Cannaday to ask me to come though you have so many guests then. I can stay in some room nearby.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. D. S. inmadam.

Rev, I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

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Mukerji will come then.
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I think it is better for you to come here when Raj Bahadur A. G.

6-10-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranan,

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd.

In reply--

1. What the teachers have reported to me and to the CC agrees with what you say--that the 'evidence' is the confession of the girl. If what the girl says is true, she ought to have reported it at once to the Police, and they would have taken up the matter.

2. Excommunication. We never had any thought (after we heard that the girl was forced--if that be true) that you would excommunicate the girl--our only wish to get the man punished, if what the girl says is true.

3. Big Bungalow. We have not heard that the man is transferred. It is a good thing if he is transferred. I do not see any way to let you have the bungalow now, since it is leased to Govt--not to Mr Whittle. Some body else will be posted there.

4. Deputation. The two gentlemen arrived on the 3rd. Every thing is going on nicely. I have just talked with one of them about your question. He says that you should not worry about anything. He feels that all will be well. I refer only to your future in the Jharsuguda Field (not at all to the this recent trouble). He knows nothing of the recent trouble there.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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I think it is better for you to come here when Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji comes--November 5 or 6. Mr. JDA says he will come, I mean Mr. Mukerji will come then.

6-10-22.

Dear Mr. Gnanabharanam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd.

In reply--

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Yours sincerely,

Kind regards.

P T O

Jharsuguda.

3rd Oct. 25.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for the patience with which you have answered my queries. Unfortunately, the teachers hesitate to give me any statement. They say that they would do so after hearing from you. But knowing that you would be anxious to know my view of the case, I write this letter.

1. The evidence they have is a Confession from the girl. In that, as I hear, she has Confessed to an incident (forced) some months ago; and yet she & her mother have continued to work there. Now, because of this scandal the girl seems to have been dismissed. The mother is yet in his service.

2. I have another difficulty. The girl is a minor, and not Confirmed. Will the Church be justified in excommunicating a girl, if she was forced (physically) to Commit a sin?

3. I hear the man is already transferred & in that case, is it not better for the Trustees to give the house for the mission use, to avoid any future trouble of this kind.

Kindly let me have your opinion on No. 2. Let me also know if I would be needed at Ranchi this month; if not, I hope to be out for some time.

You can very well imagine with what anxiety we are awaiting the deputation's verdict on our work. It is a painful suspense.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

S. Ignanabaram

2-10-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

A word of business--

The Political Agent, Raipur, inquires of me concerning the marriage license which you have asked him to give.

It is quite all right for you get the license direct so far as I am concerned, since you are in independent charge there, but since he asks me I must give him an answer. *matter*

He doesn't understand why you have directly to him (I will make that plain to him) and he does not understand why a sixth man should ask for a license. Already five of our Lutheran padris have licenses including Rev. Luther Jojowar. I asked the advice of the GO which has just been in session and the advice given was that, if Rev. LJ has been transferred into the interior and no longer needs to work in Jashpur State, then his license might be revoked and one given to you instead. Kindly let me know if you agree to this and oblige.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized 'H' or 'K' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ranchi, 26-9-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th, asking several questions. In reply would say:-

1. I request you to undertake the inquiry of the alleged immorality in your compound in the capacity of NMS missionary in charge there. I do not want to report the matter to Mr JDA until you have made an investigation yourself.

2. You should give the information (findings) to me, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board, since I am the one who requested you to do so.

3. There isn't much of an "agreement" between the NMS and the CC, but I should say that on moral grounds you are bound to give the information if it is in your power to do so.

4. No, I do not approve of the teachers' sending me the information they did directly. They should have reported to you first.

5. It is a Trustees' matter because the Trustees have leased the big bungalow to the Govt Telegraph Department and the Trustees have the right to inquire into all alleged cases of immorality connected with their bungalows.

6. Yes, the Advisory Board in a sense thru its Secretary has taken up the case, but it cannot come formally before the Advisory Board till the next meeting.

7. The proof, as you suggest, should come from the parties who make the charge, but it should come thru you, the missionary in charge there.

I have consulted here and written what has been agreed on.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Jharsuguda.

24th Sept. 25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

It is indeed a very serious matter you have written about. I have been absent from Jharsuguda for a few days. Now before I make any inquiry, let me take some advice from you.

1. In what capacity am I to undertake this work?
2. To whom should I give the information & am I bound to give the same by any condition in the agreement between N. M. S. & Ch. Council?
3. Do you approve of the teachers sending in such a letter to you directly?
4. You say it is a Trustees' matter. Please explain it.

5. The girl & her mother are working in Mr. Whittles house. ^{He is the Telegraphic Supervisor, living in the larger Bungalows.} and they are living in the mission line.

6. Has the advisory ^{Board} taken up the case? I think it would be best for you to get the proof from the reporters, and put the case before the Trustees.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely -

S. Gnanabaranam.

P. S. Only through your letter I came to know of this affair. S.S.

Ranchi, 22-9-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

I write about a serious matter. Four teachers in your School at Jh write me that Mr I. S. Whittle(?) has committed adultery (kukarm) with a mission girl there. They say that there is proof of this, the girl herself admits it, etc. The teachers hesitated to speak to you about it. And it is a Trustees' matter. However, while this is a very serious matter and must be attended to without delay, I do not want to do anything hastily. So I write to you to please make very careful inquiries and let me know the result. Of course, you NMS people should know all that is going on there and nothing should be hid from you.

I shall appreciate an early reply greatly.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Ranchi, 22-9-25.

Dear Mr Gupta,

Two things--please:-

1. If you have not left that Khinda property correspondence in Ranchi, will you kindly return it to me with your suggestions as I must send it on to the CC: also I have not acknowledged receipt of it to Mr Whitley. I forgot to impress this on you yesterday and you were in a great rush, no doubt, to get away!

2. I am sorry to say that I had a letter this morning from four teachers in the Jharsuguda School saying that Mr Whittle(?) who lives in the big bungalow had committed adultery (kukaram) with a mission girl, that the girl herself says so, etc. The teachers have not said anything about this to the NMS people, but I shall write to Mr Gnananbaranam to-day and make inquiries. I report this to you, so that you can take whatever steps you think necessary. I want to be cautious myself, but of course if the matter is true, then the man must be put ^{out} at once--without delay. Daud Baby takes this view, but I have not seen Mr Soy.

Kind regards. All well here. The Knowles have just arrived at the Red Bungalow.

Yours sincerely,



G. D. L. Mission के एडवेंचरी बोर्ड के सेक्रेटरी के निकट
निवेदन

Jharsuguda Dated 20th September
1925

महामान्यावर महाशय

को हम लोग बड़ी उदासी के साथ अपनी बुरी दशा
लिखते हैं कि I S whittle तार मनेजर जो कम्पाउण्ड में है
हमारे मिशन के लड़की से जो कम्पाउण्ड में है और उसी
बंगले में ^{काम} करता है उसे जबरन स्त्री कुकर्म किया, पर लड़की ने
यह सब बातें डर से नहीं बतलाई पर धीरे २ यह सब बातें
अब उसी के मुख से निकली हैं और हम लोग अपने में उसी के
द्वारा से पक्का सबूत पालिये हैं और यह बात खुल जाने से
उसे काम से बूझी भी दिया है पर उसके ऊपर कावाई किये जाने
के लिये आप के सामने बातों को दैर करते हैं जितने ऐसे बुरे जन
हमारे सामने से गुलत हो दूर किया जावे ।

एन एम सस के मिशनरी लोग इस बात को जानते हैं यह नहीं
तो हमें मालूम नहीं है पर उनके बीच में बहुत दोस्ती है ऐसा
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सब बातें हम लोग उनसे पूछने से डरे और यह सब बातें आप के
सामने दैर करते हैं कि मालिक हम लोगों की भलाई करें क्योंकि
हमें डर है इस लिये कि जवान युवा स्त्री जो स्कूल लड़कियां होती
हैं ।

हम लोगों की इच्छा थी कि पाद्री वाबु L Jagananna के जरिये
यह सब बातें होने पर इस समय के अपने लम्बे साफ़ में गये हैं ।

तो महाशय से हम लोगों के छोटे पत्रों की ऊर्ज है कि दुजुर
हमारे कहने पर कान दे तथा कम्पाउण्ड की बुरी दशा समझ
कर अपने दासों जो लड़के लड़कियों के लिये थोड़े दिन में ही
उचित साबन्ध कर देंगे ॥

आपका आच्चाधीन कासलोग -

- 1 David Barla Head Guru Mission School
- 2 Ignatius Ekka Second Teacher Jharsuguda.
- 3 Barnabas Topno Master Jharsuguda -
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महामान्यावर महाशय

मैं ने आपका 22 सेप्टेम्बर का P.C. पाया ।
Rev. Gnanabharanam ने मुझ से कुछ भी नहीं पूछे और मेरे
पूछने के आगे आप को लिख दिये हैं और तब साहब को भी
यह बात बता दिये हैं तो साहब ने अपने नौकरों से पूछा कि
मेरे नाम पर किसने रिपोर्ट किया है तो उन्होंने कहा हम नहीं
जानते हैं तो उसने कहा कि तुम लोग डरते हो हम अकालत
कबाहरी से नहीं डरते । फिर उसने उनसे कहा कि जिसने हमारी
रिपोर्ट किई हम उसको गोली से मार देंगे हम डरते नहीं ।
तो हम लोग एक इकरार कागज जिसमें ग्राहोंका दस्तखत और
लड़की और मां माई का भी दस्तखत है भेजते हैं तो आप
से हम लोगों का निवेदन है कि आप इस कागज को गौर से
देख कर और किसी प्रकार की आपत्त हम लोगों के ऊपर
न डाल कर बिचार किजिये क्योंकि हम लोग कम बुद्धिवाले हैं
कोनसी बात कहां तक जायगी इस बात को नहीं जानते हैं पर जो 2
बातें लड़की ने कही हैं उन्ही बातों को हम लोगों ने आप के
पास लिख भेजा और भेजते भी हैं क्योंकि अगर कम्पाउण्ड के
अन्दर इस तरह से होगा तो किसी दिन हमारे बोर्डिंग के
लड़कियों पर भी आपत्त पड़ेगी या पड़ सकती है । पर जो 2
बात आप आगे की कहने चाहते हैं और कैसी होगी इस बात
को कृपा कर के हम लोगों को जनावेंगे यदि हम लोगों के
ऊपर आपत्त पड़ने के सरीखे मालूम हो तो ^{कृपा कर} लड़की जो जो बार के
चिट्ठी पाने तक ठहरिये ।
हम लोगों ^{को} मुझे मालूम होगया कि Rev. Gnanabharanam इस
बात को हम लोगों से झगने बढाने नहीं चाहते हैं ।

हम लोग डते हैं कि हमारे ऊपर में आफत न पड़े पर फिर
कर भी हम लोगों की निवेदन है कि मालिक हम लोगों के ऊपर
तकलीफ न देकर आपकी बात की जैसला करेंगे ॥

आप का आज्ञाधीन दास लोग ।-

Daud Barla. Head Guru
Ignatius Ekka. & Teacher
Barmalas Topno Master

भारसुगुदा }
24-9-25 }

gharsunguda

यहां पर रुक मे हतरानी बहुत दिनों से काम करती है तब मेरे पीछे यह पड़ी और मुझ को बहुत विस्म से फुसलाती रही पर मैं नहीं नहीं करते रहे और मैं उसको डरवाती रही कि मेरी मा और भाई और फिर कोई मिशन के सुनेंगे तो उठने बैठने को जगहन होगी और मुझे वह फिर डरवाने लगी कि नहीं राजी होगी तो साहब मार देगा और नौकरी से जवाब दे देगा और फिर मुझ से बहुत रुचम की बात कहने लगी कि सोना रुपा देगा दस गज साड़ी देगा तुम्हारा मा भाई क्या करेगा, मैं ने उसकी बात नहीं मानी पर बगीचे में काम करती रही तो फिर उसने मुझ से कहा कि गुसल कमरे में पानी दे मैं गुसल कमरा साफ करूंगा तो मैं ने कहा कि मेरा मा दो आने दो वह पानी देगी तो वह कहने लगी कि तेरा मा रुक बैठ के बाद अवेगा अभी तो जल्दी पानी ले आ मैं जल्दी चला जाऊंगा तो मैं पानी ले गई थी और मैं पानी डालने लगी थी और वह साफ करने लगी मैं पीछे रह गई इतने में वह आगे बढ़कर बाहर से दरवाजा बंद कर दी उतने में साहब आ गया और इसने भी उधर का दरवाजा बंद कर दिया और मुझ को पकड़कर पटक दिया और मेरा मुंह बंद कर दिया और जबरदस्ती ऐसा बुरा काम किया फिर जब मां आई तो उसने मुझ से पूछा कि तेरा मुंह कैसा सूख गया है कि तेरी स्तरत दूसरी विस्म दिखलाता है तो मैं ने उसके मोर यह सब बातें बता दीं.

मैं हेडमास्टरिन,

मुझे मेहतरानी ने जसमनी के बुरे काम की बात आकर बताई तो मैं इस बात की जांच करने को जसमनी से पूछा तो उसने मुझे सब बात बता दी और मैं ने अपने आदमी को बता दिया.

मैं हेडमास्टर,
और हाता के मास्टरों ने और उसके मा और भाई ने इस बात
को लड़की से फिर से पूछा और उससे उपरोक्त सब हाल मिला।

मैं जसमनी
तार मनेजर E.S. Whittle के साथ मेहरानी के
द्वारा जबरदस्ती से यह काम कराया गया यह मैं इन गवाहों के
सामने करार दिया।
मैं यह बात बताकर अपनी सच्चाई के लिये अपना
टैप सही भी दिया है।

जसमनी की टैप सही।

मेरा नाम खीस्तदुलारी बाबू ता: 20-९-२५.

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Dand Barla.

20-9-25

Ignatius E Kka.

20-9-25

Barnabas Igmo

20-9-25

Rubin Baru

20-९-२५

नाइमी बरला

20-९-२५

Jharsuguda

21st Sept, '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I do agree with you in what you say about my going over to Ranchi. And I thank you for the information. Kindly keep me informed of the further developments. Meanwhile I will consult Mr. J. D. B. regarding my visit to Ranchi.

There is but slight improvement in the general health of my family since coming over to Jharsuguda.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

S. Gnanabaranam.

19-9-35.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th. I hope your visits to the Mayavaram Churches and to Guntur and Rajahmundry will be profitable.

Our invitation to you to visit us at Xmas time stands. Our situation will be this: Mrs Cannaday's parents, two sisters and two cousins (some of these from America) will be here at that time and we shall be put to ~~it~~ for room! However, we shall surely find a place for you somewhere, so please come on and be prepared for a little inconvenience. I am sure that you will enjoy your visit here at ~~time~~ *that* because of the good music which our Chotanagpur Lutherans make.

The German missionaries expect to arrive at Colombo Sept 27th and in Ranchi the first week in October. I am writing Mr Gnanabaranam about it to-day. I hope Mr Mukerji can come up from Calcutta with me November 6th. As you know, I have been trying to get Dr Drach fixed up for that date also, but it is not settled yet.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



*The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.*

14th September, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th inst. I am leaving tonight for a series of Church Meetings at Mayavaram and shall not be back till the 20th inst, and after a day or two in Madras I am intending to visit Guntur and Rajahmundry.

I am thankful for your kind invitation to spend a few days at Ranchi if I go to Calcutta about Christmas time. I gladly accept your invitation and shall sincerely rejoice to be able to come *for a day or two. Possibly I shall spend a few days with you, for it will be easier to go to Ranchi before the N.M.S. comes than later.*

Mr. Mukerji has seen Jharsuguda to some extent and has come back full of hope. Unfortunately owing to the uncertainty of the situation he does not recommend that the two candidates we proposed to employ should be taken on now. The need of the field is really very great, but as soon as things are somewhat settled, we shall most gladly go forward.

In the meanwhile will you kindly let me know when the Gossner deputies are expected at Ranchi. When Mr. Mukerji goes to attend the NCC Executive, I am asking him to spend a day with you at Ranchi. If about that time the Gossner deputies are also there, please try to get Mr. Mukerji along with Mr. Gnanabaranam and talk over the whole situation. The Lutheran NMS will always be very grateful for what you are able to do with regard to this matter. If we have to turn away from Jharsuguda, the missionary enthusiasm in the Indian Church will receive a set-back unless another suitable place is found immediately. I am sure that the Gossner deputies will welcome our co-operation in the field.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Arinadan

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church,
Ranchi.

P. S. Mr JDA suggests that you come here when Mr Mukerji comes, probably November 6th, after the NCC Executive mtg in Calcutta.

Sept 18, 1925.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th.

I have talked over the matter of your visiting us again and our conclusion is that there would be very little use in your coming to the next meeting of the CC, to be held Sept 29-30, inasmuch as the Council will not be able to tell you anything new or take any step in the matter of the NMS in the Jharsuguda. Everything will be held up till the arrival of the German Missionary deputation about the 10th of October, possibly a few days earlier. We think it would be much more profitable for you to come then. Please think it over and let me know your decision.

Thanks for the information re patta. Mr Gupta is inquiring into the matter.

Very sorry to hear of the illness of your family, though I am glad you have the pleasure of your family with you. I hope Mrs Gnananbaranam and the children are now well.

Mr Gandhi has come and gone. I had two short talks with him.

Mr JDA is inquiring about deputation, etc. I am writing to him to-day. He expects to be here Xmas Day.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Gharsuguda. B.W.Ry.

16th Sept. '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Kindly let me know when you hope to hold the C.C. Meeting? Please let me know, if I should attend the meeting.

We have had very heavy rains here. My wife & children are here for the present, since they have all been very ill of late.

I hear the *patla* for this Compound is still at Gharsuguda.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

S. Gnanabharanam.

4-9-25.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for yours of the 31st August.

Yes, it had been settled, I see by the minutes, that Dr Drach was to visit in the Gossner Field December 14-21, but almost immediately it became necessary to change that plan because of Mr Patton's leaving India before that time and of the Andhra CC meeting. The Committee intend, I understand, to set up his visit to these parts considerably earlier--probably in November, but I have not yet heard what the final decision is. Shall let you know.

I shall try to get him to Jharsuguda as you request. I should be glad to go there with him myself. More later about it.

I note that you expect to be in Calcutta after Christmas attending the NMS Conference. Why not come to Ranchi then? Our door is always wide open!

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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31st August, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

I understand that from the 14th to the 29th Dr. Drach will be in the North visiting the Gossner and the Jeypur fields. Can you arrange for him to spend two days in our NMS field. If this is impossible he should at least see our work at Jharsuguda. I am sure Dr. Drach will be delighted to get some personal knowledge of our work; possibly I could also arrange to be there if it is between Christmas and New Year. As Jharsuguda is on the main line it will not be difficult for him to reach the place. If however it would be more convenient for him to visit Jharsuguda when he is in the Gossner field from the 14th to the 21st Dec. you might arrange for his visit then, even though I may not be able to come.

We are having our NMS Conference at Calcutta after Christmas. We shall decide on the dates definitely at our next meeting and I shall then be able to tell you when I am expected to be in Calcutta.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. Cannaday

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

P.S. Thanks for your two letters. Shall write you later about other things.

Dr Drach comes. I have now written him that I shall be glad if he sees you and talks over possibilities, but that he ought not to see anything--everything ought to be only tentative. I hope you will agree with me. You will understand that it is only our financial situation that is making us think of this thing at all. Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

31-8-25.

Rev. F. L. Coleman,
President, Mission Council,
Bhimavaras.

My dear Coleman,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Rajahmundry had just come before your letter arrived and I had seen Dr Drach's tour there.

However, I note that you say that there may be some changes in view changed circumstances. Yes, Mr Paton will leave India early in December and the NCC Executive Comm will meet in Calcutta November 4 and 5. If it would out so conveniently, it would be nice for Dr. Drach to arrive there (Calcutta), say, on November 5th, have an interview with Paton and then come on to Ranchi with me. How does this strike you? Please let me know what the final arrangement is.

I expect Werner has already written you of his intention to see you on his way back to Ranchi (in a week or ten days, I suppose). He wants to resign here. At our June meeting he actually did lay his resignation before the meeting, but the Board refused to accept it. Recently I wrote him that, in view of our desperate financial situation, I would be willing to take over his work after the Seminary is closed (which will be Sept 30th). He at once seized on this and replied that he would like to resign as early as possible. However, as you can see, this is all tentative. My strong opinion is that he ought to hold on until the deputation comes in October and until

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American Evangelical Lutheran Mission

Rev. F. L. COLEMAN.

BHIMAVARAM ~~Krishna District~~

West Godavari District.

14-8-25

Dear Mr Cammaday,

You have rec'd the Exc
minutes & have seen Mr Strauch's tour
There may be some changes. I just now
hear from Mr Mc Cauley that the a c c
will meet Jan 5, 6, & 7. & Paton leaves before
Dec 1. so it may be that his visit
north will be pushed earlier.

my family came down last Sat & we
are trying to get used to each other again.
Greetings to Mrs Cannaday.

Sincerely yours
F L Coleman

REC 17/8/25

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August 7, '25.

Rev. F. L. Coleman,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
Ehimavaram.

My dear Coleman,

Perhaps I should have written you before the meeting of the Executive Committee, but it didn't occur to me.

I'd like to inquire about Dr Drach's visit to Ranchi. Has it been fixed? If so, can you kindly give me the dates? If you have not yet fixed up his itinerary to the Gossner Field, and don't mind suggestions, I'd like to say that we would prefer, because of other things, that he come before December 1st. Of course we shall be mighty glad to get him any time!

With kindest regards and best wishes! Hope you and all your family are well. All well here. Werner left July 28th for Kody.

Yours sincerely,



Rev. I. Cannaday,

Secretary, Advisory Board.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the Raigarh Mission Work, the Council Executive has agreed to hold a joint meeting with Dr. Gass and his party according to his proposal, and appointed yourself, the President & Rev. I. Ekka to be representatives from Gossner Church, and desires that one or two N.M.S. representatives also attend the meeting, in August or September whenever it will be found suitable to members attending the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Ranchi,

B. Min

5-8-1925.

Secretary, Church Council.

P. S. Dr. Gass's letter enclosed.

ack 5/8/25 JC

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the appointment of the chairman, but I feel sure that if you want
Mr Bose the people here will agree. Just as you wish.

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7th Aug. 1925.

My dear Anderson,

Yesterday we had with us Rev. S. Gnananbaranam, a missionary of the Lutheran National Missionary Society, who is now in charge at Jharsuguda according to the agreement with our Church Council and the Advisory Board. He reported to me a little misunderstanding with your Mr Horsbrough of Sambalpur. The thing seems to be this: Two Baptist boys have joined the Hindi School of the Lutherans in Jharsuguda and are boarders. Their plea is that they want to learn in Hindi. I believe that they are Mundas. Mr Horsbrough has protested against Mr Gnananbaranam's taking in these boys as a violation of mission comity. Mr Gn. told me in defence of himself that he had written to Mr Horsbrough saying that the father of the boys might come anytime and remove his sons, as the Lutherans had no claim on them. But, instead of the father's coming and removing his sons, he came and paid up all their dues and insisted on his sons staying there. Mr Gn. feels, he says, in the circumstances that he ought not to send them away forcibly, but Mr H. apparently does not agree with him. Since they cannot come to terms in the matter, I suggested to Mr Gn. that I write to you about it--in a friendly and unofficial way for any advice which you might be pleased to give. Very sorry to trouble you!

Kind regards and best wishes.

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7th Aug. 1922

My dear Anderson,

Yesterday we had with us Rev. S. Gnanaprasanna, a missionary of the Lutheran National Missionary Society, who is now in charge at Tharavada according to the agreement with our Church Council and the Advisory Board. He reported to me a little misunderstanding with your Mr Horabrough of Sambalpur. The thing seems to be this: Two Baptist boys have joined the Hindi School of the Lutherans in Tharavada and are boarders. Their plea is that they want to learn in Hindi. I believe that they are Mundas. Mr Horabrough has protested against Mr Gnanaprasanna's taking in these boys as a violation of mission comity. Mr Gn. told me in defence of himself that he had written to Mr Horabrough saying that the father of the boys might come anytime and remove his sons, as the Lutherans had no claim on them. But, instead of the father's coming and removing his sons, he came and paid up all their dues and insisted on his sons staying there. Mr Gn. feels, he says, in the circumstances that he ought not to send them away forcibly, but Mr H. apparently does not agree with him. Since they cannot come to terms in the matter, I suggested to Mr Gn. that I write to you about it--in a friendly and unofficial way for any advice which you might be pleased to give. Very sorry to trouble you!

Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

23rd July, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th inst., communicating two items relating to the Ranchi Council.

1. Candidates for Jharsuguda :- It is impossible for the work in the field to be carried on effectively unless more men of a superior grade are found. Besides the Missionary, we need at least 3 Pastors or candidates. This was a strongly felt need even before Mr. Gnanabaranam came in, and his independent judgment has only confirmed this matter. We shall therefore be very happy if this need could be met as early as possible. Rev. Luther Jojowar always said that the field is too vast for him and that he would need workers, but somehow the impression in our Committee is that he has not made serious efforts to get the right kind of men. We had previously given him full authority to select men, but every time he reported that suitable men were not available, and when the C.C. proposed men he found some flaw or another and has effectively blocked the proposal. Even now I cannot understand why he says that no candidates will be required this year. He evidently seems to think that Jharsuguda should be run only by him and by none else. We have decided that he should move into one of the States - Gangpur, Raigarh or some other convenient centre in the interior and take charge of one-third of the field, and that two others should be found as quickly as possible for the other two-thirds. We have asked Mr. Gnanabaranam to interview the men and select suitable candidates for the field.

2. Jharsuguda Delegates :- I should like to know how many delegates will go from Jharsuguda field to Ranchi for the Annual Conference. According to our agreement, our Missionaries will be ex-officio members of the Conference. We did not then define whether by under the term a "Missionary", we would include a man like Dr. Nallathamby who is not ordained, but it is best that both Messrs. Gnanabaranam and Nallathamby are members of the Conference. For these two, the Society will pay the travelling expenses, but when Pastors and other lay delegates go from the field, I feel that it is the Church that ought to pay their travelling expenses. That is the practice I believe in

most of the Churches. What happens in the other ilakas of the Gossner Church should happen here also - only so many should go as the Church could afford to send. I do not remember having received a letter from the Secretary of the Council, but if he had sent me one I should greatly regret not having replied him through you.

I have one or two matters to communicate to you :-

(1) I enclose herewith a stamped receipt for Rs.200/- voted by the Board of Trustees to be paid to my Committee.

(2) Mr.Gnanabaranam has reported that the official language in by far the greater part of the area is Oriya and that Hindi is practically of no value. It is therefore essential that we get Oriya knowing workers. In selecting Pastors or candidates for the field, will you kindly see that these men have a working knowledge of Oriya; otherwise we shall have to select some Oriya knowing men and get them trained for our field. We would also need teachers and catechists who know Oriya. Will you kindly let me know whether it will be possible for you to find workers of that type, or shall I appeal to our Missionaries in the former Brecklum Mission. It is no good forcing children to read Hindi when the Hindus of the area speak not Hindi but Oriya. The mother tongue of the hill tribe children is Mundali and their second language ought to be Oriya. We should not teach a foreign language to them. When they grow up and are ready to be sent to the Ranchi High School or Ranchi Seminary, they may pick up Hindi. That would be the task of only a few and should not be forced on all the school going children of the area. This is a very important matter and I am asking Mr.Gnanabaranam to take up this matter with you in person, but in the meanwhile we would need at least a few Oriya knowing teachers. The Pastor who comes to the field ought to have some knowledge of Oriya. If you can spare only a non-Oriya Pastor, we may have to give him some training in the Oriya area, say under our Missionaries in the Jaipur field.

(3) Our Missionaries feel somewhat discouraged at the thought that all that they do might not lead to a permanent connection between the Lutheran NMS and the Jharsuguda field. I have written them assuring letters on the subject. If we now develop work in new areas, it ought to be considered as entirely NMS field. If the American Evangelical Mission can claim Rairgarh as their area, I am sure that the Lutheran NMS should be considered as the legitimate occupant of the area from Rewa on to the older stations of the Gossner Mission. Much of our money is being invested in Jharsuguda because that would be a very convenient centre for developing our work still further. Enclosed I am sending you an extract

from a recent letter received from Dr. Nallathambi for your information. I also enclose a letter received from Rev. Gnanabarnam for your perusal and return. You have always been a good friend of the N.M.S. I know also that the Gossner people on the whole have been very good friends, and looking over the earlier volumes of the "Gospel Witness" I ^{was} cheered to find a most encouraging response to the ~~call~~ ^{work} of the NMS by the Berlin Committee, and as I have already stated in my letter on the subject of territorial division, I feel sure that the Gossner Mission will not be unwilling to enlist the co-operation of the Lutheran NMS in the great task of building up a strong Lutheran Church in Mid-India.

Mr. Gnanabaranam's reference to the new field is this :- Sometime ago when we were discussing the possibility of going to Sukulpura, certain Indian friends who know Central Provinces very well, and one Missionary, were anxious to turn the Lutheran NMS work away from Rewa to an unoccupied taluk in the C.P. near Chindwara. My answer to the proposal was that as we have already undertaken responsibilities in Jharsuguda, we cannot now think of frittering our energy and resources. By being loyal to the agreement with the Gossner Church and trying to push on the work beyond Jharsuguda, we are only closing up, perhaps, the possibilities of later opening other fields, for what are unoccupied today may tomorrow be claimed as occupied territories. Under these circumstances I feel sure that you will take up the matter with the Gossner delegates when they come ^{to India} ~~here~~ and secure a satisfactory settlement which would give us an assurance with regard to the future of our work. If the Berlin Committee would not be very hearty in welcoming us to the area then you may be sure that we shall most readily withdraw and concentrate in other places. But this suspense is very discouraging especially to our workers. It would also re-act badly on the work itself, because we shall not have the confidence to invest very much in the field. I am sure you see our difficulty clearly.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Arivadam

Rev. I. Cannaday,
The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church,
Ranchi.

ENCLOSURE

October 23, '85.

Dear Dr Gass,

Last night I received your wire reading--NOVEMBER THIRD TO NOVEMBER SIXTH WILL SUIT US. WIRE OTHER DATE IF THIS NOT SUITABLE. To this I replied this morning--AGREE SIXTH. WE ~~XXXX~~ARRIVE FIFTH EVENING, LEAVE SIXTH MAIL.

The reason why We chose the sixth of November is that I must be away in Calcutta the 4th and 5th (attending the NCC Executive meeting) and it was impossible for me to reach Jharsuguda earlier. I expect to take the Bombay Mail at Howrah about 4 P. M. On the 5th and reach Jharsuguda at midnight that day. The other members from here (Messrs Stosch, John and Werther and probably a member of the Church Council) will arrive at Jharsuguda by the express about 6 P. M., I think, on the 5th and spend the night there. We all want to leave Jh by the Bombay Mail--7 PM. M on the 6th.

I am not sure of accomodation in Jharsuguda, but we can, I think, stop at the ry station and get our food there if necessary. I trust that you can arrive there in good time/ so as to give the full day to the meeting.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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Oct 23rd

My dear Mr Cannaday

I suggest to give
Monday Nov 2nd to Lohardagga.
Ramkatanga is not an essen-
tial part of our programme
though we should like ~~it~~ to
see that school if possible
later

Yours sincerely
J. E. Sed.

23-10-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

Dr Gass has now wired again and we have all agreed with him to have our joint meeting in Jharsuguda on November sixth. Messrs Stosch, John and Werner expect to arrive there from Rajgagpur on the 5th about 6 P. M., I think it is, and I expect to arrive at Jh by the Bombay Mail from Calcutta (where I shall be on the 4th and 5th) at midnight the 5th. We all expect to leave Jh on the Bombay Mail the 6th. Please make whatever arrangements you can conveniently for us, but we must ~~be any~~ ^{not} ~~burden~~ ^{have} to you. We can depend on the ry refreshment room and retiring rooms.

Hope you reached safely and were none the worse for wear! All well here. The AB meeting finished up nicely.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Comstock

I have never

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meeting at Thoma-
yasha was stopped.

The cold season is
a busy one, if you
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do it in time, for
I can arrange other
other engagements

With
kind
regards
to
all
at
home

12-10-25.

Rev. J. Gass, D. D.,
Raipur.

Dear Dr Gass,

Many thanks for your pc of the 9th. We are going to have our next meetings here from the 19th and I hope that then the matter of a joint meeting or not will be fixed up. If so, I shall let you know at once. I am sorry the first meeting had to be called off, but it could not be helped.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters that appear to be 'JG' or 'JH'.

Oct 19, 1925.

Dear Dr Gass,

~~My~~ At our first meeting today we agreed (Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji present) to hold the joint meeting for fixing the boundary between your Mission and the G. E. L. Church; however, we could not set any date, as we wish to hold the meeting ^{if} possible and agreeable to you on that side when we go to Jhar-suguda with the Berlin deputation (Messrs John and Stosch). It is just possible that we shall go there soon--inside ten days; but it is quite impossible for me to fix any date now. I am writing to say what I have said above and to say that just as soon as possible I shall let you know the definite date. I may do so by wire, if the time is short. I trust that you will be favourably inclined towards ^{us} in this matter, as we are very much rushed and find it difficult to set dates very far ahead.

Yours sincerely,

W. H.

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Jharbonguda.

17th Oct. 25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for the note. Only last evening I had a wire from Rai Bahadur to meet him at Ranchi on the 19th. Beyond this I had no other intelligence about the "dvertising + telegrams". So much the better.

I hope to reach Ranchi Monday 11 A.M. I know your door is open always, and therefore your rooms should be crowded. So kindly arrange for my stay with any Indian friend and I will be thankful for it.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

S. Gnanabaranam.

gharsuguda,
16th Oct. '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday;

We are looking forward to your visit to gharsuguda.

Kindly let me know how long you will be at gharsuguda & when. Where will you be staying? We hope to have you all at least for one meal with us.

Rev. L. J. hopes to be there on the 18th for the C.C. meeting.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely

S. Gnanabaranam.

G. E. L. Mission के प्रेसिडेंट को सेक्रेटरी के मरफत निवेदन
Jharsuguda Dated 20th September
1928

महामान्यावर महाशय

को हम लोग बड़ी उदासी के साथ अपनी बुरी दशा लिखते हैं कि J.S. Whittle तार मनेजर जो कम्पाउण्ड में हैं हमारे मिशन के लड़की से जो कम्पाउण्ड में हैं और उसी बंगले में काम करती हैं उसे जब रजस्ती कुकर्म किया, पर लड़की ने यह सब बातें डर से नहीं बतलाई पा धीरे २ यह सब बातें अब उसी के मुख से निकली हैं और हम लोग अपने में प्रकाश सूती पा लिपे हैं और यह बात खुल जाने से उसे काम से भी बूझा दिया है पा उसके ऊपर कारवाई किये जाने के लिये आप के सामने बातों को दैर करते हैं जिसे ऐसे बुरे जन हमारे सामने से कुरान्त दूर किया जावे ।

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Rev. Mansidh Perti
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Jharsuguda,
5th Oct. '25.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I hope you had my last letter. Now in reply to your last note, I would rather not have the license for myself, than Cancel Rev. R. Because, as you know, I may not be here long, if the deputation decides on taking up this work. In that case the Christians of Jashpur will be the sufferers and Rev. R. J. will be badly handicapped. So I would request you to let things as they are.

P.S. many thanks for the news about the Deputation.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

S. Gnanabaranam.

ack by PC 8/10/25

From

Rev. I. Cannaday, Secretary to the Advisory Board
of the G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

To

The Political Agent, Central Provinces Feudatory
States, Raipur.

Dated Ranchi, the 8th October, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 762-H/25, dated the 29th September 1925, concerning a marriage license for the Rev. S. Gnanabaranam of Jharsuguda for the Jashpur Native State, I have the honour to say that, having consulted Mr Gnanabaranam, I find that he does not now wish to press his application for this license in view of the objection you raise.

2. In reply to your question I have the honour to say that the necessity, as it appeared to Mr Gnanabaranam, of obtaining a 6th license was that the Rev. Luther Jojowar, one of the license holders, had been transferred to another station and is not able to do as much work as formerly in Jashpur. Mr Gnanabaranam felt that he should relieve Mr Jojowar occasionally in the Jashpur ministerial work. As the Lutheran National Missionary Society is an independent indigenous body, managing and supporting its work, its missionary felt that he had a right to approach you directly. I agree to his doing so, if you have no objections.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



IV-13-B.

No. 762 - H/25

FROM

K. L. B. Hamilton, Esquire, I.C.S.,

POLITICAL AGENT, CENTRAL PROVINCES,

FEUDATORY STATES, RAIPUR.

Subject: Solemniza-
tion of marriages. TO

~~XXX~~ Rev. I. Cannady,

Secretary to the Advisory Board of
the G.E.L. Church,

Ranchi.

Dated the 29th September 1925.

SIR,

I have the honour to draw attention to this office letter No.739-A dated the 22nd July 1924 approving of the solemnization of ^{marriage and ministerial work} by certain Lutheran Pastors in the Jashpur State. Recently one Rev. S. Gnanabaranam, Jharsuguda, of the National Missionary Society of India, has applied to me for grant of a license to enable him ^{as per ministerial work} to solemnize marriages in the Jashpur State. I may point out that there are already 5 Pastors doing this work in Jashpur. I request you will kindly let me know what is the need of a 6th man and why the application of Rev. S. Gnanabaranam has been sent direct ~~thru~~ and not through you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. L. B. Hamilton
Political Agent.

our visitations. This makes me extremely busy!
With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Paton will be here on the 20th.

12-10-25.

Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji,
National Missy Society,
Vepery, Madras.

My dear Mr Mukerji,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th, about your Jharsuguda Field. I have also had much correspondence with Mr Asirvadam and Mr Gnanabaranam about it. Also, we have been talking it over a good deal here, among ourselves and with the German Deputation which arrived on the 3rd, but no conclusions have been reached yet. The Deputation say that they cannot settle it--until a complete understanding has been had with the Lutheran Church Church Council. The Council meets on the 19th inst and the Adv. Board from the 20th. My advice is to be present here then, if possible. We shall be glad to see you, if you can come. If not, you may come any time after that when it will be convenient. Whenever you come, you should bring Mr Gnanabaranam with you, as he is anxious about the situation, though I have assured him that there is not much cause for worry--so says a member of the Deputation.

I shall pass your letter along to the Church Council and I feel sure that whenever you come a good meeting will be arranged for you with our people. They will be much pleased to hear you on the subject of our Mission Work in the Jharsuguda and other Fields.

The Deputation arrived on the 3rd and we have already begun

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With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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12-10-25

R. B. Baker, A. C. Baker, J.
National Missionary Society,
Vepery, Madras.

My dear Mr. Baker, J.

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th, about your Bharanatha Field. I have also had much correspondence with Mr. Aiyappan and Mr. Gnanaparanam about it. Also, we have been talking it over a good deal here, among ourselves and with the German Deputation which arrived on the 7th, but no conclusions have been reached yet. The Deputation say that they cannot settle it until a complete understanding has been had with the Lutheran Church Council. The Council meets on the 19th inst and the Adv. Board from the 20th. My advice is to be present here then, if possible. We shall be glad to see you, if you can come. If not, you may come any time after that when it will be convenient. Whenever you come, you should bring Mr. Gnanaparanam with you, as he is anxious about the situation, though I have assured him that there is not much cause for worry--so says a member of the Deputation. I shall pass your letter along to the Church Council and I feel sure that whenever you come a good meeting will be arranged for you with our people. They will be much pleased to hear you on the subject of our Mission work in the Bharanatha and other fields. The Deputation arrived on the 7th and we have already begun

October 14, 1925.

P R I V A T E .

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for yours of the 8th inst concerning relations between Mr Gn and myself. Evidently he is worrying about it; I am not! If he continues to misunderstand plain English or misinterpret it and to "distrust" me, I cannot help it. Nor shall I worry about it.

In the case of the letter from Mr Horsburgh, it is quite clear that he entirely misunderstood (or misinterpreted) my letter, so it is his duty to express regrets. However, even if he never does so, I shall not worry about it or hold it seriously against him. Life is too short and we are all too fallible to worry about such things! And explanations do very little good--so long as the mind is set.

In the case of the "regrettable incident," too, cannot Mr Gn plainly see that I took his side in the matter? I did not actually "refer" the letter to him, but I at once wrote to him and referred the whole matter to him and told him I would deal with him only, as he was the missionary in charge. I gave no reply to the writers of the letter except that they should have by all means reported the matter in the first instance to Mr Gn! What more could I have done? The second time they wrote to me I made no reply at all, is my recollection. The CC took exactly the same attitude--refused to acknowledge or take any notice of the communication to it from the teachers there. What more could we have done to uphold Mr Gn?

It was Mr Gn, who instead of answering my plain request began to hum and haw and ask me several counter questions about "authority," and such like. Authority? Why, of course he has the authority; he also has duty. An immorality is an immorality and nothing else and should be looked into. As Secy of the two Boards here I also have authority to make inquiries about alleged immorality: it is also my duty.

No, in my humble opinion the real difficulty is Mr Gn's oversensitiveness. He should get over that, even if he gets knocked a little once in awhile. It doesn't really hurt, you know!

I also want to get better acquainted with him, and I intend to do so. He has a standing invitation to stop with us whenever he comes here. We are glad to have him. When he was here we liked him very much, and we hope to see much more of him. As you say, what is needed is to get acquainted. Misunderstandings are due only to ignorance.

Now about your proposition to have Mr Gn "communicate things through you," and not direct: We cannot agree to that here. I have talked it over with a member of the CC. That method is too cumbersome; it takes too long. Why send a communication over 1500 miles when it can be done just as well by sending it 300 miles? Does Mr Gn "distrust" us? Is he afraid to stand on his own legs? Is he not the missionary in charge and does he not have authority?

to deal with local matters? When something goes wrong there, we want to know about it at once without waiting for letters to go via Madras. Of course in all important matters the correspondence must go through you--without any doubt; but in urgent matters this is hardly practicable.

As for the attitude of the teachers there: We have not a word to say in their defence. Of course they should have ~~we~~ done everything through Mr Gn and not written to us. BUT I have already expressed myself on that matter. When we go to Jharsuguda we shall have a good opportunity to tell the teachers plainly about it.

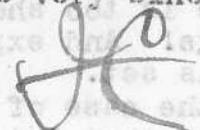
Meanwhile, Mr Gn ought to come here when Mr Mukerji comes. I take it that you are giving him instructions to this effect. We shall be glad to have him.

As you say, I am a true of the NMS. I am constantly urging the CC to back you up and make your work in Jh permanent. I also advising the deputation to the same effect. The Gossner Church owes the Lutheran NMS a big debt of gratitude and the Lutheran teachers in Jh ought to show gratitude and loyalty. If they do not do so, you have a right to dismiss them.

I have now written you very fully and frankly. But you will understand. I do not want to hide my feelings. I want to be open and honest with you.

We do hope you will come to us at Christmas time. Mrs C. joins me in this word.

Yours very sincerely,



The Lutheran National Missionary Society,

75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
8th October, 1925.

Private & Confidential.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

From letters received from you and from Rev. Gnanabaranam, I fear that you are unnecessarily distrusting each other. Excuse me if I put it rather bluntly.

Mr. Gnanabaranam feels that the letter from the teachers should have been sent on to him as he is the man on the spot who you feel should enquire into the matter. If you get to know Mr. Gnanabaranam you will find him an exceedingly lovable man, and he is absolutely loyal and trustworthy. I am most anxious that you should get to know him. I am also writing to him that he should get to know you. I have several times written to him that in your hands things are quite safe and that he should write to you fully and frankly on any difficulty he may have.

With regard to this case reported to you, I should like to know what action you want our Missionary to take. I have in my official letter to you reported the facts of the case. Mr. Gnanabaranam feels that under the circumstances it would be best for him to communicate things through me rather than directly to you. If later in consultation with Mr. Jojowar he makes any proposal I shall communicate the same to you immediately. In the meanwhile you may rest assured that Mr. Gnanabaranam is doing what he feels ought to be done. We have always found him to be a true judge of men and matters. Being in a new place he has to go about a little warily. He is very much upset that this matter could not be handled in mutual confidence.

I think that you ought to make it clear to the teachers that the first man whom they should have approached was the Missionary at the field. You should discourage letters being sent to you directly. I am thankful that you yourself feel so and have made yourself plain with regard to that matter. I have perfect confidence in you and I am sure you will do the right thing.

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All these teachers are now the employees of the NMS and I am really very sorry that they have not acted loyally by us; not that I do not want them to be quite loyal to you and to the Advisory Board, but certainly they have not done their first duty. Unless you take very strong action with regard to this matter, you make the position of the NMS difficult. I think that the body which carries on the work has a right to expect that you will do the needful. You may be sure that I am not at all complaining, but that I am only expressing my point of view, and I write quite frankly because I know you have been very friendly and - - considerate, and you have throughout been very appreciative of all that the Lutheran NMS has been able to do for a small part of the great field of the Gossner Mission.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Aswadans

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Gossner Lutheran Church,
R a n c h i.

Jan'y 25, 1926.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

It has taken me long time to get round to your letter of Dec 15 which was sent here and then forwarded to Madras while I was there. A good deal of it has already been answered, but I shall note a point or two.

Thanks for your statement about dealing directly with you. I shall do this and if any trouble arises with Mr Mukerji you must straighten it out, please.

My recollection is that Mr Minz said he had already given you a copy of the action taken by the Church Council and confirmed by the Genl Conf of the Church concerning the Jharsuguda Field. The Genl Conf accepted what the Council had already agreed to. As you have already talked over the matter with Messrs Minz, Soy and Topono, I think I need not add anything here. As I understand it, we are now waiting for some action from you down there.

I brought Dr Drach here on the 9th and on the 22th we left for a trip north and west--to Benares, Lucknow, Cawnpore, Delhi, Agra and Bombay. He sailed on the 19th by the S. S. "Kashmir" for China and Japan.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Memo. No. 2723.

Ranchi,

21st December, 1925.

Rev. B. Minz, L. Th.,
Secretary, G.E.L. Church Council,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

In a letter to Mr. Cannaday, dated the 15th inst., Mr. J.D. Asirvadam of Vepery, Madras, Secretary of the Lutheran National Missionary Society, states that he has ~~not~~ "not until now received a copy (regarding Jharsugura) of the resolution ~~regarding Jharsugura~~ ^{one officially from} the Secretary of the Church Council." He desires very much that the transmission of these resolutions may kindly be expedited. Now that the Mahasabha has taken final action, I would request you, on behalf of Mr. Cannaday, kindly to send the Jharsugura resolutions to Mr. Asirvadam as soon as possible. His address seems to be "Park Hostel, Kilpauk, Madras."

Yours sincerely,

G.W. Minz.

*The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.*

Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
15th December, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing Mr. Mukerji's letter which I return herewith after perusal.

I had asked Mr. Mukerji to deal with the Church Council only as a representative of the Lutheran NMS. I could quite see that as General Secretary of the NMS he is perhaps in a better position to deal with certain outside bodies such as the National Christian Council, but any dealing with the Board of Trustees, Advisory Board or the Church Council, should have been done only on behalf of the Lutheran NMS, for it is our Committee that has been dealing in all matters in connection with Jharsuguda relating to the former work of the Gossner Mission. I believe Mr. Mukerji himself is cognizant of this fact, and but for the fact that he was in North India and therefore in a position to get into personal touch with the affairs there, he would not have done anything which would be interpreted as creating a dual relationship with regard to the bodies referred to. I shall take up the matter with Mr. Mukerji.

My letter to Mr. Soy of the 17th October last copies of which were sent to you, the Berlin delegates, and the Secretary of the Church Council, still remains unanswered. I asked Mr. Soy as representative of the Lutheran NMS to take up the Jharsuguda matters about which I had previously written to the Church Council, at the meeting of the Church Council. Though Mr. Mukerji has written to us that certain resolutions were passed at the Church Council relating to Jharsuguda, I have not until now received a copy of the resolutions officially from the Secretary of the Church Council. I shall therefore thank you very much if you will kindly expedite this matter before you leave Ranchi. In my last letter to you I enclosed a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Church Council which I hope you have passed on to him.

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In your letter under reply you state that a Church Council member feels that Mr. Mukerji is not representing the Jharsuguda agreement. It is very necessary that we should clear up this point very soon. It will not be fair to the NMS to have any uncertainty with regard to this matter. The original invitation of the Church Council according to the resolution of the Church Council some years ago was that we should take over a large area permanently. The three year limit was suggested not by the Church Council, but by the Advisory Board and now that the three year agreement is over, we naturally expect that there ought to be some clearness about our future.

The point on which the Church Council then agreed and to which we shall ever remain loyal is that our work will not create a Church apart from the G.E.L.C. While the Church would thus be in ecclesiastical connection with the Gossner Church as the Church in is in ecclesiastical connection with the Anglican Diocese of Lahore, the administration should be entirely left to the arrangements to be made by the Executive from time to time. When the resolution of the Church Council relating to Jharsuguda agreement was sent to us by Mr. Mukerji, both the Lutheran NMS and NMS Executive felt that it should be made clear that the existing arrangements should not in any way be modified, and on that point I entirely agree with the second paragraph of Mr. Mukerji's letter to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees wrongly addressed to Rev. W. Paton.

Whether the agreement with the Lutheran NMS in respect of Jharsuguda work is permanent or otherwise, is a matter for the CC to decide, but we are going forward on the supposition that we are going to be there permanently fully trusting in the original invitation of the Church Council. So far as I understand things, I believe that the application to the Board of Trustees should be only for the ten year lease. I believe you have told me that the Mission Trust does not have authority to give anybody the use of the trust property for a period exceeding ten years.

Mr. Mukerji had consulted me with regard to these matters, and I had already written to him that in his personal negotiations with the bodies concerned, and in any letters that he might write on our behalf, he should make these points clear.

If I go to Calcutta at all which is very unlikely, I can arrange to spend Sunday the 27th at Ranchi with Mr. Werner. If I do decide to go I shall let you know.

Looking forward to meeting you, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

J. D. Aswadani

ENCLOSURE

Dec. 16, 1925.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing a letter for Mr Minz, which I have made over to him.

Mr Minz then reminded me of the fact that he had sent to me sometime ago the resolutions or actions re Jharsuguda which you ask him about. It is altogether my fault that I have not sent the action of the Church Council on to you sooner. My only excuse is that in the grand rush of touring the last two months with the Berlin Deputation I overlooked it. Enclosed please find a copy of what Mr Minz sent me.

I am really sorry that you are not coming here for Christmas, but I suppose it cannot be helped now in the circumstances.

Thanks, very much, for your kind words re the "proposals" we have drawn up here for the future of the Autonomous Church. The Mahasabha began its sessions this AM. I think the proposals will be taken up to-morrow. Both Mr SGN and Rev. ~~LJ~~ are in attendance.

In regards to Rev. LJ, I think you had better proceed from that end. The CC could hardly ask him to resign. You ought to do that, if you think that his work prevents his attending.

Yes, we expect to arrive in Madras Dec. 24th to be at Miss Chandler's, the Women's Chr. College.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



*The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church Council,
Park Hostel, Kilpauk, Madras.*

11th December, 1925.

Dear Mr.Cannaday :-

As the Leipzig deputation is expected to arrive in India in a day or two, and as there is a good deal of committee work to be done here, I have abandoned the idea of going to Calcutta for the N.M.S.Conference. I learn that you might yourself spend Christmas in Madras, or at least come over here very soon thereafter. We shall be very delighted to meet you and Mrs.Cannaday. We are having a splendid weather here just now after very heavy rains.

Thanks very much for sending me a copy of the Minutes of the Advisory Board. The agreement with the Gossner delegates has been drafted in a very judicious manner, and I feel sure that you have laid the Church under a real debt to you. It does embody the best thought of the future development of the Church in India. I am sending a copy of this to all our Missionaries and Pastors and it would be of value in our own negotiations with the Leipzig delegates.

I enclose herewith an official letter and trust that you will do your best in the matter. Mr.Mukerji felt that the best way of working up the NMS field with the Ranchi Church, would be to get our own men elected to the Church Council. I wish you to kindly make it clear to the Gossner people that Rev.Jojowar cannot serve as a member of the Church Council this year. We are posting him into the interior and it would be impossible for us to spare him from our work.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Rev.I.Cannaday,
G.E.L.Church,
Ranchi.

J. D. Aswadom
Secretary, Lutheran NMS

ENCLOSURE

11-12-25.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

The Secretary of the Church Council sends me the following for transmission to you (or Mr Mukerji, which, please?).

"Workers for Jharsuguda. On the request of the NMS, as made known by Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji and Rev. S. Gnanabaranam, the Council is prepared to send to Jharsuguda the following: Babu Taraprasann Khalkho, Candidate Suleman Kulip, Candidate Johan Vengra and Pracharak (Catechist) Mansidh Guria."

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Oct 24, 1925.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your (personal) letter of the 17th enclosing copies of a letter to Mr Soy. I have distributed the copies as requested.

Mr Gn stopped with us and we had good friendly talks. I think he understands me now and knows how to take me. As for him I also must not take him too seriously! We are really good friends.

Well, Mr Mukerji came and we had two or three strenuous sessions over the Jhasrsuguda--NMS matter in the CC and AB mtgs, but all has come out right, in spite of much heat--more heat than light. Mr ACM is certainly a strong man! And he found out too that the CC knows fully well how to defend its own interests! However, all is now as calm as a mill pond. No doubt Mr Gn will have told you everything. Later I'll communicate it officially.

Kind regards and best wishes. See you at Xmas time.

Yours sincerely,

It mtg 6th Nov

HC

Madras

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Dear Mr. Connolly,

Many thanks
for your very frank private
letter. I cannot suffi-
ciently thank you for the
fine spirit of the letter. Yes,
the need is to get know each
other, and then there will
surely be a in our mutual
regard. I have always
cherished sentiments of
true regard & appreciation
for you & I am sure
my friend Lpn. will also
do so in measure as
he gets to know you
more & more. In the
meantime, your attitude

supporters in the work
of the M.M.S. It would be
a pity if we should move
them away from Jharkhand.
The reaction may be such
as to lead us away from
Central India altogether.
To work up interest for
another community
will not be easy.

Many thanks for my
4/9/47. Canaday for my
renewal of the invitation.
With very kind regards to
yourself, Canaday

Yrs. Truly
J. D. Asquith

has been really noble, &
I am grateful.

It is best we keep
before all concerned
the problem of our South
M.M.S. work. Though at
present the fourteen
churches take much the
larger share, it is the
work of the members of the
Moorhoo, and soon they
too will bear a proportionate
share of the work. This
should be appreciated by
those with whom the Devan
this.

Also we have suc-
ceeded in securing an
interest among our

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
17th October, 1925.

Dear Mr. Soy :

I am glad that Mr. Mukerji is now at Ranchi when the Church Council is meeting and the Berlin delegates are present.

I remember the days when I was at Ranchi. Then several problems were still pending and one important question I took up with you all informally and later at the Church Council meeting was with regard to the work in the outlying regions of your field. It was represented that many urgent requests from those areas could not be attended to and that the work in some parts was going down, and it was for this reason that the Church Council made a resolution asking the HNS to take over Jharsuguda, Gangpur etc.

We also discussed the terms of agreement. It was understood that this work that we would carry on, would be of a permanent character. We on our part very willingly agreed that the Church should continue to be an integral part of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. Though we could not undertake responsibility for the big area that you proposed, our Committee was willing to help you with regard to one station namely Jharsuguda.

It is true that the Advisory Board modified the proposal of the Church Council and approved it as a tentative measure for three years, and we yet undertook the work, because we knew that at the end of three years, the Advisory Board would be satisfied with our work and the desire of the Church that we should carry on the work permanently would have effect. If you can get at the file of Mr. Hurad you will get to know these things quite clearly.

But apart from this, as I wrote to the Church Council in my formal letter, the question should be viewed from the Missionary possibilities of the area and our own willingness and qualification to undertake the work. Our objective is Rewa and just now we are not able to enter Rewa. Till we are able to do so, we have a great work to do between Jharsuguda and Rewa. If we can help to evangelise the inter-

interlying territories and push forward into Rewa when any suitable opportunity offers itself, we feel we shall be doing just what God has called us to do. It is this conviction that has kept us to our difficult task during these years and now that our two Missionaries have come in, the community in the South is getting more keenly interested in the work and therefore it would be a pity if at this time the old arrangement is not ratified.

Disappointment It is important for us to know something definitely about the future because if we cannot continue in Jharsuguda, we shall have to go another area, or possibly because of the postponement with regard to Rewa the consequences might be that the Lutheran Churches of the South will decide not to do any Missionary work in Mid-India. It would be a great set-back to the Missionary cause of the Lutheran Churches in India. The question is important because the need of Jharsuguda is great and we have to employ more workers and push on the work in several directions, and the present uncertainty about the work is not desirable.

For These reasons I thought it best to write to you as representative of the Gosaner Church in the MES Council in order that you may put the matter before the Church Council and the Berlin delegates and get a speedy solution of the problem. As I have already written to the Church Council we are eager to take just a little share in the great work committed to the Gosaner Church and Mission. It shall be our endeavour to help to build up a strong United Lutheran Church across Mid-India.

When this main issue is settled there are some details which I have to take up with you and other representatives of the Gosaner Church when they come to Madras for the All-India Lutheran Conference.

Earnestly hoping that the coming meetings will lead to a clear and definite way being found for all the problems that now confront the Gosaner Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Mirmal Roy Esq.,
Ranchi.

J. O. C.

Copy to Central Secretary, MES
Secretary, Church Council,
Berlin Delegates,
Rev. I. Connaday. ✓
Rev. S. Gnana Baranam.

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REV. J. GASS, D.D.
RAIPUR, C.P.
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Raipur, C.P. Oct 29, 25 192 .

Dear Mr Cannaday ,

I am in receipt of your letter and had sent you a wire that Oct 29 and 30 did not suit us .We have a meeting of our Exec Committee on the 29 and 30 th , which can not be postponed . Today I sent you another wire :Nov third to Nov six will suit us, wire other date if this is not suitable." I am sorry we could not accept your date , but it was impossible .Again, we have a convention and conference from 11th Nov to the 15 th here at Raipur , but the above mentioned dates would suit us very well .We could be in Jharsagudda on the 3 d at about noon .I do hope that one of the days mentioned will suit both of us

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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Gharsuguda

25.10.25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many
thanks for the information.
Kindly let me know if I
should send word to the
village congregations to come
over here when you are all here.
So far I have not told any
body about this.

Shall I not make
any arrangement for you all
in the Dak Bungalow?

I have been down
with a severe attack of Asthma
since my arrival.

With kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

S. Gnanabaranam

October 29, '25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th. I am afraid I cannot advise you in regard to "sending word to the village congregations" when the deputation comes. I do not advise any Pastors about it--I only send them the circular letter which I sent to you. Please use your own judgement in the matter. Jharsuguda, you know, is not just the same as the other Ilakasa.

Dak Bungalow. I think it would be well for you to make arrangements for us in the dak bungalow, if no other place is available. What about the big bungalow? We have no right to use it, but if any man with whom we are friendly were living there, possible he would accomodate us, but not Mr W. is my advice.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, likely representing the initials 'JC' or a similar monogram.

JHARSUGUDA RESOLUTION.

5. The N.M.S in Jharsuguda--(1) From the last summer the Council has repeatedly considered what the future of Jharsuguda will be. The Council had some correspondence with the N.M.S. on this matter (vide C.C. minutes of March 1925, No. 1(10)). According to that arrangement Jharsuguda was left in the hands of the N.M.S. for another three years. This time in the presence of the Deputation it was again taken up. Gen. Secretary Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji and Rev. Gnanabaranam from the N.M.S. were present. The President cordially welcomed them into the meetings of the Church Council and after briefly opening the discussion on the future of Jharsuguda called on the N.M.S. representatives to make their statements. The N.M.S. Gen. Secretary made a brief survey of the whole work of the N.M.S. which might be summarised in this one sentence that the N.M.S. at its beginning had one missionary and one station but now it has eighty two missionaries and thirty stations and Jharsuguda is one of these stations. Several questions and answers were also made between the N.M.S. representatives and the Church Council. The General Secretary made this important pronouncement to us that the N.M.S. is a missionary Society but without a congregation or denomination of its own, that is, it does ~~not~~ not establish a new denomination but on the other hand it always works in connexion with other societies - for Baptists in the Baptist neighbourhood; for Anglicans^{in the Anglican} neighbourhood; for Lutherans in the Lutheran neighbourhood, etc., and at the moment a mission or church in conjunction with which the N.M.S. is running a missionary work, is able to take up that work, the N.M.S. makes over that work to that nearest mission or church in the best brotherly mood and in all eagerness of a missionary spirit moves on to open other new mission works, e.g., Jharsuguda is certainly an integral part of the Gossner Church and the N.M.S. is running it and will do so for the Gossner Church, and when the latter becomes fit again to take back Jharsuguda into its own hands then the N.M.S. will at once make it over to the Gossner Church and will proceed to open up new mission fields for itself. On this basis the N.M.S. is working in Jharsuguda. The Gen. Secretary remarked that no limit of time has been recorded with reference to making over Jharsuguda to the N.M.S. Rev. I. Cannaday pointed out that the Advisory Board did rectify this mistake and agreed that the field be temporarily given to N.M.S. for a period of three years. Mr. Mukerje further continued that the N.M.S. has hitherto employed only two missionaries but that it desires in future to work there more vigorously, to send there more missionaries and to spend more money there in order that the work be more fruitful because a great opportunity is awaiting us there. Therefore, if Jharsuguda be given for a few years, the N.M.S. cannot launch out into a vigorous work. So, if it be possible, the field of Jharsuguda be given to us for an indefinite period, knowing that as soon as this Church will be able to take it back again we will give it back with the new property that we may have brought in, and the mission extension that we may have done there. If, as we desire, the N.M.S. be able to carry mission ~~carry mission~~ work from Jharsuguda to Rewa all that work shall be part and extension of the Gossner Church.

After a very long discussion, bearing in mind the fact that for several years to come the Gossner Church will be unable to take the Jharsuguda field into its hands, the G.E.L. Church Council resolved:

(1) That in so far as Church organisation, discipline, worship, syllabus of religious teaching and all other kindred matters are concerned the Jharsuguda field shall be considered an integral part of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, the field being considered as ~~an~~ a separate ilaka within the Constitution of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(2) That in regard to missionary organisation, including the management of institutions such as hospitals, dispensaries, schools, etc., the field be under the administration and control of the Lutheran N.M.S.

(By Jharsuguda field mentioned above the following territories are meant - Subject to the agreement entered into between the English Baptist Mission and this Church all the territory in the British district of Sambalpur and the western part of Gangpur, southern part of Mashpur and Rairakhol Feudatory States.)

(3) That there shall be an "Ilaka Panch" and a Field Committee in Jharsuguda. Also there shall be "Padripan Panches" and "Pracharakpan Panches". That President John Topono will go there and will see that these Panches are formed according to the Constitution. That the Ilaka Panch and the ~~Rika~~ Field Committee mutually will define their powers.

and spheres of work.

(4) That the Field Committee shall be composed of five members; three from the N.M.S. and two from the Church Council.

(5) That copies of the minutes, reports, and census figures of the Jharsuguda Field will be sent to the Church Council.

(6) That if no one from the Jharsuguda Field has been elected on the Church Council then an official visitor from there will be taken in the Church Council.

(7) That the Church Council offers most hearty thanks to the N.M.S. for its excellent work in Jharsuguda and wishes to inform it that the Council is extremely pleased with its work.

(8) That copies of the above be forwarded to the N.M.S.

(ii) Workers for Jharsuguda - The above matters having been disposed of, the Council inquired whether the N.M.S. desired new workers. The representatives expressed that two pastors and three evangelists are required.

(iii) Joint meeting re: opening work in Raigarh State - It was decided, as was understood previously, that at an early date when the German Deputation visitors Jharsuguda the proposed joint meeting between us and Dr. Gass^e partly be held.

9th July, 1925.

Rev. J. C. Koenig,
Sakti, G. P.

Dear Mr Koenig,

With further reference to your letter of April 30th (in reply to mine of April 16th), I write to say that I laid this whole matter of our doing evangelistic work in Raigarh and the G. P. before the meeting of the Advisory Board on June 16-18 and before the Lutheran Church Council which immediately followed. Also, in the meantime, I had written to the Secretary of the Lutheran N. M. Society, Madras, on the subject and had asked him to write me his full views concerning it, as it was largely on his behalf that the question was raised. The only recorded action of the Advisory Board was to the effect that the matter be referred back to the Church Council.

The Church Council has now taken action on the matter and I have it before me. The substance of it is a repetition of its original request. Referring to the letter of the Secretary of the Lutheran N. M. Society, the Council's minute says--"The Church Council fully supports him in this plea." In order that you may know what the Secretary of the Lutheran N. M. S. has written I enclose a copy of his letter to me.

As for the Advisory Board I may say that we also join the Church Council in supporting Mr. Asirvadam's plea in so far as it is in accordance with the sound rules and principles of mission community and will not work any injury to a sister Christian body. The desire of all of us, I may say, is not to interfere at all with your work or any other body's, but to build up a united Lutheran community in Chotanagpur and the Central Provinces. If this can be done with your good will and without any injury whatsoever to your work, we shall be very happy. If this is not possible, then of course we have no alternative to listening to your objections and coming to terms with you on a just and Christian basis.

As for a written agreement between the Gossner Lutherans and your Mission I think this question will have to wait awhile for the other matter to be settled. Moreover, I have not yet heard from Dr Gass on this subject.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Sakti, C.P. April, 30, 1925.

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Your letter of the 16th inst. re evangelistic work in the Raigarh State, was received. The delay in answering is due to my being away on tour.

In reply to your question, I wish to inform you, that our Mission has fully occupied the state. Two evangelists are stationed in Raigarh Town and there are two outstations north and six outstations south of that town. These outstations are manned by 12 evangelists under the supervision of Rev. Y. Prakesh, stationed at Charpali, P.O. Raigarh. Within the state about 200 converts have been received into our church membership. Two of our outstations are very close to the boarder of the state towards Jharsuguda. We have had calls into Him-gir State on the Orissa side, but as we have considered the C.P. boundary the natural boundary between our and your mission, we have ~~refrained~~ refrained from going there.

Under these circumstances you will understand, that I cannot approve of the G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, opening work in the Raigarh State. The result would be unnecessary duplication ~~xxx~~ of work and interference. I would be glad to hear from you, that the proposition has been dropped.

I am very glad however, that this question has been approached and suggest that a written agreement be made between our Mission and the G.E.L. Church concerning the boundaries of territories to be worked. This is a practice among missions in the C.P., which has been found very helpful. For this purpose, I am forwarding your letter to Dr. J. Goss, Raipur, the chairman of our Boundary Committee, and am asking him to take up the question with you.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. Kaening.

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To

The Rev. J. C. Koenig,
Sakti, C. P.

Dear Mr. Koenig,

On behalf of Mr. Cannaday, absent at the hills, I acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 30th April, 1925, communicating your objection against the entry of the G. E. L. Church upon evangelistic work in the Raigarh State.

Pending further action by the Chairman of your Boundary Committee, Dr. J. Goss, Raipur, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Secretary of the G. E. L. Church Council for information.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Goss

Head Supervisor,
Lutheran Schools.

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I.C.

Memo. No. 1281-82.

Office of the Head Supervisor, Lutheran Schools, Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 4th May, 1925.

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16-4-25.

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Sakti, C. P.

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Jharsuguda
8th July '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I have just come back from a tour in the Gangpur State and I find that I have to be here to the end of August. It is indeed a great regret that I cannot be at Ranchi as I intended.

In the meanwhile I had an interview with the D.Y. Commissioner as regards the marriage license and he has promised to secure it for me.

We are having very heavy rains and the rivers are in floods. We hope to have the Lt. Secy Mr. Mukerji with us in a few weeks.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours
S. Gnanabaranam.

16th July, 1925.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esquire, M. A.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

With further reference to the matters between the Lutheran Church Council here and the Lutheran National Missionary Society working in Jharsuguda, I write to say that two more actions of the Council have been sent to me for being conveyed to you. These actions are--

1. "Candidates for Jharsuguda. The Council requests the Board to inquire whether the N. M. S. will take any Candidates for Jharsuguda within this year or at some time later."

The Secretary of the Council adds an explanatory note to the effect that you, in a letter to me, had intimated that you would like to have Candidates from here, in order to work in the Raigarh State, and that Rev. Luther Jojowar, on being asked about it (informally I suppose), had replied that no Candidates will be required this year.

2. "Jharsuguda Delegates. The Council resolved that the N. M. S. be requested to pay travelling allowances, etc., to the representatives of the Jharsuguda Diocese (Ilaka) coming to the annual General Conference (of the Church in Ranchi), just as all other Dioceses (Ilakas) sending representatives to the Conference pay T. A., etc., to their representatives."

The Secretary of the Council adds an explanatory note to this also saying that he himself had addressed you on this subject, but had not received any reply. Perhaps his letter failed to reach you, or perhaps you thought that his letter was a little irregular.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Mr Gnanabaranam now writes that he cannot come to Ranchi at all--at least not for another two months or so.



July 17, 1925.

Rev. J. C. Koenig,
Sakti, C. P.

Dear Mr Koenig,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th inst. I shall have copies made of it and send a copy each to the Church Council here and to Mr Asirvadam in Madras. Later on when any definite action is taken, I shall let you know.

However, I do not want this letter of mine to go back to you with only this cold 'official' acknowledgement of it. I want to say that I am immensely pleased with the spirit of your letter. It is so reasonable and so practical! I read it to a member of the Church Council and he too was much pleased with it. Personally I agree to all your proposals, ~~and~~ that they would work out for the best for all parties concerned. I hope that Dr Cass will take up the matter of territorial division. I should think that a joint meeting at Sakti or Jharsuguda or somewhere on that side would be a good thing. Last April we had a splendid meeting with the Baptists at Sambalpur and agreed on all points. See Adv. Board minutes sent you.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



17-7-25.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Mr Koenig which has just come in. I think the spirit of it is very good and I believe what he proposes is also practicable and workable. Personally I feel that we ought to agree to have a joint boundary commission and work along the lines he suggests. How do you feel about it, please? Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, likely representing the initials 'JH'.

Jharuguda
29.7.25.

Rev. J. Cannaday.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter re Raigarh, I am of this opinion that, in order to have full discussion with the American Lutheran Church, Sakli, C.P., and come to better conclusion, it would be better if there be a meeting of both the Churches.

With my best regards,
Yours ever Sincerely
Rev. Luther Jojinar.

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ADDRESS ONLY



Mr. J. Cannaday,
S. E. L. Mission,
Ranchi

Bihar.

THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED
FOR THE ANSWER.

Dear Mr. Canaday,

Thanks for your
letter concerning
territorial divi-
sion. I have seen
Dr. Bass, and he
has promised to
write you in a
few days.

Yours very sincerely
J. C. Kaerig

Lat. 23/2/25.

let me know and we shall try to conform.
I think the above covers the essential points.
With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



5-8-25.

Dear Dr Gass,

Again many thanks for your letter of the 27th July, which I sent on to the Lutheran Church Council for action. The Council's Executive has just sat and decided to agree to your proposal to have a boundary-fixing commission and to have it meet in Jharsuguda at some convenient time either this or the next month. I note the times which you say would be convenient or inconvenient. Apparent you could meet almost any time this month.

Now my proposal is to have it either on Saturday, the 15th August, or on the Monday following (17th)--chiefly for this reason: The General Secretary of the N. M. Society, Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji of Benares, will be in Jharsuguda August 15th-18th, to see the work in that field, both in the station and in some villages. It occurs to us here that it would be a good thing to have the meeting on one of those days, and Rev. S. Gnanabaranam of Jharsuguda who has just arrived here from there suggests, in view of the local plans, either Saturday or the following Monday. We on this side can go there almost any time.

My request of you therefore is this: If either one of these dates is agreeable to you, kindly wire me and also Rev. S. Gnanabaranam, Jharsuguda, the date fixed, and we shall at once notify our delegates to be there. If neither one of these dates is agreeable to you, then of course we must select another time and I request you in that case to suggest another date (preferably in August) and

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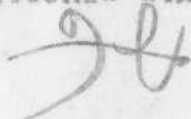
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17-8-25.

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Jharsuguda
15th Aug. 25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Mr. Mukerji is here. and your post card too to hand - After discussing the present situation, he feels that the proposed meeting concerning Raigarh should be postponed till after the arrival of the German delegation, which is to determine our working in Jharsuguda.

Hence I should request you to inform the Raigarh people of this in time. I am sorry I do not know their address, otherwise I would not given you this trouble. With regards,
yours Sincerely
S. Gnanabaraman

Dear Mr Minz,

Please read the above. It is rather provoking at this late date! However, Mr Soy and I feel that, since the NMS insisted on this meeting--not we, we had better yield to their request. I think the Raipur people will be greatly disappointed. Kindly advise me what to do, as I must wire Dr Cass if the meeting is to be called off.

Ranchi,
17-8-25.

Yours sincerely,

Please call off the meeting and wire Dr. Cass.

B. Minz

J. Cannaday

17-8-1925.

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Dear Dr Gass,

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th, intimating that you and your representatives would arrive in Jharsuguda on the 20th at 2 P. M. for the boundary-fixing commission's meeting.

I was just on the point of answering your letter saying that everything was all right, when I received another letter changing everything, so I hurried off to you the following wire--

MEETING POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. LETTER FOLLOWS.

The letter that I received was from Rev. S. Gnanabaranam, now in charge at Jharsuguda, saying that Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji, Genl Secy of the N. M. S., had arrived and that "he feels that the proposed meeting concerning Raigarh should be postponed till after the arrival of the German delegation, which is to determine our working in Jharsuguda." Then Mr Gnanabaranam definitely requests me to call off the meeting. The "delegation" he refers to is the deputation of two former missionaries for which we have been asking nearly three years. At last it has been sanctioned and Messrs. Stosch and John are expected here in October.

Personally, I am very sorry that the meeting has been called off, but we here feel that, since the NMS people insisted on the meeting--not we, we ought to agree to their request. I trust that it will not inconvenience you much, but I fear that it will! I shall be glad to hear from you again your sentiments in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



REV. J. GASS, D.D.
RAIPUR, C.P.
INDIA

Raipur, C.P. Aug 13 .25 192 .

Dear Mr Cannaday,

Thanks for your wire .You have chosen the 20 th
of August and we shall D.V. be in Jharsaguda on the 20 th
in the afternnon .I have not yet quite decided but I think
that we will take the fast passenger that leaves Raipur at
5 .23 in the morning and will arrive a little before 2 p.m.
in Jharsaguda

Yours sincerely

J. Gass

15th August, '25

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th.

As I have already written you, the meeting in Jharsuguda has been for the 20th--next Thursday. I expect to arrive by the Mail. I am sorry that the Rai Bahadur cannot be present.

Thanks for the information re the Patta of the Jharsuguda compound land. I have told the Agent about it.

When I come to Jharsuguda I shall pay you the Rs. 100/.

You make no mention of my letter to you of the 8th. Did you not receive it?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'V. C.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Jharsuguda
11th Aug. '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Mr. Mukerji, The Genl Secy. writes to say that he can spend only the 15th & 16th inst at Jharsuguda. So, if Raigarh people are not to be here on Saturday, you can cancel the meeting for the present. I am awaiting their letter.

The Nap. Tahsildar of Sambalpur was here this morning and requested me to let you know that the Patta for Jharsuguda Compound is with Mr. Balunskiswar Pandey, Jharsuguda. Kindly take charge of it, by sending in a postage stamp.

With kind regards
Yours Sincerely

S. Gnanabaranam.

Rs 100/-

Aug. 13, 1925.

Dear Dr Gass,

Many thanks for your pc of the 10th and your telegram of the 12th reading--WE SUGGEST 18 OR 20 AUGUST FOR MEETING AT JHARSUGUDA. WIRE WHICH DATE YOU ACCEPT.

To the above I replied this morning--WE CHOOSE 20TH AUGUST FOR JHARSUGUDA MEETING.

It is possible that the 18th would suit the Jharsuguda people a little better, but the 18th would have been somewhat difficult for us here in Ranchi.

I trust that all will go well. Rev. S. Gnanabaranam in charge at Jharsuguda will try to make arrangements for us to stop in the big bungalow there, if we must spend a night there, but it might be well for you to bring along cots and perhaps a little food.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J.E.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Members.

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The Rev. I. Cannaday, Secretary.

The Advisory Board
of
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chota Nagpur and Assam

Ranchi 13-8-25.

Rev. B. Minz,
Secy, Church Council,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr Minz,

Please see the enclosed telegram from Dr Gass. As
he wants a reply by wire, will you kindly intimate your choice
of dates with reference to yourself and the other CC delegates?
Shall I notify the President or will you do so?

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*You please make a choice of the I. Cannaday
date. You may notify the President.
I am not one of the commission.
B. Minz*

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Yours sincerely,

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REPLY.

CARD

ADDRESS ON



Rev. I. Connorsday

Ranchi

Chota Nagpur

Rev. J. Gass,
Raipur, C. P.
India.

10/8/25

Dear Mr. Gass,

I am in receipt
of your letter dated
June 5. It will
take some days, till
I get an answer
from Mr. Jackson who
is now on the railway
line, but I will be
you know on my way on
home the spring to you

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TELEGRAPHS.

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Rev Cannaday Jossner
Mission Ranchi

We suggest 18 or 20 August
for meeting at Jhansigade
wire which date you accept
= Gass =

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

10-8-25.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th, enclosing extract of a letter from Rev. Luther Jojowar.

I am very glad to learn that he has agreed to go to another part of the Field. If he goes there and works without any trouble-- well and good; if not, you will have to take other measures.

I have already written you that Rev. S. Gnanabaranam has been here and had long interviews with CC members concerning all Iharsuguda problems. I do not know what was decided about additional men to take charge of the rest of the pastoral work in the Jh. Field, but I am sure the matter was talked about. Mr Gn. will let you know.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



*The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.*

4th August, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

I have now heard from Mr. Jojowar and I do trust that everything will now go on well. I enclose herewith an extract from a letter received from him which may throw some light on the present state of affairs.

I don't know if Mr. Gnanabaranam has already visited you. We are very anxious to secure one or two men to take charge of the pastoral work of the rest of the field. So far as Mr. Jojowar is concerned it is best for him to have a sphere where he will be able to push forward the work. It will not be right for him to leave his family at Jharsuguda for a long period. I am therefore asking him to remove his family as soon as a house is available in the new field to which he is moving. *The daughter in the Boarding should continue at Jharsuguda for the purpose of her studies.*

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Gnanabaranam

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

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The following is an extract from Mr.Jojowar's
letter :-

" I am quite glad and ready to go into the interior. I like your idea and proposals very much about the development of our vast Jharsuguda field. Surely we need more men from Ranchi or any other place. You ask me to let you know as to where I should go and how soon. I should say in reply that I wish to take charge of the Gangpur-Khampur centre, the northern area where we have to develop the work more than the other two areas. (I mean in the Gangpur and Jashpur States and if possible in the Raigarh State also). But Rev.Gnanabaranam's opinion is that I should go to Kutripali centre in charge of the South-West part of the Sambalpur District about which he has already written to you as he told me yesterday. I can go any time to the centre where you send me. The only request of mine is that you will kindly allow me to go alone till the house is ready. I cannot take my family in such a heavy rain as I have a child just three months old. I request you to allow my family to stay at Jharsuguda. I have another daughter who is reading in our Jharsuguda Boarding School and I cannot take her with me into the interior."

8-8-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

I hope you reached home safely and that you enjoyed your bus ride from Tokad to Chakradharpur. We enjoyed your visit to us very much and we hope you will come again some time.

I find that I gave you slightly wrong information about the two leases at Jharsuguda. The dates I gave were ~~XX~~ those on which they signed. The lease of the Big Bungalow runs from 1st April, 1922 for 5 years and the lease of the NMS property runs from 1st January, 1923 for 5 years.

Yesterday I inquired of the Superintendent of the Government Industrial School, Ranchi, about your chances of getting in some boys. He said your chances were as good as any other's in Chotanagpur. Boys should be ME or MV passed, if possible. Applications should be made early in December each year.

Yesterday I wrote to Mr Anderson about the two boys you spoke to me about.

Yesterday we heard through Mr Paton that the deputation of two former missionaries may leave Germany in September.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



to you. In correction of that let me say that I shall or give the money to Mr Gnanabaranam. I could not pay it to him when he was with us on the 25th, because I did not have it on hand. Several other matters I have discussed in a private letter which I am enclosing.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,
Yours sincerely,
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August 7, 1925.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st August returning to me the receipt for the money corrected--the Rs. 100/ for burnt grass. Enclosed please find my cheque in your favour for this amount.

Your letter of about 10 days ago concerning a number of matters in Jharsuguda, etc., I sent on to the Church Council's Secretary and he has brought the letter before the meeting of the CC Executive, but I have not yet had from him the actions of the Executive. Shall let you know later.

I do not quite like a phrase in your letter--"if the (Gossner) Church is going to depart from its agreement." So far as I can see the Church is sticking to its agreement. The agreement was for three years only--till May, 1923, but already it is August, 1925, and the Council has said that the NMS might work on unhindered till the lease runs out in the summer of 1928. The question of the permanency of your work in the Jharsuguda Field will now be considered afresh, but of course the CC feels hesitant about doing anything permanently because of the return of the former missionaries. Mr Gnanabaranam will write you all about this.

I see that I have written above that I shall send the cheque

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to you. In correction of that let me say that I shall or give the money to Mr Gnanabaranam. I could not pay it to him when he was with us on the 5th-6th, because I did not have it on hand.

Several other matters I have discussed in a private letter which I am enclosing.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

August 7, 1925

J. D. Aiyavaram, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Aiyavaram,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st August returning to me the receipt for the money corrected--the Rs. 100/- for burnt grass. Enclosed please find my cheque in your favour for this amount.

Your letter of about 10 days ago concerning a number of matters in Tharavada, etc., I sent on to the Church Council's Secretary, and he has brought the letter before the meeting of the CC Executive, but I have not yet had from him the actions of the Executive. Shall let you know later.

I do not quite like a phrase in your letter--"if the (Goswami) Church is going to depart from its agreement." So far as I can see the Church is sticking to its agreement. The agreement was for three years only--till May, 1925, but already it is August, 1925, and the Council has said that the MSS might work on unaltered till the lease runs out in the summer of 1928. The question of the permanency of your work in the Tharavada field will now be considered afresh, but of course the CC feels hesitant about doing anything permanently because of the return of the former missionaries. Mr Gnanabaranam will write you all about this.

I see that I have written above that I shall send the cheque

The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras,

1st August, 1925.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th ulto., sent through Mr. Werner. I return the receipt herewith duly altered and initialled.

I am looking forward to your answer to my last letter which you have promised to send after consulting the Secretary of the Church Council. I am afraid the situation in Jharsuguda is becoming difficult. Mr. Mukerji will be there in a fortnight and I hope he will be able to deal with the matter personally and see that things are properly settled. I shall write to you further after getting his advice of the situation there. I shall also write to the Church Council when matters seem a little more clear.

Does your last sentence mean that you might go to Jharsuguda? If so I should very much like that you arrange to be there sometime towards the middle of the month. Mr. Mukerji will be there from 15th to the 18th inst and will ^{during most of the time} ~~in the meanwhile~~ tour a part of the field.

With regard to our future in Jharsuguda, there is a suggestion that our Committee should make a definite proposal to the Church Council that unless there are reasonable possibilities of our continuing the work at Jharsuguda, we should, after due notice, withdraw to a field either adjacent to Jharsuguda or to a taluq West of Rewa. Of course in either case our main objective would be to press on towards Rewa. Our Missionaries feel that it would not be right for us to spend large sums of money if the Church which invited us to take over the work permanently is going to depart from its agreement. Mr. Werner thinks that that is perhaps the wisest thing to do. I understand that the Board of Foreign Mission of the United Lutheran Church have made a similar proposition to the Brecklum Mission.

I shall be glad if you will kindly pay the Rs.100/- to Mr. Gnanabaranam when he is in Ranchi.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

J. A. Asimadam.

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*We are willing to
take some responsibility
if Jharsuguda might be
deserted by the former
Mission of Church.
J.A.*

I think I have now covered all your points and have said all I need to say in this letter. With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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August 7, 1925.

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Dear Mr Asirvadam,

I owe you an apology for delaying my answer to your confidential letter of July 23rd so long, but there were some good reasons, and then when I heard that Mr Gnanabaranam was coming I naturally wanted to wait till he came before writing.

Mr Gn. arrived on the 5th and stayed one day, then we took him to two out-stations and made arrangements for him to go on from Tokad station to Chakradharpur by bus; we took him half way. Let me say that we enjoyed his visit very much. He is a nice, likable man, and I think that his visit here has done much good and has brought about or will bring about a much better understanding. We gave him every opportunity to meet the members of the CC and others and he spent several hours in conversation with them and went over all the points. Two members of the CC, who were to have gone away, remained here a day longer in order to be with him. Of course he will write you fully about it. I expect to see him in Jharsuguda soon (the boundary commission will probably meet there when the Rai Bahadar is there) and he expects to return to Ranchi at the time of the next CC meeting.

Now about Mr Luther Jojowar and other matters: I think there is not much reason now for me to enter into this, as it was talked over in the conferences between Mr Gn and the CC members. It is just possible that Mr LJ is very much at fault (a member of the CC told me he was, after hearing Mr Gn's remarks), but I do not want to take up the cudgels against him. I regard him as a good man and I like him. It is possible that some of the troubles have arisen because of LJ's own "personal equation," but I suspect, after hearing Mr Gn that the troubles are due more to the differences of method and ideas and ideals of the two Churches--the Gossner Church and the SI Lutheran Church; just the same troubles that we missionaries have been having. The Chotanagpurians (aborigines) are a 'peculiar folk' and all outsiders (whether foreigners or members of other Indian races) are looked upon with a good deal of suspicion. We have come to understand this quite well and are learning our lessons!

About the Uriyas: I feel that you must have talked this over with Mr Werner and fixed it up with him. He knows all about it, and I do not.

About territorial boundaries: Thanks for your instructions and advice. I shall put it before the meeting.

You ask about Mr Hurad. He is just keeping quiet in his house now-a-days. The Church Council, being utterly unable to find the money to pay him such a big salary and TA for being Church Auditor, gave him notice that his services would be dispensed with on July 22. He is threatening to sue the CC, but what he will do I do not know. Cannot you take him in the Jharsuguda Field and persuade him to go, of course with the consent of the parties there now?

I return Mr SG's letter to you.

Thanks for your letter of the 1st--after seeing Werner. I shall reply to that officially. See enclosed.

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I think I have now covered all your points and have said all I need to say in this letter.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

JC

August 7, 1952

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Dear Mr. Ainsworth,

I owe you an apology for delaying my answer to your confidential letter of July 23rd so long, but there were some good reasons, and then when I heard that Mr. Gnanapavan was coming I naturally wanted to wait till he came before writing.

Mr. G. arrived on the 25th and stayed one day, then we took him to the out-stations and made arrangements for him to go on from Tokod station to Chakraborty by bus; we took him half way. Let me say that we enjoyed his visit very much. He is a nice, likable man, and I think that his visit here has done much good and has brought about or will bring about a much better understanding. We gave him every opportunity to meet the members of the CC and others and he spent several hours in conversation with them and went over all the points. Two members of the CC, who were to have gone away, remained here a day longer in order to be with him. Of course I will write you fully about it. I expect to see him in Bangalore soon (the boundary commission will probably meet there when the Raj Bahadur is there) and he expects to return to Ranchi at the time of the next CC meeting.

Now about Mr. Luther's journey and other matters: I think there is not much reason now for us to enter into this, as it was talked over in the conference between Mr. G. and the CC members. It is just possible that Mr. L. is very much at fault (a member of the CC told me he was, after hearing Mr. G.'s remarks), but I do not want to take up the cudgels against him. I regard him as a good man and I like him. It is possible that some of the troubles have arisen because of L.'s own "personal equation," but I suggest, after hearing Mr. G. that the troubles are due more to the differences of method and ideas and ideals of the two Churches--the German Church and the Lutheran Church; just the same troubles that we missionaries have been having. The Chotanagpur missionaries are a "peculiar folk" and all outsiders whether foreigners or members of other Indian religions looked upon with a good deal of suspicion. We have come to understand this quite well and are learning our lesson!

About the Uryun: I feel that you must have talked this over with Mr. Werner and fixed it up with him. He knows all about it, and I do not.

About territorial boundaries: Thanks for your instructions and advice. I shall put it before the meeting. You ask about Mr. Harad. He is just keeping quiet in his house now-a-days. The Church Council, being utterly unable to find the money to pay his much-needed salary and for being Church Auditor, gave him notice that his services would be dispensed with on July 22. He is threatening to sue the CC, but what he will do I do not know. Cannot you take him in the Chotanagpur field and persuade him to go of course with the consent of the parties there now?

I return Mr. G.'s letter to you. Thanks for your letter of the last--after seeing Werner. I shall reply to that officially. See enclosed.

Jharouguda

2nd aug. '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I came back from my tour two days ago. Several letters from Mr. J. D. A., including copies of your letter to him, force me to hasten to you. They have revealed to me problems I had never thought of and never knew to exist. They are old to you and as such I feel ^{sure} I can get the solution from you. So I intend starting on Tuesday and hope to reach Ranchi Wednesday noon. I hope to start back on Friday.

If you have any guests, kindly arrange for me with any of our people here. I wonder if Miss Sokey would not help me.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

S. Gnanabaranam

before making changes--whether in regard to Uriya, transfers or anything else. This is the principle on which the AB works as far as possible. As Mr Werner is leaving today for Kody to be with his family while, I am asking him to see you in Madras if possible and have a quiet talk over the Tharanga situation. It is just possible that I may go there myself, but I am not yet persuaded of the wisdom of it.

Yours sincerely,

23rd July, '25.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd enclosing your stamped receipt for Rs. 200/ and for your confidential letter of the same date with enclosures as noted. In reply--

1. I am sending on your letter to the Secy of the CC in order to get his opinions on the several points you take up before replying to it. I hope to send an answer soon.

2. Enclosed please find the receipt returned. I must have been dreaming when I wrote you or my typewriter played a nasty trick on me! The amount of damages given by the BN Ry was not Rs. 200, but only Rs. 100, and it is so written in the minutes. I request you to correct it and return it. Sorry to bother you!

3. About the matters written in the confidential letter: I cannot say anything just now--without further time for thought and guidance, but later I may write you something. Meantime my only advice is: Go slow--don't do anything to antagonize the CC. They are really very grateful to you for all the good work you are doing and want you by all means to carry on, but they are Chotanagpurians and do not like changes, especially sudden changes. Therefore my advice is--Go slow and get the X goodwill of the CC

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Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Aylward Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

DEAR MR. ALFVÄRD,

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th enclosing your stamped receipt for Rs. 200/- and for your confidential letter of the same date with enclosures as noted. In re-

—vlg

1. I am sending on your letter to the Secy of the DOD in order to get his opinions on the several points you take up below.

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Therefore my advice is--go slow and get the 3 Goodwill of the CC

Vepery, Madras.

23rd July, 1925.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

Dear Mr.Cannaday :-

From recent letters received from the field, I have the impression that Rev.Luther Jojowar is trying to make the position of our Missionaries somewhat difficult. Perhaps he is not much in sympathy with the proposal that he should move into the interior. You know that it was clearly mentioned to him when Rev.Appavoo was appointed as Missionary that it was only a temporary arrangement, but it was because of Rev.Appavoo's illness that we had to entrust to him the charge of the whole field.

If Mr.Jojowar's continuance in the field is going to make the work difficult, we shall have to ask the Ranchi Council to withdraw him and give us other men. I only want that you should keep this matter in mind and see that a proper solution of the present difficulties is found. I have already written to the field that the decision of the Lutheran NMS that Mr.Jojowar should move into the interior should be given effect to immediately. If he raises any difficulties he will have to go back to Ranchi.

Mr.Jojowar has been efficient and your recommendation of the man weighed a great deal with us and we treated him very well indeed, but he cannot be allowed to be the Missionary of the field, nor can he be allowed to hinder the work of the Missionary. Till now he was acting arbitrarily in many things and even workers were not properly paid. He is now setting up some of those men to claim arrears of salary and things of that sort. For any irregularities that happened prior to the advent of our Missionaries, L.J. should be held responsible.

I am most anxious to secure some Oriya speaking agents. Can you help in the matter? If you cannot find them in or about Ranchi, will you please write to one of our Missionaries in Jaipur and ask him to propose some agents. You may also send me the address of the chief Missionary in Jaipur with whom I might correspond.

The letter of Mr.Koenig appears to me also to be very satisfactory. I have sent it on to Mr. Gnanabaranam. You can arrange for the conference that he is asking for and come to a settlement. After all we can be

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more hopeful about that Society than of the Baptists or any others with whom future ecclesiastical relationships will be doubtful. My only desire is that if possible you stipulate that the Church in the area should be prepared for an ultimate union with the various Churches in that area. The preparation would be the use of literature issued by Ranchi.

I am anxious to know how the matter stands with regard to Mr. Peter Hurad.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. as in above

Rev. I. Cannaday,
R a n c h i.

I am today sending a friendly letter to L. H. J. He is a man of energy, and I have suggested he should take charge of our share in the area, and do pioneer work in outlying areas. We shall support him in his development work.

J. D. A.

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Extract from a letter received from Dr.Nallathambi.

" * * * * * I find something disappointing in the compound. Rev.S.G. is gone this morning to one of the villages to spend some of the days, as he couldn't bear things going on against him. Rev.L.J. tries to worry him in every way possible. He speaks to the staff here against Rev.S.G. and tells them that as long as these people are here no work can be done in this field. He would call the boarding boys and tell them that we try to spoil their studies than encouraging them, though the boys are quite happy and they themselves tell that they are much better looked after we have come. He instigates the teachers to ask for more pay etc., As for instance you may remember there is one teacher employed on Rs.10/-. He was made to work for the last five or six months without pay before we came here and he was sent off by Rev.L.J. telling him that he can't get work here. After his father's request Rev.S.G. took him from July on Rs.10/- The same chap is now being instigated by Rev.L.J. and tells that it is degrading for him to be on Rs.10/- and he wants Rs.11/-. He also says that he would write to Ranchi people about this and so on. All these troubles arose from the time Rev.S.G. got all our old accounts and when he checked them so many things were revealed against L.J. which I hope Rai Bahadur Mukerji would see when he comes. I just give this out to inform you and please wait till the General Secretary may report the things that are going on. It is no wonder that Rev.Appavoo got his brain in disorder while he stayed here * * * * * ".

REV. J. GASS, D.D.
RAIPUR, C.P.
INDIA

Raipur, C.P. July 27 192⁵.

Dear Mr Cannaday,

We had a meeting of our Boundary Com and read all the correspondence between you and Mr Konig of Sakti about the boundaries between your Mission field and ours We agree with the proposal made by you to have a joint meeting and ask you to fix a date .Our opinion is that Gharsagudda would be the best place .The meeting could be held in August or September .The fir st days of Sept would not suit us as we have our M.I.R.Council meeting in Jubbulpore , but any day after the 10 th of Sept would suit us .Rev Goetsch and myself . probably Br Koenig also would attend and you mig^h choos 2 or three members of your Mission .

My opinion is , that it will not be difficult to come to an agreement satisfactory to both parties . Raigarh of course is occupied.We have been working in that state for the last 15 years and have outstayions South and North of the railway line under an Assistant Missionary Rev Prakash . Our Evangelists and Missionaries are travelling and have travelled in Udaipur state and no one else has ever worked in these states .But the proposed new railway from Anuppur to Lohardagga would open for you a large and well populated aerea through Suguja and Rewah

REV. J. GASS, D.D.

RAIPUR, C.P.

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I am much interested also in your proposal about a United Luthern Community in Chota Nagpur and the Central Provinces .We have been such intimate friends of many of the former Missionaries and it looks like reviving and old friendship . The joint meeting will surely give us an opportunity to speak about this important point and I can assure you , that we , whose wish it is that true Christians should unite will do all we can to unite on a Christian basis , *agreeable to all*

With kind regards

Yours fraternally

*ack by pc only
30/7/25
JC*

79 am

Ranchi, 22-8-25.

P R I V A T E.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th. I am sorry, but I was misinformed re the action of your letter of July 23rd. The MCC Executive had not considered it (as I was told by a member!). Enclosed you will find the action of the Ex. Comm.

Concerning the original resolution re the Jharsuguda Field: As I was not here in those days, of course I cannot say anything about it. The only action I can find is that of the AB in May, 1920, limiting the agreement to three years. When I inquired of the CC Secy several months ago what action the CC had taken at that time (1920), he replied that a search had resulted in his finding no record of any resolution at all! Recently (after receiving your letter mentioned above) I inquired of him again. He said that he had found nothing, but that he would inquire of the former Secy, Mr Hurad. However, although I have since inquired a third time, he has not yet informed me anything about "the Church Council's original resolution." Since apparently nothing can be found here, I should be much obliged if you will furnish me a copy of the "original resolution" or tell me just how you came in possession of the information you mention in your letter. It is a great pity that our CC records and minutes are not complete!

About your continuing in the Jharsuguda Field: I can only repeat what I have already said that personally I do hope that you will continue on there and not think of removing elsewhere. I quite agree with you that "any action that is taken now by the CC and the AB will most probably be confirmed by the Berlin Committee also." I urged this course on the CC members when Mr Gn. was here, but they seem to be rather timid in view of the coming of the deputation. Also, it would appear that Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji shares in that feeling, for, as already notified to you, no doubt, by Mr Gn, he advised calling off the boundary-fixing joint meeting in Jharsuguda on

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the 20th and, on Mr Gn's request, I did call it off. Personally I felt rather sorry about it, but advised the CC to agree to it which they did readily.

I am sorry to say that a misunderstanding has arisen between Mr Gn and myself. When he was here he asked me to write ~~to write~~ to Rev. H. Anderson (former Secy of the BMS) re a matter of dispute between Mr Gn and Rev. H. Horsburgh of Sambalpur concerning two Baptist boys in the Jh. School. I did so and got Mr A's reply enclosing a long letter of defense from Mr H. I tried to give the substance of Mr H's letter to Mr Gn, but he seems to think that it was I (not Mr H) who was charging him with certain statements. I cannot understand how Mr Gn could go so badly astray!

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature, possibly 'JL' or 'JLH', written in dark ink.

The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

PRIVATE.

13th August, 1925.

Dear Mr. Camaday :-

Many thanks for your two letters of the
7th inst.

I am glad to hear that my letter has
already been considered by the Executive of the Church
Council and that soon an answer will be sent to me. I
shall thank you to expedite its despatch.

The resolution restricting the agreement
to 3 years - subsequently extended to 5, was not done on
the motion of the Church Council. The Church Council's
original resolution suggested no time limit and it was
understood that with certain safeguards with regard to
the continuance of the Jharsuguda Lutherans in ecclesiastical
connection with the Church in Chota Nagpur, the arrangement
should be permanent. Later Mr. Rupley's Committee
suggested the 3 years limit and I thought the Anglican
members were responsible for this change. Of course at
that time the relationship between the Advisory Board
and the outer Lutheran world was very much less cordial
than it is today.

If you can call for the original
resolution wherein they asked us to take over a much
larger area, you will then understand the situation more
clearly, but whatever misunderstandings there might have
been in the past, I am sure you will do your best to come
to some definite arrangement sooner or later for the sake
of the work. Any action that is taken now by the Church
Council and the Advisory Board will most probably be
confirmed by the Berlin Committee also. We have already
thrown ourselves into the work and we have a definite
plan to push on the work towards Rewa and the Church that
grows up there will be an integral part of the Church
in Chota Nagpur. If our continuance is uncertain, we

cannot

cannot undertake any large responsibilities and we may have to turn our attention to find a new field. Therefore both for the sake of Jharsuguda and for our own sake it is best to come to some clear understanding at an early date. I shall be very thankful for your help in the matter.

Both Ganadharan & I are most grateful to you & Mr. Cannaday for having made him feel so much at home while in Ranchi, etc.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Asinadani.

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi.

22nd August, '25

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

With reference to your letter of July 23rd(?), I write to say that the Executive of the Church Council, at a recent meeting, took action as follows:-

"Candidates for Jharsuguda. The Executive believes that the Council will be able to spare one or two or three workers for Jharsuguda (Candidates and, if possible, a Pastor). It desires to know definitely from the N. M. S. how many are wanted and from what time.

"Jharsuguda Delegates to Genl Conf. The rule in the Gossner Church is that all missionaries, pastors and candidates are ex-officio members of the Genl Conference and that, besides these, one member for each one-thousand communicant lay members will be taken as a delegate to the Conference.

"The Council is not concerned as to who pays the expenses of which of these. The N. M. S. may pay only for the missionaries and the Jharsuguda congregations may pay for the pastors, candidates and lay member delegates; or the N. M. S. may pay for all of them. What the Council desires according to the rule is that the Council be not expected to pay for these Jharsuguda representatives, just as it is not expected to do so in the case of representatives from the other Ilakas, but that the N. M. S. kindly see to meeting these expenses (from whatever source) for the Jharsuguda representatives.

"Uriya Language in Jharsuguda. The Executive does not consider the Uriya language essentially necessary for Jharsuguda because our work there is confined to Uraons and Mundas who in their childhood do not know Uriya. However, a final decision on this matter will be reached later."

I regret that so much delay has taken place in getting these actions to you, but you understand that I do not have it in my power to hurry matters that must be attended to by the Church Council, and it is not easy to have such frequent meetings of the Council or its Executive.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

22nd Aug. '25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranam,

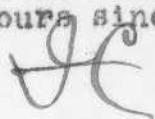
Many thanks for your letter of the 19th and for your explanation of Mr Mukerji's action re the proposed meeting. I accept that as being the right thing from his standpoint.

I am sorry that I do not at all understand a part of your first sentence, namely, "it was painful to note the misrepresentation of facts." Do you mean to say that I misrepresented the facts concerning Rairgarh, etc? I feel sure you do not!

Also I do not understand a later sentence (concerning your trouble with Mr Horsburgh)--"I do not remember to have made any false statement to you (that is, to Rev. IC), as you seem to state." I have never accused you of making any false statement to me. You may see my letter it is plain. What I was trying to do was to give the gist of Mr Horsburgh's letter about you--not my own opinions at all. I may have done Mr H some injury by misquoting him, but I certainly have not accused you of anything improper. As I am an outsider and a third party to this dispute, I do not care to make any statements about it all--merely to mediate in the matter since I was requested to do so.

I am really sorry for you in all your troubles. I know that you have a heavy burden to bear and you have my sympathy. I hope that the poor men in jail will be found innocent and freed. ^{be}

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain, Yours sincerely,



Jharsuguda, B. N. Ry.
19th Aug. '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I thank you very much for the clear way you put the whole affair, though it was a bit painful to note the misrepresentation of facts - we cannot avoid it.

As regards the postponing of the meeting - The uncertainty and suspense regarding Jharsuguda had thrown us all into deep gloom + almost paralysed our future activity - Moreover A.B.'s resolution re Raigarh saying "The political agent was not prepared to approach the minor chief on this subject" gives us no encouragement to proceed with the matter. Hence Rai Bahadur thought it would be giving you all unnecessary trouble to come over here -

Now to the Bapitot mission boys -

I am very sorry to note the phrase "unfair method" The first boy was admitted in March, long before I took charge of the field. When he went home for Summer vacation, it seems he was plainly told not to come back - On the other

hand, another boy was also brought. I was then on tour - When this was brought to my notice, I had a talk with Rev. H. and promised to hand them over to their parents. I sent for the father but he seems to have been here when I was away. So I sent word to Rev. H. to send the father so that I may be able to give the boys over personally. Meanwhile I ~~asked~~ asked your advice and I was determined to act accordingly. This is the understanding I had with Rev. H. and I do not remember to have made any false statement to you, as you seem to state.

Anyhow this morning I sent the boys home and am writing to Rev. H.

Dear Mr. Cannaday, I just wish to assure you, that I would never like to misrepresent facts with a purpose and yet unwittingly I am liable to make mistakes and am ever open to correction. In addition to all this, Six of our Christians are in jail owing to some land dispute, two of them being Calich.
To keep a cool head at this juncture is not so easy. - With kind regards, Sincerely Ys
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Rev. J. Cannaday
Lutheran Commission
Ranchi

Thos. C. C.

17.8.1928

Sir

I thank you very
much for your Post Card.

I have received the wire
in right time, and send it
very soon from here.

Mr. J. Topno President
also got it before, going.
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from the Rev. J. Topno.

Yours sincerely
Rev. J. H. Kuper

1st July, 1925.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

In acknowledgement of and with further reference to your letters of the 12th and 13th June, as Secretary of the two Boards here I write you as follows concerning the Boards' actions and other matters:-

1. Big Bungalow at Jh. The Advisory B'd sent up your request re the large bungalow at Jharsuguda to the Trustees and they have instructed me to say that, as the bungalow has been given to the Govt Telegraph Dept on a five year lease and as more than two years (in fact, nearly three years) are yet to run, it is impossible to grant your request.

2. Compensation. Your request for the compensation of Rs. 200 given by the BNRy Co. for the grass burnt up on land leased to your Society was granted by the Trustees. This money will be sent you on receiving from you a stamped receipt for that amount.

3. Mr Gnanabaranam. He did not come for our meetings. Sometime afterwards I heard from him, saying that he expected to come here the second week in July. When he comes we shall talk over all matters.

4. Deputation. The sanction for the coming of the deputation has been given by the India Office and the Govt of India, but it is not known when the deputation will start for India--probably not till towards the close of the rainy season.

5. Work in CP. The Adv. Board considered this matter and referred it back to the Church Council. As soon as I hear from the Council I shall take up the matter again with Mr Keenig at Sakti. Please see the AB long resolution on this subject--8 (5) of the minutes which will be sent to you inside a fortnight, I hope.

6. Jharsuguda Field. It was agreed in the joint meeting of the Board and CC that this Field should continue in the care of your Society till the termination of your lease of the buildings, etc., in Jharsuguda Station. Please see full resolution of the AB--8 (8) of the forthcoming minutes. The CC is more than pleased and satisfied with your work there and most grateful to you. The fixing of this limitation is merely a matter of precaution in view of future possibilities. There is no desire to interfere with the "permanent character" of your Society's work there, but in view of circumstances the Council probably feels that it had better not commit itself at this juncture too strongly. Every effort will also be made to get the right of doing work between Jharsuguda and Rewa.

This, I think, covers briefly all the points.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



27-6-25.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranan,

Many thanks for your letter of the
24th.

I note with pleasure that you expect to visit us here
the second week in July. Please do so. So far as we can see
now we shall be here then. However, kindly inform me a few
days before hand, if convenient.

When you come we shall take up the marriage license
question.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, possibly reading 'JH' or similar, located at the bottom right of the letter.

Mission Compound
Jharsuguda.

24th June '25

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for the information. I am indeed very sorry that I was not able to be there for the meetings. Mr. Asirvadam's letter regarding the meetings was here, while I was on tour. And when I did reach Jharsuguda, I was too ill to undertake a journey. I hope to be excused for not letting you know of this on time. But I am sure your invitation was but "the beginning of many more".

Now that I have heard from you, I hope to be off to Ganpur Stali and may be absent from Jhars for about 10 days. If possible, I wish to go over to Ranchi by the second week of July, for the purpose of consulting you on some of the problems I have on hand & to get acquainted with the leaders of the Indian Church there, for the effective working of our field.

I thank you for the help promised to secure the marriage licenses for me. This can wait till I see you in person.

With kind regards
Yours Sincerely
S. Gnanabaranam.

22-6-25.

Rev. S. Gnanabaranan,
Jharsuguda.

Dear Mr Gnanabaranan,

Your wire reading--WIRE WHEN DELEGATION EXPECTED JHARSUGUDA. WISH ARRANGING MY TOUR ACCORDINGLY--has just arrived. I am replying to it--CANNOT ANSWER QUESTION NOW. LETTER.

The explanation is that we have not yet been officially informed of the coming of this deputation of two former Missionaries and so it must be still regarded as confidential. The impression unfortunately got out here that the two men would arrive here about the middle of June, but that was altogether erroneous, and X it is not known when they will arrive; it may be not yet for several months. We must await definite word from Govt or elsewhere.

The meetings of our Boards and the Church Council are all over. We looked in vain for you. Mr Asirvadam said you would come and he sent me the enclosed letter, which please acknowledge receipt of. He asks me to help you obtain marriage licenses. Kindly let me know the facts and I shall be glad to help.

Yours sincerely,



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THE LUTHERAN NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

75, Kellyc Street,
Vepery, Madras.
13th June, 1925.

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Lutheran Church Compound,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I sent you letters yesterday to the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board and also enclosed copies to the Secretary of the Church Council and Mr. Gnanabaranam. I do trust that Mr. Gnanabaranam is with you.

One of the things that I wanted to write to you about was this, namely : Mr. Gnanabaranam is anxious to get the marriage license not only for the British Territory, but also for such of those Native States where our work has been established, for example Gangpur, Jaspur and Raigarh. Rev. A.D. Gnanadickam and Dr. Nallathamby visited Raipur and got into touch with the Office of the Political Agent, and perhaps through them something may be done if you are not aware of any other method of approaching the officers concerned for the license. We consulted the Bishop of Madras here and he said that he was aware only of the procedure in British Territory -- in British India the application has to be made to the District Magistrate, but with regard to the Native States he was not acquainted with the procedure. Perhaps it varies from place to place. I do trust that you will take up this matter with Mr. Gnanabaranam when he is there.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Asinadam.

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12.6.25.

Dear Mr. Comaday,

Hereinafter you will
find enclosed letters to A.B. & B. of To. I
trust you will receive us a heartening
response. I trust Rev S.G. is with you.

Do the Government
actually in the country. If they come, will they
not stay till January for the all India Conf.
I should like to meet them anyhow. Will they
come to Lahore at least.

come to justice at least.
The ^{other} thing about is
N. M. M. M. We cannot much if we do not have
a comedy. Dr. N. is a great fellow. He will
push on the work if we have him. I am anxious
for should meet you & Mrs. Cannaday. You will
certainly like him. He is very winsome. The Lord
will richly bless his work. It is a great gain
to have him at Johns. Set out the B. & Z
A. & all men

to have him at Jhams.
Tr. think of the loss of Hunt. A plus all we
all have to really effective work. That is
more than compensation. Trustees may have to make
good the loss of Hunt in some other way.

I am glad you
are keen & feel sure you will back up our
proposal with regard to strengthening the
work team. Also it is best for us to know we
can go forward. Max C.C. A.B. & Benham. are

Karamuzus.

Rai Bah: a. c. Karamuzi will be
reaching the fields soon & possibly
will meet you & not at Ranchi at
Calcutta. At a recent meeting of
our committee at which H. C. C. M.
was present, we have voted nearly
Rs 1000 as an additional grant to
thous. apart from salaries.

With kind regards to you & Mr. Connolly
& to Messrs Panna & Wimmer

Yrs & Sincerely
J. D. Davidson

Please pass on the enclosed copy
to the church council for information
J. D. C.

REV. HERBERT ANDERSON.

BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE

KING'S ROAD,
HOWRAH, BENGAL.

15th August 1925

Rev. I. Cannaday
Lutheran Mission Compound
Ranchi

My dear Cannaday,

Horsburgh has sent me the enclosed letter asking me only to send the jist of it to you. I prefer that you should have it all as I can trust you to use your discretion as to what course you have just to take next. In most of these matters there are always differences in regard to the record of events, and if I can do anything more by writing to Mr. Horsburgh again after hearing from you I shall be pleased to do so.

With best wishes,
Yours very sincerely,

Herbert Anderson

"Woodstock,"
Kodaikanal,
May 11, 1925.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

I must convey to you two things as from the Church Council of the G. E. L. Church, Ranchi, namely:-

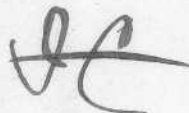
1. A vote of thanks to the NMS from the Genl Conf of the Gossner Church which met in Ranchi in March last.

2. The reply of the Rev. J. C. Koenig, Sakti, C. P., to my request on behalf of the Church to be allowed to take up active evangelistic work in the CP west of Jharsuguda. Mr Koenig strongly refuses to allow us to do so and wants a written agreement concerning territorial boundaries on the ground that his Mission has already occupied the field. As this will have to come before the AB and CC at their joint meeting June 16, I cannot say anything more now.

With kind regards, I am,

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
Secy, Luth. N. M. Society,
Veeray, Madras.

Yours sincerely,



J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
75, Kelley Street,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th inst.
I shall take up the points in order:-

1. Vote of Thanks. I shall inform the Secy of the Church Council of your desire to get the full resolution, but I fear, knowing as I do how the minutes are drafted up that way, that there is no "full resolution"--just one resolution of thanks--an omnibus resolution--for about ten other bodies.

2. Repairs at Jharsuguda. Mr Werner and I were there the first of April and greatly pleased with all we saw. I do hope that you yourself can visit Jharsuguda soon. It is true that the small bungalow is badly in need of some repairs, but I cannot say that Rs. 900/ are absolutely necessary to make it habitable. From what Mr Jojowar showed me I should think that Rs. 1500/ or more could be easily spent on the building, but after all, you know, we have to make repairs according to what we have--not according to estimates. I am constantly cutting down estimates to one-half, and some sometimes one-third, just because we simply do not have money for repairs. The finances of the AB are about as bad as they could be just now!

Now as to the rent of the big bungalow there: I shall present your request to the Trustees at our next meeting, but I feel sure that it is hopeless. Let me explain to you again that there is a great difference between the Trust of N. India and that of S. India. In S. India the Trust let out almost all property to various well-established Missions and it laid a tax on each Mission in order to replenish its own treasury. That is the way the S. India Trust keeps going and has money to spare. But in Ranchi it was entirely different. There were no Missions to take over the property and pay a tax! The great bulk of the property has been made over to the Gossner Church and the Advisory Board at Rs. 10/ rental per year! The Gangesa Mission property has gone in the same way. The income of the Trust is composed largely of the rental of a few bungalows with heavy repair charges to be met. If it had not been for large gifts from the N. L. Council, New York, and for sales of immovable property, the Trust would have been bankrupt long ago! As it is the Trust's funds are slowly coming to an end. I am afraid the reading of your letter to the Trustees will cause considerable indignation in view of the above facts.

3. Criticisms. This is all news to me. I have not heard a word about it anywhere--whether in Ranchi, Guntur or Kody. I shall show your letter to Mr Graefe and ask about it. I shall be glad to do all I can to counteract ill effects of such evil reports. As for Gossner, I feel that you have the whole Church heartily behind you. Mr Jojowar commands the respect and confidence of our people.

4. Mr Koenig. The Rev. J. C. Koenig of Sakti, C. P., is a member of the Evangelical Synod of N. America--a semi-Lutheran body which is as a rule very friendly towards us Lutherans and our work.

I have been ill lately with fever. This explains the delay in answering your letter.

Have you heard the latest news--the deputation of two former missionaries to Chotanagpur is actually on its way! We shall have lively times in Ranchi soon. Also, the recent "victory" of Mr. Hurad in getting himself appointed as Church Auditor on a big salary with big allowances is causing much trouble and it looks now as if a special meeting of the Church will be called to settle it. For the sake of the deputation it will be worthwhile, in any case. I wonder if it would not be the best thing for the Jharsuguda work for you to come to Ranchi at our next meetings--Church Council, AB and Trustees--beginning June 16th? Please think it over. We shall be glad to entertain you.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

We expect to leave here on the 6th June.



1. Copy of Thanks. I shall inform the Secy of the Church Council of your desire to get the full resolution, but I fear, knowing as I do how the minutes are graced up that way, that there is no "full resolution" just one resolution of thanks--an ominous resolution--for about ten other bodies.

2. Repairs at Jharsuguda. Mr. Wemyer and I were there the first of April and greatly pleased with all we saw. I do hope that you yourself can visit Jharsuguda soon. It is true that the small bungalow is badly in need of some repairs, but I cannot say that Rs. 2000 are absolutely necessary to make it habitable. From what Mr. Wemyer showed me I should think that Rs. 1500 or more could be easily spent on the building, but after all, you know, we have to make repairs according to what we have--not according to what we like. I am constantly cutting down estimates to one-half, and some sometimes one-third, just because we simply do not have money for repairs. The finances of the AB are about as bad as they could be just now!

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3. Epistle. This is all news to me. I have not heard a word about it anywhere--whether in Ranchi, Gunpur or Kady. I shall show your letter to Mr. Grosse and ask about it. I shall be glad to do all I can to counteract all effects of such evil reports. As for Goswami, I feel that you have the whole Church heartily behind you. Mr. Wemyer commands the respect and confidence of our people.

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Sakti, C.P. July 15

To the Secretary,

Advisory Board, G.E.L.C.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Your letter of July 9 enclosing copy of letter dated June 12, 1925 from Mr. Asirvadam, Secy Lutheran N.M.S. received. In reply I can only repeat, that it would be an unnecessary duplication of mission effort, a possible source of friction and certainly a mistake in mission policy for the Gessner Church to open work in Raigarh State. We have an Indian Pastor and a candidate besides 12 evangelists stationed in that field, and there is a small but growing congregation of about 200 souls. Besides there are six evangelists working just south of Raigarh State, forming a compact area with the same.

On the other hand I would point out, that the object of the Lutheran N.M.S. is in no way hindered thereby. You are already working in Jashpur State and directly west therefrom lie Surguja, Korea and Chandbhagar linking up directly with Rewah. The three states mentioned are unoccupied and would form with Rewah one compact area from Rewah to Jharsuguda or Ranchi. Through the middle of this area would run the proposed new railway line from Anuppur in Rewah to Lohardaga and Ranchi. The field is extremely large: Jashpur State pop. 150,000, Surguja 375,000, Korea 80,000 and Chandbhakar 20,000, a total of 625,000 pop. in an area of over 12,000 sq.mi. Surely a stupendous work.

Our mission boundary line to the north of Sakti and Raigarh has never been under consideration before. I believe however, that our Boundary Committee would be willing to consider the northern boundaries of Raigarh and Udaipur States as our northern limits, leaving all the above territory now unoccupied for your occupation, if you so desire. This would leave you a larger territory south of the proposed Anuppur - Ranchi line than we would be working northward from the B.-N. Ry line. ~~XXXXXX~~ Between Jharsuguda and Raigarh the boundary line should be the Raigarh state line which is also the boundary of the C.P. This is certainly fair as the boundary line is 25 miles from Jharsuguda and only 11 miles from Raigarh town.

I shall remind Dr. Gass to take up this matter. An early settlement would bring the most satisfaction. It would be best to try to arrange for a meeting of all parties concerned. An open consideration of the situation would, I am sure, satisfy all parties, that the above suggestions are the best solution and will be satisfactory to all.

For the rest I wish to write I must emphasise that I am expressing my ^{own} personal opinion only. The plan of a United Lutheran church is of great interest to me. Our church (Evangelical Synod of N.A.) represents a union of Reformed and Lutheran sections, with a leaning to the Lutheran viewpoint. Eventually the Indian church we hope to ^{develop} there, may not view with disfavor a proposal to join such

a united church, especially if the Lutheranism concerned is not an extreme type, but like that of the General Council in America. Of course the time is not yet for such a move. However, altho I may be wrong, our mission conference might be persuaded to adopt that view and work towards that goal. Our field would then link up the Gossner church through Raigarh, Raipur and Kalahandi State with directly with the Lutheran work in Madras. Our southeasternmost station, Khariar, in the S.E. corner of Chhattisgarh has as its next neighbors to the east the Lutheran missions in Madras. I throw out this suggestion, not knowing whether anything may come of it. If you desire to, you might talk this matter over with Dr. Gass also.

I hope this letter may prove to be mutually satisfactory. I had a very friendly visit with Rev. Jajewar some months ago and hope to visit Jharsuguda again in the near future. I hope we shall remain very friendly neighbors.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Jb Koenig

The Lutheran National Missionary Society,
75, Kelly Street, Vepery, Madras.

College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.
1st February, 1926.

Dear Mr. Cannaday :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 25th inst. I wonder whether you will be coming to Madras for the meeting of the Committee on Seminary.

I hope Dr. Drach left India with a good impression of the work that is being done here.

I am writing to Mr. Minz enclosing a copy of the terms of agreement arrived at our last N.M.S. Council meeting. I also enclose a copy for your information.

Nallathamby will be married on the 5th inst. and will be back in Jharsuguda about the 15th. Rev. Gnanabaranam is touring in the F.M.S. and will be in Jharsuguda at the end of this month or even earlier.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Sivadasan

Rev. I. Cannaday,
R a n c h i.

ENCLOSURE

The work of the local committee is two-fold (1) It should try to interest the members of the congregation in missionary work in the neighbourhood and (2) it should organize meetings at which people would come together and listen to missionary topics. It should also organize similar talks may be given and at the same time ; at the same time some 22-23 February, 1926. The committee should arrange to take individual subscriptions every month and special collections during the year, hold sale of work etc. You can leave the details to be decided by each local group.

Dear Mr. Minz :-

On behalf of the Lutheran NMS I wish to thank the Gossner Lutheran Church for the part that they have taken in the work of the NMS. For several years past they have been sending contributions ranging from Rs. 1/300.

When the constitution of the Lutheran NMS passed by the representatives of the various Lutheran bodies in India was endorsed by the All India Lutheran Conference held at Guntur in 1921, it was resolved that for every area there ought to be a NMS Committee which would take steps to organize local branches in connection with every congregation and important mission institutions. So far the Churches in the Tamil area, Guntur and Rajahmundry Synods, and the congregation of the Ohio Mission have done so. It was felt in the past that Gossner Church was still not ready for such an organization, but now that the position of the Church has been stabilized, I am sure you will agree with me that it is now time to organize such missionary committees in every congregation. Missionary work is looked upon everywhere as a legitimate part of the activity of every Christian congregation, and as such I am sure it deserves to have a place in the activities of every congregation of the autonomous G.E.L.C.

I shall be very grateful if you will take up this matter at the next meeting of the Church Council and appoint a committee of say 5 people to be responsible for organizing interest in the NMS work among the congregations of the GELC.

The committee will not only take steps to get local NMS groups started, but also allot the amount to be raised by each congregation for the support of the NMS work. The Lutheran NMS has decided that for the year 1926, the Gossner Church should raise Rs. 500/-. You will recognise that Rs. 500 out of a total budget of Rs. 12,000 is a very small amount and I am confident that you will be able to raise this amount for this year. When your committee makes the allotment, you may try to raise the figure to Rs. 750/- in which case, I am sure your congregations will not fall below Rs. 500/-.

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On behalf of the Lutheran MMS I wish to thank the
Our committee would be most grateful if early action
could be taken with regard to this matter. The work of the MMS
contributions ranging from Rs. 100/-

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Extract from the Minutes of the Lutheran N.M.S. Council held at the Women's Christian College, Madras on Wednesday the 30th December 1925.

(3) Negotiations with the Gossner Church regarding Jharsuguda:

The secretary reported the minute of the Church Council regarding the N.M.S. in Jharsuguda. Without going into the statements in the preface, the resolutions themselves were taken up for discussion. The secretary pointed out that in several points the resolutions were not very definite, and for the sake of clearness it was resolved to draw up an agreement in an amended form so as to make the position clear to both parties. A Committee consisting of the secretary, Rev. Messrs. S. Gnanabaranam, Topono and Minz and Mr. Soy was asked to present its findings to the Council for its decision.

(6) Agreement with the G.E.L. Church regarding Jharsuguda.

The Sub-Committee's proposals to amend and amplify the G.E.L.C.C. proposal as follows was unanimously adopted :-

(1) That in so far as Church organisation, discipline, worship and syllabus of religious teaching are concerned, the Jharsuguda field shall be considered an integral part of the Gossner Evangelical Church, the field being considered as a separate ilaga within the constitutions of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

- Note
1. This refers only to conformity in the above matters but the actual administration of these will be in the hands of the L.N.M.S. working there. Any power exercised by the C.C. in any of the ilagas under its jurisdiction will in the case of Jharsuguda be exercised by the L.N.M.S.
 2. "Church Organisation" means administrative committees within the ilaga.
 3. Discipline means (a) excommunication and (b) prohibition from participation in the Lord's supper.
(the secretary of the C.C. will specify the offences for which the above discipline is prescribed by the rules of the G.E.L. Church.)

(2) That in regard to Missionary work including the management of institutions such as hospitals, dispensaries and schools, the field be under the administration and control of the Lutheran N.M.S.

(By 'Jharsuguda' field mentioned above the following territories are meant :- Subject to the agreement entered into between the English Baptist Mission and the G.E.L. Church-all the territory in the British District of Sambalpur, and the western

western part of Gangpur, the southern part of Jashpur, and the Rairakhol Feudatory State).

(3) That the Lutheran N.M.S. request President John Topono to visit the field to inaugurate local committees under the aegis of the Lutheran N.M.S.

(4) That the Field Committee shall be appointed by the L.N.M.S. One Gossner representative, preferably its member on L.N.M.S. Committee, will be a member of the Field Committee, and his travelling expenses will be met by the Church Council.

(5) That copies of the census figures of the Jharsuguda field will be sent to the Church Council.

(6) That the Lutheran N.M.S. shall appoint a representative on the Church Council, whose travelling expenses shall be met by the Lutheran N.M.S. He shall be an ex officio member of the G.E.L.C.C.

(7) That this agreement will continue to be force till by the mutual agreement between the Lutheran N.M.S. and the G.E.L.C. the ilaqā becomes an autonomous part of the G.E.L. Church.

The Secretary,

Advisory Board.

Ranchi, 17.11.1925

Dear Sir,

The following actions of the C.C. taken at its last meeting (19th, 20th, 21st October, 1925) are forwarded to the Advisory Board for necessary action:-

1. " The all India Lutheran Conference to be held in Madras. It will be held from Dec. 30, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926. The Council elected the following gentlemen to represent this Church at the conference - President John Topono, Mr. N. Soy, Rev. B. Minz, Rev. I. Cannaday, Rev. J. Stosch, & Rev. A. John. The last three will attend the Conference at their own expenses. Concerning the expenses of the first three the Council resolved that the Board kindly give ~~Rs.~~ Rs. 100/- towards ~~their~~ their expenses.

2. Dr. Morehead's letter----- (i) As a result of the appeal of the Council the National Lutheran Council of America has most kindly made a special gift of three thousand dollars. This sum will clear away a debt of about eight thousand rupees of the Advisory Board and a debt of Rs. 3000/- only will remain. The Council, therefore, resolved that hearty thanks for this special gift be conveyed to the American National Lutheran Church from the G.E.L. Church Council, *through the Advisory Board.*

(ii) The Church Council had requested that if the N.L.C. could not meet the further needs of this church it might kindly permit this Church to approach others whether individuals or societies to supplement the N.L.C. help. The N.L.C. replied intimating that until it was known whom this Church intends to approach the N.L.C. could not express itself on this point. Now the Church Council neither at the time of appealing nor after it did ever think or decide as to who should be approached to supplement the N.L.C. help. So it resolved that-----this information be sent to the ~~N.L.C.~~ N.L.C. of America that as it has furnished the asked for amount the G.E.L. C.C. is gratefully satisfied for the present and for the future feels fully assured that if there be any special need for this Church the N.L.C. will surely meet it and therefore now the Church Council abandons the thought of appealing to others for help.

3. A Lutheran compound at Jamshedpur--- The Council requested that Mr. Cannaday, if, as he hoped, he can go to Jamshedpur in December, kindly consult the Tata Company if it can give a compound for our Christians working there.

4. " Rev. Martin Hurad--- The Council for several reasons thought it best to transfer Rev. Hurad to Singhani at once and requests ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~the~~ the Board to kindly give Rs. 100/- towards his transfer expenses and salary for November and December for which some new arrangement will have to be made from January 1926.

5. The N.M.S. in Jharsuguda--(i) From the last summer the Council has repeatedly considered what the future of Jharsuguda will be. The Council had some correspondence with the N.M.S. on this matter (vide C.C. minutes of March 1925, No. 1(10)) According to that arrangement Jharsuguda was left in the hands of the N. M. S. for another three years. This time in the presence of the Deputation it was again taken up. Gen. Secretary Bai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji and Rev. Gnanabaranam from the N. M. S. were present. The President cordially welcomed them into the meetings of the Church Council and after briefly opening the ~~the~~ discussion on the future of Jharsuguda called on the N. M. S. representatives to make their statements. The N. M. S. Gen. Secretary made a brief survey of the whole work of the N. M. S. which might be summarised in this one sentence that the N. M. S. at its beginning had one missionary and one station but now

it has eighty two missionaries and thirty stations and Jharsuguda is one of these stations. Several questions and answers were also made between the N.M. S. representatives and the Church Council. The General Secretary made this important pronouncement to us that the N. M. S. is a missionary Society but without a congregation or denomination of its own, that is, it does not establish a new denomination but on the other ~~hand~~ hand it always works in connexion with other societies - for Baptists in the Baptist neighbourhood; for Anglicans in the Anglican neighbourhood; for Lutherans in the Lutheran neighbourhood, etc., and the moment a mission or church in

conjunction with which the N. M. S. is running a missionary work, is able to take up that work, the N. M. S. makes over that work to that nearest mission or church in the best brotherly mood and ~~in~~ in all eagerness of a missionary spirit moves on to open other new mission works, e.g., Jharsuguda is certainly an integral part of the Gossner Church and the N. M. S. is running it and will do so for the Gossner Church, and when the latter becomes fit again to take back Jharsuguda into its own hands then the N. M. S. will at once make it over to the Gossner Church and will proceed to open up new mission fields for itself. On this basis the N. M. S. is working in Jharsuguda. The Gen. Secretary remarked that no limit of time has been recorded with reference to making over Jharsuguda to the N. M. S. Rev. I. Cannaday pointed out that the Advisory Board did rectify this mistake and agreed that the field be temporarily given to N. M. S. for a period of three years. Mr Mukerji further continued that the N.M. S. has hitherto employed only two missionaries but ~~that~~ it desires in future to work there more vigorously, to send there more missionaries and to spend more money there in order that the work be more fruitful because a great opportunity is awaiting us there. Therefore, if Jharsuguda be given for a few years, the N. M. S. cannot launch out into a vigorous work. So, if it be possible, the field of Jharsuguda be given to us for an indefinite period, knowing that as soon as ~~these~~ this Church will be able to take it back again we will give it back with the new property that we may have brought in, and the mission extension that we may have done then. If, as we desire, the N. M. S. be able to carry mission work from Jharsuguda to Rewa all that work shall be part and extension of the Gossner Church.

After a very long discussion, bearing in mind the fact that for several years to come the Gossner Church will be unable to take the Jharsuguda field into its hands, the G. E. L. Church Council resolved :

(1) That in so far as Church organisation, discipline, worship, syllabus of religious teaching and all other kindred matters are concerned, the Jharsuguda field shall be considered an integral part of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, the field being considered as a separate ilaqa within the Constitution of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(2) That in regard to missionary organisation, including the management of institutions such as hospitals, dispensaries, schools, etc., the field be under the administration and control of the Lutheran N. M. S.

(By Jharsuguda field mentioned above the following territories are meant - Subject to the agreement entered into between the English Baptist Mission and this Church all the territory in the British district of

Sambalpur and the western part of Gangpur, southern part of Jashpur and Rairakhol Feudatory States.)

(3) That there shall be an "Ilaka Panch" and a Field Committee in Jharsuguda. Also there shall be "Padripan Panches" and "Pracharakpan Panches". That President John Topono will go there and will see that these panches are formed according to the Constitution. That the Ilaka Panch and the Field Committee mutually will define their powers and spheres of work.

(4) That the Field Committee shall be composed of five members; three from the N. M. S. and two from the Church Council.

(5) That copies of the minutes, reports, and census figures of the Jharsuguda Field will be sent to the Church Council.

(6) That if no one from the Jharsuguda Field has been elected on the Church Council then an official visitor from there will be taken in the Church Council.

(7) That the Church Council offers most hearty thanks to the N. M. S. for its excellent ~~xx~~ work in Jharsuguda and wishes to inform it that the Council is extremely pleased with its work.

(8) That copies of the above be forwarded to the N. M. S.

(ii) Workers for Jharsuguda - The above matters having been disposed of, the Council inquired whether the N. M. S. desired new workers. The representatives expressed that two pastors and three evangelists are required.

(iii) Joint meeting re: opening work in Raigarh State - It was decided, as was understood previously, that at an early date when the German Deputation visits Jharsuguda the proposed joint meeting between us and Dr Cass' party be held. "

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Ming.

Secretary, Church Council.

Ranchi, 30/6/24.

Mr. J. D. Asirvadam,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr. Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th. In
reply:-

I have consulted a member of the Church Council and he and I both feel that one week's leave every two months will be sufficient for the Rev. Luther Jojowar, in order that he may attend the meetings of the Church Council. It will be only occasionally, possibly, that an extra day will be required. Of course to attend the annual meeting of the Church, usually held in April, about 15 days are required, perhaps something less. This ought to be sanctioned as a separate item.

Concerning outstanding matter between your Society and the two Boards: I have consulted the Agent of the Trustees and he informs me that he has already written to the Ag. Secretary, N. M. S., concerning the matter of furniture at Jharsuguda and the annual rent. There are no other matters.

With kind kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. D. Asirvadam' or similar, written in a cursive style.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "SEVAK," MADRAS.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

(Bharat Christiga Sevak Samaj)

General Secretary:

P. O. PHILIP, MADRAS.

Hony. Treasurer:

J. SUBRAMANIAM LEWIS,
MOUNT ROAD POST, MADRAS

24th June, 1924.

Vepery,
Madras.

Rev. I. Cannaday, Esq.,
G. E. L. C.,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th inst. I shall place your suggestions regarding Pastor Jojowar before our Committee and let you have a reply. It will be some weeks before our Committee meets. In the meanwhile, can you let me know if the following instructions to Mr. Jojowar may be acceptable to you ^{very} provided that he is away from the field for not more than a week, once in two months. This ~~period~~ will be counted as working time for him. I am sure that our Committee will act on any advice that he would choose to give us taking into consideration both the circumstances there and the need of our field which is just now entrusted entirely ~~into~~ Mr. Jojowar's responsibility.

I met Mr. Warner at Kodaikanal and learnt a little more about the last Gossner Conference. It gives me joy to know that the work is going on very well.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Cannaday,

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Arivudam

Are there any matters pending between
the Adv. Com. & B. of Tr. and the L. M. S.
for

Ranchi, 20/6/24.

Dear Mr. Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letters of the 24th and 26th May. It is very good of the Committee to allow the Rev. Luther Jojowar to join the Lutheran Church Council. He is here now in attendance on an Executive Committee meeting. I have consulted him and other members of the Council and I find that they all feel that the "three days" rule will make it impossible for him! It takes two days alone for him to reach Ranchi from Jharsuguda; then ~~the~~ a meeting of the Church Council sometimes lasts for three or four days. Of course monthly meetings are not held--a meeting of the Council or of the Executive is held about every three months. I respectfully request you to get the Committee to modify its action, so that Mr. Jojowar can attend the meetings without restrictions. The Council will meet all expenses.

Many thanks for your good long letter about your visit to America. I have already read a good deal about it in the papers. Evidently you made a splendid impression on our Board Secretaries, College Presidents, et als. Dr. Smith of Roanoke College (my own College) in a letter referred to your visit there. Hope to see you sometime and talk over matters. Mr. Coleman told us at Guntur last October of your stirring addresses at Eisenach.

Yes, Mr. Hurad and his "party"--five altogether--are out; they resigned at the last annual mtg of the Church in April and their resignations were accepted. The New CC seems to be getting on all right.

The Werners will return about July 2. You know of their loads. With kind regards from us both, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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24th May, 1924.

Rev. I. Cannaday, M.A.,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

You will be glad to know that I spent about two months in your very interesting country and visited 12 colleges and 6 Seminaries in addition to the Congregations in ~~the~~ important centres on my route. I am very thankful for the opportunity I had to come into contact with our Lutheran people in America. While there, I visited the Union Theological Seminary at New York and met and heard Dr. Fosdick. I also spent a day at Princeton chiefly with the Seminary people there. It was very interesting to meet there Dr. Ewing of Lahore. In one of the Colleges, several were enquiring about you, I wonder if it is Lenoir College from which you graduated before you went up to the University and the Seminary.

Almost a year's absence has made me, I fear, somewhat difficult out of date with regard to Indian matters. I have not yet taken charge of the Secretaryship of the Lutheran Committee. I shall soon do so. In the meanwhile, on account of Mr. Philip's accepting the Indian secretaryship of the National Christian Council, our N.M.S. friends are on the look out for his successor and till one is found I have promised to help at the office for two months.

If there are any matters which are pending between your two Boards and our Committee, please feel free to write.

I understand you have enquired whether Mr. Luther Jojowar ^{who} has been elected member on the Church Council can be allowed by our Society to accept the position. If our Society will not be involved in any financial obligations on that account in the matter of travelling etc., and if he will not be absent from the station for more than three or four days every month or so, he may, pending confirmation by our Council, accept it temporarily. I believe that our Committee will appreciate the confidence ~~that~~ the community has placed ⁱⁿ Mr. Jojowar and give the necessary permission. But you will understand that until then my action in the matter can be but an interim one. I am sure Mr. Gnanadickam who will soon be handing over charge to me is entirely with me in this matter. This is only unofficial. I shall however send you an official letter to this effect very soon but till then, you may advise Mr. Luther to ~~act~~ in accordance with this suggestion. *Since writing this, I have taken charge & send an official letter, a copy of which goes to Rev. L. J.*

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Vepery,

Madras.

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In the last Minutes of the Advisory Council of which a printed copy has reached me, there is some reference to Rev. L. Jojowar. I shall be grateful for an elucidation on this point.

I am very glad to find that there are now three Lutheran members on the Advisory Council. I am sure, you remember those days when we were perturbed by the discussions of the B & O. Representative Council that there should be one Lutheran and one Anglican but I am thankful that in this matter of membership, the policy of the Council has been so steadily friendly to our cause. One got the impression formerly that the arrangements still reflected a certain amount of suspicion about Lutheran influence from outside and with regard to this matter of removing any such suspicion that existed previously, I feel sure you deserve the highest praise. I saw from the Minutes also that old President Lakra is no longer the President of the Church. I also heard that Mr. Hurad is no longer the Secretary. I shall be glad to have some information on this subject if you feel that there would be no harm in my knowing about the causes that led to this development. The only reason why I have been anxious about it is that, as you know, I have taken the deepest interest in the welfare of the Gossner Church.

x to write further
I read while in Europe your comment on my remarks regarding Gossner. All that I stated was that a better arrangement could have been arrived at but for certain reasons, such was not possible.. I implied thereby the attitude of Government. That is what you pointed out later explicitly. I hardly feel it justifiable to state that your comment was a correction. I did not then feel it necessary. I may do it incidentally in any article I may write, wherein a reference to Gossner is necessary. I have nothing yet in view.

With very cordial greetings to you, Mrs. Canaday and as well as to Rev. Werner and family,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. Subramaniam

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J. SUBRAMANIAM LEWIS,
MOUNT ROAD POST, MADRAS

26th May, 1924.

Vepery,
Madras.

The Secretary,
The Advisory Board,
Gossner Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter enquiring if our Society will permit Mr. Jojowar to be a member of the Church Council, I wish to state that I am recommending to the Committee that he be permitted to accept the position on condition that he shall not be away from the station for more than three days for this purpose during the month when the Council meets. Pending sanction of the Society, he may attend the meetings for the time being. I take it that all expenses in connection with this will be met by the Church Council and will not be chargeable to our Society. I am sure our Committee will appreciate the confidence that the Gossner Committee has placed in Mr. Jojowar.

J. S. Srinivasan
Secretary,

Lutheran N.M. Council.

RANCHI, 1/5/24.

The Secretary,
The N. M. S., Lutheran Section,
Vepery, Madras.

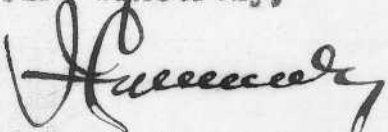
Dear Sir,

The Lutheran Church Council requests me to state that the Rev. Luther Jojowar has been elected a member of the Council and of its Executive which holds occasional meetings in Ranchi and that it is highly desirable that Mr. Jojowar attend these meetings, both of the Council and of the Executive. The Council respectfully requests that permission be given to Mr. Jojowar to attend the meetings whenever necessary. I trust that you will agree to this.

May I inquire when Mr. Asirvadam will return? I should like to get into touch with him when he gets back.

May I also request you to remit Rs. 20/ to Mr. M. N. Gupta, Agent of the Trustees, Lutheran Compound, in payment of your rent of the Jharsuguda buildings etc., for the calendar years 1923 and 1924. The rule is that the rent should be paid according to the calendar year and should be paid in advance. The lease was signed sometime before the end of 1923.

Yours sincerely,


Secy to the 2 Boards.

THE LUTHERAN NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

75, Kelly Street,
Vepery, Madras,
12th June 1925.

The Secretary,
Advisory Board,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

Rev. S. Gnanabaranam took charge of the Jharsuguda field last month and the Society has elected Dr. Nallathamby to carry on Missionary work in and around Jharsuguda. It is hoped that the work of the latter would give us an effective contact with all sections of the people there.

The Lutheran N.M.S. believes that it has a definite duty with regard to Jharsuguda where there is so much work to be done and it is anxious to work the field with great energy. We hope that Rev. Luther Jojowar ~~and~~ and two other Pastors or candidates from Ranchi will occupy three sections of the field and that Dr. Nallathamby will develop his medical work at Jharsuguda using the bigger bungalow as hospital, while Rev. S. Gnanabaranam will be the Supervising Missionary for the whole field and see that evangelistic work is pushed forward and that a good number of the younger people are trained to become leaders in the various congregations of the field.

For developing the field still further it is necessary for our Committee to have guarantees as to the future. We came in at the request of the Gossner Church. The N.M.S. represents the common effort of all Indian Christians and the Lutheran N.M.S. field represents the united missionary effort of the whole Indian Lutheran Church including its Gossner section. The Gossner Church has the further advantage of being directly profited by the success of the work not only in Jharsuguda, but also in Rewa and other neighbouring territories where we may carry on work, for it is the policy of the Lutheran N.M.S. to help to build up one strong united Hindi speaking Church in ecclesiastical connection with the Lutheran Church. With the guarantee that a Church resulting from our work will be a part of the Gossner Church and with the clearly defined policy of the Lutheran N.M.S. to build up one united Church all along Mid-India--from the West to Chindwara and from there to Ranchi and the East-- I feel sure that the Gossner Church and the Advisory Board as well as the Berlin Consistorium will be willing and eager to help to foster this united effort of the Lutherans in India. The territory along the proposed line from Ranchi to Anupur both which termini are occupied by Lutherans should be worked by Lutherans themselves and it is best we have a proper co-ordination of our forces - not antagonizing the interests of the Anglican Church with which we are in close affinity as well as of the other ~~Protestant~~ Protestants who are also preparing the ground for the final triumph of the Kingdom in India.

I understand that the question of territorial division in that area in regard to the missionary work carried on by various denominational groups is under consideration, and though I do not pretend to have studied the question or to be in a position to state what is right, I wish it to be urged that when the Lutherans were invited to Mid-India, the N.M.S. which is an interdenominational organization felt that we should come in between Chindwara and Jharsuguda so as to link up the work done by Lutheran Missions especially among hill tribes. In any discussions I would plead that Rewa be not cut off from Ranchi, for we wish our work to be linked up ecclesiastically with Ranchi.

The Gossner Mission when it comes back will have a very extensive piece of work to carry on and will not be unwilling to enlist our co-operation in the work of their old field, assigning to us this small portion of ~~their former field~~ their former field which we have ~~xxxxxx~~

now worked for over four years and which has served already to call forth great enthusiasm among Indian Lutherans.

To be able to develop the medical work our Doctor as well as our Missionary Rev. S. Gnanabaranam and our Pastor Rev. Luther Jogowar feel that the other bungalow is needed for efficient medical work being done in the area. As the property is meant to be put to use for Christian work, our Committee requests that the Advisory Board urge the Board of Trustees to include that bungalow also in the list of properties leased to us.

We shall therefore thank you to help our work in the following ways:-

- (1) that an assurance be given or that efforts should be made to secure such an assurance at an early date that our work in Jharsuguda will be of a permanent character.
- (2) that in any negotiations with regard to territorial division, the fact of our responsibilities in Rewa be taken note of and the much desired continuity of our work in Rewa with that in Jharsuguda and Ranchi be not frustrated.
- (3) that the use of the larger bungalow in the Gossner Mission compound at Jharsuguda be secured for the use of our Society for developing the work started there.

Thanking the Gossner Church and the Christian bodies aiding the Church with their counsel for the privilege of service afforded to us Indian Lutherans of sharing in the great work of the Kingdom.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

(Sd) J. D. Asirvadam,

Secretary, Lutheran N.M.S.

Feb'y 11, 1925.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st, with enclosures (agreement concerning Jharsuguda, etc). I am glad that you have taken up this matter and have appointed a committee to present your proposed revisions to the CC for their approval. Until then I think no comments will be of any use.

I am sorry that none of us could go to the Madras meetings. I hope they were harmonious and successful. We shall eagerly await a report of them. Perhaps you will give me the gist of them.

I cannot say very definitely just what Dr Drach's impressions were, but I think they were good on the whole. Of course he was very much disappointed at the action of the AILC on the Seminary question. So far as I can see, practically all our Telugu missionaries and others disagree with ~~him~~ him. We feel that in the end the United Sem. or College will be established on the right basis. I hope that the preliminary steps have already been taken.

The CC meets here on the 19th and 20th. Hope the Rev. SG will be on deck.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
College Park Hostel,
Kilpauk, Madras.



18th Aug. 1925

Dear Anderson,

Many thanks for yours of the 15th enclosing Mr Horsburgh's of the 13th. I have read it through a time or two and realize as always that there are two sides to a question! I have written to Rev. S. Gnanabaranam advising him that the safest and most just course for him would be to send away the two boys with a letter to Mr Horsburgh. I trust that he will take my advice. I return Mr H's letter herein.

With kind regards and many thanks for all your pains.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized 'H' or 'K' with a flourish.

J. D. ASIRVADAM

75, Kelly Street, Vepery,

Madras, 14th May 1925.

Dear Mr Cannaday,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. Thanks for your communication of the vote of thanks of the Genl. Conference of the GEL Church. I should like to have a copy of the resolution itself so that I might place it before our committee.

Rev. Jojowar has asked for a grant of ^{about} Rs. 900 for repairing the small bungalow. You know that for the past some years we have been spending for repairs. Last year we spent ^{Rs. 600} Rs. 600. Owing to certain unexpected complications ^{this year} in Rewah, we have already ^{spent} spent over Rs. 600 outside our budget for the year. It will therefore be impossible to get our committee to vote such a large sum for repairs. Can you not therefore move the Board of Trustees to turn over to us the rent for the other Bungalow. You have not treated the NMS as you ought to have done, or as the German Missions Committee or any other responsible Missioⁿnary body would have done. When we took over the Honaver field from the Basel Mission, we were assured a yearly grant which has enabled us to carry on the work with practically no cost to the NMS. But the Luth. NMS has done splendidly, and is still eager to do much for vital work in the field, but again and again we are forced to allot considerable sums for repairs. We shall thank you to do your best to see us out of our difficulties. For Jhars. work, all income from the property of the area should be assigned. Unless this is done, we cannot go on.

I hear that certain criticisms have been raised in your Mission on the strength of an ill informed paper, and that our Telugu Lutherans have been alarmed over our NMS work. I did

read to Mr. Gotwald the articles in the Xn Observer, and there is no serious case made against the NMS. The editor himself refers to certain difficulties such as dearth of suitable leaders in the fields, difficulties of living in the fields and consequent domestic problems (~~the~~ children's education, and wives having to live in other places in the case of some Missionaries). The articles are meant to appeal to young Indian Xns to rally so as to make the work of the Society a real success. It is true there are several ill-informed and exaggerated statements, but no well informed man can fail to recognise the faithful, self-sacrificing work of our Missionaries, toiling away in unknown and inaccessible places, and the remarkable hold the Society has in the affections and aspirations of our people. I am thankful for your personal testimony to our work in Jhars. Those who know Gnanaberanam and Nallathamby have cause to be grateful for what our Luth. work has as its assets. I trust you will do your best to counteract any possible harm that may result from very unwarranted fears. I am prepared to meet any group and fully answer any criticisms that might be raised. Men like POP & ACMukerji feel it will do no good to answer ill-informed and wild statements made in a comparatively insignificant paper. If any paper of a good standing such as the Guardian or MCC Review had criticised it would have been our duty to reply. I have written so to Rev. Graefe. That he failed to assess the matter correctly is a real disappointment to me. I hope to meet and explain it to him. My sincere thanks to you for your part in the affair.

Who is Mr König. Is he Disciples Mission?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
J. A. Arundell

11-3-25.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Yesterday the Agent informed me that although he had written more than once inquiring when the annual rent for the Jharsuguda building will be paid, etc., etc., he has had no reply. I am sorry for this, as the Trustees meet on the 15th and it is rather important. Will you kindly look into the matter and see that the Agent gets a ~~an~~ reply and oblige.

A committee (of which I am a member) will go to Jharsuguda on the 31st March to meet with a committee from the Baptist Mission to talk over the question of boundaries. Some trouble is brewing. I suppose Mr Joyowar has kept you informed of it.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
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G. E. L. Autonomous Church,
Chotanagpur & Assam.

FROM

RANCHI

B. Minz, Secretary.

Dated 19-1 - 1924

Rev. I. Cannaday,

Dear Sir,

In reply :- Re: N. F. Peck I. C. S.'s ~~letter~~

letter Rev. Luther Jojowar is an Indian. He does not desire to arrange for a residence in Rairakhol.

Re: J.D. Asirvadam's letter re: the making over of Jharsuguda field to N.M.S. . I do not know for how many years the ^{agreement} arrangement was made . The utmost I found is a resolution of the G.E. L. Church (in Annual General Conference 1920) and another action of the Board of Trustees--on this matter-- from which, only two things are clear--(i) The G.E. L. Church made the Jharsuguda field over to N.M.S. (ii) and the Board of Trustees leased out the Jharsuguda German Mission Property for a period of five years Herewith I am attaching ~~the~~ for your kind perusal, these two actions. I do ^{not} find ~~any~~ record anywhere of a three years ^{agreement} arrangement . At any of the C. C. Meetings or on any other occasion no mention has ~~been~~ been made to me of a three years ~~arrangement~~ agreement . It appears from Mr. Asirvadam's letter that this ~~an~~ agreement was made between the N.M.S. and the Advisor Advisory Board. Therefore, I think, ~~x~~ you will be able to find record of this in the Board files.
(Letter of Orissa Feudatory States, Agent & letter of Mr. J. D. Asirvadam enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

B. Minz .

Secretary , C. Council.

21st Jany, 1925.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq., M. A.,
Hony Secy & Treasurer, Luth. N. M. Soc.,
Vepery, Madras.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th concerning the Jharsuguda field.

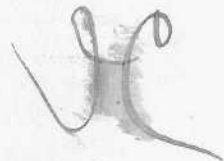
Concerning the three-years limit which you say was suggested by the Advisory Board: I cannot find any reference to it in the minutes of the Board, nor do I have any recollection of it. The Secy of the Church Council also knows nothing about it. Perhaps it was only mentioned in correspondence. The only limitations we know of are (1) that the work in the Jharsuguda field should be reckoned as an integral part of the Gossner Church, and (2) the property was given for only five years. The enclosed slip gives you the wording in full. So in the circumstances the Secretary of the Council and I both feel that there is no objection to your going right on with the work as nothing seems to be down in black and white to the contrary. Please carry on until the Autonomous Church takes up the matter at some future time.

I note with pleasure that the work there is being pushed hard and that a budget of Rs. 7000/- has been passed; also that Rev. Mr. Gnanabaranam will proceed there later on, and that additional workers are to be employed. As you say, you have now consolidated the work. You have a fine worker in the Rev. Luther Jojowar. I am just now trying to get a marriage license for him for Rairakhol State.

One other matter I must mention: The English Baptist Mission with headquarters at Cuttack are working in all the Orissa Native States, 24 in number with a station at Sambalpur near Jharsuguda. The Secy of the Mission has written saying that the Lutherans were pushing into their territory and requesting that the Lutherans agree to territorial division. This matter was discussed at the meeting of the Church Council last week and it was decided to send a commission to Jharsuguda or Sambalpur to meet with a similar commission from the Baptist Mission, (if they agree), to discuss the whole matter and try to reach an agreement. Mr Jojowar is on the Lutheran Committee; also Rev. John Topono, President of the Council, and myself. I'll let you know later results.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



THE LUTHERAN NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

J. D. ASIRVADAM,
HON. SECRETARY AND
TREASURER.

75, Kelly Street, Vepery,

Madras, 15th January 1924.

The Secretary,
Advisory Board,
Ranchi, C.P.

Dear Mr. Cannady,

You may remember that when the Church Council invited the Lutheran N.M.S. to take over the work in Jharsuguda Ilakka, the Advisory Board wanted that this should be done temporarily for a period of three years, and as the period is now over, we should like to know whether the original proposal of the Church Council can now be given effect to. The work during the past three years has been consolidated a great deal and is being pushed on in some directions. We have not been fortunate in securing the services of a good leader for the work from South India. Except for a few months when Rev. Appavoo was in charge, whose health later broke down, the work has been throughout in charge of Rev. Luther Jojawar, who has done exceedingly well. We are anxious that if the work should develop still further, we ought to put in more men and the Lutheran N. M. S. has already passed a budget for over Rs. 7000/- for this year. Rev. Gnanabaranam has been appointed as a missionary for the field and will take charge in May 1925, and we have authorised pastor Jojawar to employ a Matriculate headmaster for the Jharsuguda school and also to employ two more men who have been theologically trained. The Society has been anxious to develop the Jharsuguda school and last year our grant to the Boarding was Rs. 60/- every month. When Rev. Gnanabaranam goes there, he will take in more boarders and develop the school by giving industrial training to the pupils. The Lutheran N.M.S. felt it a duty in this also not only to consolidate the congregational work but also to use the existing congregation for further evangelistic effort and our aim is to evangelise the whole area building up the Church which will be self-supporting. It has been our policy that our Church in Jharsuguda should be an integral part of the G. E. L. Church.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Asirvadam

Rev. I. Cannady, M.A., B.D.,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi, C.P.

JDA/MDS.

21-3-25.

Mr B. Minz,
Secy, Church Council,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr Minz,

Two things--

1. With reference to our conversation this afternoon I beg to report that I have found it recorded in the AB minutes (May, 1920) that the Jharsuguda Field may be given to the Lutheran NMS for three years only as an experiment. This matter should have been brought up in 1923, but was forgotten. I now refer it to the CC for consideration so that I may bring your opinion before the next meeting of the AB in June. Please have it discussed in the CC.

2. The matter of a Pastor who wished to resign as a School Supervisor was, I believe, referred to you by the Head Supervisor after the October meeting of the AB. We ~~had~~ refused to accept the resignation, on the ground that it ~~was not approved~~ (the Pastor-Supervisor Scheme) had been approved by the CC, and referred it to you for consideration and action. Kindly see to this and oblige.

Yours sincerely,



THE LUTHERAN NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

75, Kelly Street,
Vepery, Madras.
12th June 1925.

The Secretary,
Advisory Board,
R a n c h i.

Dear Mr.Cannaday :-

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The Lutheran N.M.S. believes that it has a definite duty with regard to Jharsuguda where there is so much work to be done and it is anxious to work the field with great energy. We hope that Rev.Luther Jojowar and two other Pastors or candidates from Ranchi will occupy three sections of the field and that Dr.Nallathamby will develop his medical work at Jharsuguda using the bigger bungalow as hospital, while Rev.S.Gnanabaranam will be the Supervising Missionary for the whole field and see that evangelistic work is pushed forward and that a good number of the younger people are trained to become leaders in the various congregations of the field.

For developing the field still further it is necessary for our Committee to have guarantees as to the future. We came in at the request of the Gossner Church. The N.M.S. represents the common effort of all Indian Christians and the Lutheran N.M.S. field represents the united missionary effort of the whole Indian Lutheran Church including its Gossner section. The Gossner Church has the further advantage of being directly profited by the success of the work not only in Jharsuguda, but also in Rewa and other neighbouring territories where we may carry on work, for it is the policy of the Lutheran N.M.S. to help to build up one strong united Hindi speaking Church in ~~the~~ ecclesiastical connection with the Lutheran Church. With the guarantee that a Church resulting from our work will be a part of the Gossner Church and with ~~a~~ ^{the}

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I understand that the question of territorial division in that area in regard to the missionary work carried on by various denominational groups is under consideration, and though I do not pretend to have studied the question or to be in a position to state what is right, I wish it to be urged that when the Lutherans were invited to Mid-India, the N.M.S. which is an interdenominational organization felt that we should come in between Chindwara and Jharsuguda so as to link up the work done by Lutheran Missions especially among hill tribes. In any discussions I would plead that Rewa be not cut off from Ranchi, for I wish our work to be linked up ecclesiastically with Ranchi.

The Gossner Mission when it comes back will have a very extensive piece of work to carry on and will not be unwilling to enlist our co-operation in the work of their old field, assigning to us this small portion of their former field which we have now worked for over four years and which has served already to call forth great enthusiasm among Indian Lutherans.

^{as well as our} To be able to develop the medical work our Doctor Missionary, Rev. S. Gnanabaranam and our Pastor Rev. Luther Jojowar feel that the other bungalow is needed for efficient medical work being done in the area. As the property is meant to be put to use for Christian work, our Committee requests that the Advisory Board urge the Board of Trustees to include that bungalow also in the list of properties leased to us.

We shall therefore thank you to help our work in the following ways :-

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Thanking the Gossner Church and the Christian bodies aiding the Church with ^{have} a Council for the privilege of service afforded to us Indian Lutherans of sharing in the great work of the Kingdom,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

J. D. Asiwadani,

Secretary, Lutheran N.M.S.

will look after you. I am very sorry not to see you here, but we shall meet in Madras and talk over all matters.
Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



10-12-25.

J. D. Asirvadam, Esq.,
Kilpauk, Madras.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Mr Asirvadam,

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4. A prominent member of the CC feels that Mr Mukerji is not representing the Jharsuguda agreement in this letter as he spoke about it in the meeting here; he now wants Jharsuguda permanently. What is your opinion about this, please?

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20-11-25.

A. C. Mukerji,
Rai Bahadur,
C/o D. Z. Najnud Din, Esq.,
Warrie Road,
Lahore.

Dear Mr Mukerji, letter

Your addressed to Paton in the mistaken notion that he was the Secretary of the Board of Trustees was sent on to me the rightful party.

You have set forth the position of the N. M. S. in Jharsuguda very clearly for which Mahhka. I shall pass your letter on. I see no reason why you should worry about anything.

When I can find time I'll take up this matter with Mr J. D. Asirvadam, Madras.

As no official word had come to the Board about the Jharsuguda bungalow, no action was taken (in our Trustees meeting) on the 17th. So I cannot say what will be the outcome.

Yours sincerely,



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432, Calcutta.

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111 A, Russa Road, P.O. Elgin Road,
CALCUTTA.

Nov. 16th, 1925.

My dear Cannaday,

I have just received from Rai Bahadur Mukerji the enclosed letter, which I pass on to you. It ought to have been sent to you and I fear it may arrive too late for the meeting. So far however as I am able to understand, it contains nothing which has not already been agreed between the parties concerned. Will you kindly deal with it?

Yours very sincerely,

The Rev. I. Cannaday,
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