

CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO

MINUTES - MEETING 13

LEOPOLDVILLE, FEBRUARY 18-22, 23, MARCH 1, 1935

328. MEETING. The Conseil Protestant du Congo met at Léopoldville, Congo Belge, on February 18-22, 23 and March 1st, 1935 at the Union Mission House.

329. PRESENT. The following were present;

ABFMS	Revs. P.A. MacDiarmid (C), H. Erickson (C), Rev. Geo. W. Carpenter (X).
APCM	Rev. A.M. Craig (C).
BMS	Revs. C.E. Pugh (C), R.V. de C. Thompson (C), E.D.F. Guyton (X) Rev. M. Guthrie (X).
CEM	Rev. H. W. Coxill (P).
CIM	Rev. H. W. Coxill (P).
C&MA	Rev. J. Öhrneman (P).
CMCMEC	Rev. A. M. Craig (P).
DCCM	Rev. R. Clarke (AC).
MECM	Rev. H. W. Coxill (P).
SBM	Rev. J. Öhrneman, SMF, (P).
SMF	Revs. J. Öhrneman (C), Bertil Höök (AC).
UTM	Rev. H. W. Coxill (P).
CPC	Rev. H. Wakelin Coxill (Secretary).

In the above list the following abbreviations are employed; (C) Councillor; (AC) Alternate Councillor; (P) Proxy; (X) Ex-officio. Proper credentials were presented in all cases where necessary and letters of apology for non-attendance were read.

330. DEVOTIONS. The Council's Vice-President, the Rev. P. A. MacDiarmid, presided and lead the opening service of worship and prayer, other Councillors leading subsequent devotional periods.

331. OFFICERS. A. Rev. R.V. de Carle Thompson was elected Recording Secretary for the Meeting.

332. REVISION OF CONSTITUTION. It was agreed that;

a. A sub-committee be appointed to draft a new and revised Constitution of the Council, embodying the decisions and suggestions of the Council.

b. This proposed Constitution, which is appended to these Minutes, having been approved by the councillors present, be submitted to all participating missions for their ratification as therein provided.

STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORTS AND ORGANIZATION.

333. EDUCATION.

a. Mr. Carpenter presented a report on Educational work which was approved and adopted.

b. The Council noted with satisfaction that there were indications of much united progress in the educational work of the evangelical missions of Congo. The large demand for the Kimpese Educational Reports, the Mott Conference Findings and School literature being not only an indication of this progress but a considerable factor toward it.

c. Attention was again drawn to the fact, that quite irrespective of any particular standard being attained by our protestant schools, no such official inspection and government recognition was yet granted as was enjoyed by the so-called "National" or Roman Catholic schools.

d. UNION SCHOOLS.

1. It was reported that a suggestion for the formation of a Union Normal School at Bolenge was receiving favourable consideration from the EMS, the CBM and the DCCM.

2. The Council was informed that the proposal for a Union Normal School for the Kasai, which was agreed upon at the Mutoto Conference in 1934, has received hearty approval from the APCM, with the suggestion that Lubondai might serve as a convenient centre, and that work should be commenced as soon as possible, even with temporary accomodation.

3. The Council learned with satisfaction that there are at present 35 students in the Union Normal School at Kimpese, eight of whom would be passing out this year, having completed their full course of three years.

4. It was agreed that the Trustees and Faculty of the Ecole de Pasteurs et d'Instituteurs, present at this Council Meeting, be asked to act as a Sub-Committee on the question of seeking Government recognition for the graduating Normal students. Application for this recognition was later agreed upon, prepared, and sent to the proper authority.

e. EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR.

1. The Council regrets that it sees no hope of financing from the budget of the C.P.C. the project contemplated in the appointment of an Educational Advisor, as urged in the 1934 conferences. Neither could it advocate the Home Boards setting apart sufficient funds for this purpose, if that should mean that these become a charge against the field appropriations, which are already reduced to such a minimum that any additional cut would court disaster to existing work.

2. At the same time, we believe that if the necessary funds could be found in some other way, for a period of not less than four years active service on the field, plus the necessary time for special preparation, the appointment of an Educational Advisor would be of inestimable value to protestant missions in Congo, bringing their educational work to the place where it would meet the needs for a trained leadership in the rapidly growing indigenous Christian Church, and where it would be worthy of our demand for government recognition.

3. The Council names the Rev. George W. Carpenter of the E.P.I., Kimpese, as its choice for the post of Educational Advisor, this being subject to acceptance by Mr. Carpenter and the approval of his Society (ABFMS). This choice is not to be construed as an appointment and could only become an appointment when funds are available and other conditions provided for.

4. The Council agreed that the suggested budget as set forth in the Minutes of the 1934 Council Meeting, (Meeting 12, page 13.) remain as the total budget required.

### 334. LANGUAGES.

A. KIKONGO. a. Mr. Guyton reported that, following on the recommendation of the 1934 Council Meeting, (Minute 315), the secretary had addressed a letter to Prof: Westermann, of the Institute of African Languages and Cultures, on the subject of Kikongo Unification; a group had met with Prof: Westermann at Bremen; this group prepared and sent to the field a further Memorandum; on receipt of this the secretary convened a further Field Committee and this Committee now reports to the Council that definite and satisfactory progress has been achieved.

b. The Council heard this report with considerable interest and desired that the thanks of the C.P.C. be conveyed to Dr. Westermann and Miss B.D. Gibson for the valuable help they have given, together with those who attended the preliminary conference at Bremen.

B. LINGALA. a. The Secretary announced that it had been considered advisable since the last meeting of the Council to appoint, subject to confirmation, the Rev. Cyril H. Chilvers as Secretary of the Lingala Language Committee. The Council was pleased to confirm this appointment.

b. It was reported that; (1) The Lingala Grammar and Dictionary was well in hand and that delivery was expected in the very near future. (2) The French Edition of the Grammar and Dictionary was almost ready for the press.

c. The Council agreed that the size of the French Edition of the Lingala Grammar and Dictionary to be printed be 1,500.

d. The Scriptures in Lingala. (1) The Secretary of the Lingala Committee is requested to collect, as soon as possible, copies of all available translations of Scripture portions, whether printed or in manuscript, with a view to having the whole of the New Testament printed in Lingala.

(2) Provided that the majority of the reports on the new Lingala Grammar and Dictionary, received within six months of its publication, are favourable, this grammar and dictionary shall standardize the language to be used in Scripture translation.

(3) The Secretary of the Committee is empowered to make what arrangements he can in order to hasten the satisfactory standardization of existing translations.

(4) On the above being done, the Council authorises that the British & Foreign Bible Society be approached with the request that they print the Gospels and Acts, or the whole of the New Testament in this accepted and standardized Lingala.

e. Local Committee. The Council, feeling the urgent need of a greatly increased output of Lingala Literature, appointed the Revs. Guyton, Guthrie and Coxill to act as a local committee at Léopoldville, to study, as far as possible, this question and to co-operate with the Committee Secretary in this matter.

### 335. LITERATURE.

a. The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Herbert Smith urging the Council to try and prepare and publish its own French literature, particularly that for school use. This literature should have; (1) a religious outlook, (2) a Native background, and (3) should be permeated with protestant evangelical thinking.

b. A Committee on Literature having been appointed, presented its report, which being as follows was adopted;

(1) Digest of Laws. The Secretary of the Council is asked to prepare and publish a small digest of the Laws of the Congo Belge relating to missions and missionaries. An edition of 1000 was sanctioned; the size of the publication to be about 24 pages and the selling price about Frs. 2.00

(2) Union Cards. The form of Church Membership card submitted by the secretary was approved, with the recommendation that this be issued in French as a specimen, which could be adapted and translated by each mission. As presented, the form is a leaflet of four pages: page 1, Certificate of Membership; p.2, Observations; p.3. Covenant or profession of faith; p.4, Record of Giving.

It is recommended that page 1 be kept uniform and be printed in French only, but the other pages may be translated as desired. Any mission so desiring, may omit pages 2 and 3, printing 1 and 4 on a card instead of a folder.

The secretary was empowered to prepare and submit to the missions specimens of other cards that are required by the missions.

(3) French School Literature. The Secretary of the Standing Literature Committee be asked to seek suitable texts for publication in a series of French school books, conformable to the official school program but adapted to our own needs, and that the aid of the Christian Literature Society be sought in publishing such books. Apart from books on the study of the French language, in which progress has already been made, arithmetic books, readers, and books on general knowledge subjects might be among the first to be prepared. It was thought that some material and suggestions might be found among the "Stories" by Monsieur Faure; in the publications of the Mission de Paris; in the Salvation Army "Cri de Guerre", and in the "Mamadou et Binetta" Series.

(4) Collection of Publications. It was recommended that the Manager of the Union Book Shop be requested to collect two copies of each publication of all protestant missions, one for display in the Bookshop Showroom, and one for a reference library in the C.P.C. Secretary's Office.

(5) Church History Texts. It was agreed that the Secretary for Literature be requested to examine texts on Church History prepared for use in Congo, and to make suitable recommendations regarding further work in this field. (Texts mentioned; by Armstrong, Reynolds, Palmquist, Lundgren and Stenstrom.)

(6) Union Kikongo Hymn Book. a. It was reported that the Union Kikongo Hymn Book was almost ready for the printer.

b. A request having been received from the American Baptist Mission for a loan from the C.P.C. Literature Fund toward the publication of this Hymn Book, the Council agreed to the sum of Frs. 7,500.00 for this purpose, it being understood that the repayment of this amount shall be a first claim on monies received by sales of this book.

336. MEDICAL.

a. The general secretary read a letter from Dr. C. C. Chesterman, secretary of the Medical Committee, in which, after expressing his regret at being unable to attend this meeting, Dr. Chesterman tendered his resignation to the Council, at the same time expressing his willingness to remain in office while he was still actually in Congo.

The Council expressed its very sincere regret at receiving this resignation but realised it could do no other than accept it, owing to the fact that Dr. Chesterman was leaving Congo to take up the position of Medical Officer to the Baptist Missionary Society in London. The Council was happy to know that Dr. Chesterman would remain in office until he actually left Congo.

The Council wished to put on record its high appreciation of the unstinted and efficient services rendered by Dr. Chesterman during the many years he has held office, and to wish him every success and blessing in the new work to which he is called.

b. It was unanimously agreed to ask Dr. E.R. Kellersberger of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission to become Secretary of the Medical Committee on his return from furlough and on Dr. Chesterman leaving Congo.

337. NATIVE CHURCH.

a. Seeing that all replies received from member-missions regarding the common name for the Native Church have recorded acceptance of the name "L'Eglise du Christ au Congo" it was agreed that this name be accepted, and that in future, all cards, etc., issued by the C.P.C. in connection with the Native Church should bear this title.

b. It was agreed that a Secretary for a Native Church Standing Committee be appointed, and that the Rev. A.W.G. MacBeath, of the Baptist Missionary Society, Bolobo, be asked to accept this office.

c. The Council learnt with satisfaction that arrangements were being made to hold conferences of Native Christian Leaders in the Lower Congo, the Katanga and the Upper Congo during 1935.

338. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

a. On behalf of the Standing Committee on Sunday School Work, appointed at the time of the Mott Conferences, the Rev. M. Guthrie, (shortly due for furlough) acting after correspondence with his Committee, tendered their resignation "en bloc", while proposing that all missions be asked to appoint corresponding representatives to keep in touch with a newly elected secretary; to all of which the Council agreed.

b. It was further agreed that the standing committee for Sunday School work be organized in the same manner as other standing committees of the Council.

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c. After considering certain letters which had been received from Dr. Robt. Hopkins, Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, the Council agreed that a letter be sent to Dr. Hopkins thanking him sincerely for the financial assistance offered by his Committee for Sunday School work in Congo, but expressing the feeling of the Council that a smaller grant received annually would be of far greater value in forwarding the ideals of his Association than a larger donation given for one year only.

d. The General Secretary was authorized to issue credentials to any member or members of the C.P.C. able to attend the WSSA convention at Oslo in 1936, provided that no financial obligation shall rest with the Council.

339. WOMEN'S WORK. a. A report of Women's Work which had been prepared by Mrs. Coxill was read by the secretary and was accepted.

b. The Council noted with interest that a Women's Conference, as envisaged in the 1934 Mott Conferences, had been held at Léopoldville last August, and that a syllabus for work among women and girls had been prepared that conformed as much as possible with the Government programme.

c. Correspondence had been conducted with Mrs. Rheinallt Jones concerning the "Girl's Wayfaring Association", a religious organization adapted to the needs of the Bantu girl, and which is meeting with great success in South Africa and Rhodesia. It was agreed, however, that if affiliation with a like association was considered desirable it would be preferable with a Belgian organization.

d. An invitation having been received for the C.P.C. to be represented at a conference on "Youth Movements in Africa" to be held in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, during June 1935, the secretary was empowered to appoint someone to represent the Council at this Conference, provided that can be done without any financial obligation resting with the Council.

340. COMMITTEE SECRETARIES. The following Committee Secretaries were nominated and elected;

Educational  
Language (Lingala)  
Literature  
Medical

Native Church  
Sunday School  
Women's Work

Rev. W.D. Reynolds, EPI, Kimpese.  
Rev. C.H. Chilvers, CBM, Tamudjumbé.  
Rev. R. Clarke, D.C.C.M, Bolenge.  
Dr. C.C. Chesterman, BMS, .  
Dr. E.R. Kellersberger, APCM, on his return from furlough and on  
Dr. Chesterman leaving Congo.  
Rev. A.W.G. MacBeath, BMS, Bolobo.  
Rev. H. Gray Russell, DCCM, Bolenge.  
Miss E. Schaffer, ABFMS, Léopoldville.

341. UNION BOOKSHOP.

A sub-committee appointed to consider questions related to the Union Bookshop brought forward the following proposals, which were adopted;

a. Manager. Mr. Harry J. Watkins, having been accepted by the ABFMS and by the B&FBS on the understanding that he devote half his time to the interests of the former and half to those of the Union Bookshop, be appointed Manager of the latter, it being agreed that the two societies named share, as equally as possible, all expenses involved in this arrangement.

b. Name. LIBRAIRIE DES MISSIONS EVANGELIQUES DU CONGO  
Telegraphic address; "LIMECO"

c. Location. The Librairie shall be established on the premises of the Union Missionnaire Hospitaliere at Léopoldville-Est, Congo Belge.

d. Status. The Librairie, while being under the auspices of the Conseil Protestant du Congo, shall, for the present, conduct business under the "personnalité civile" of the Union Missionnaire Hospitaliere.

e. Management. Acting in accordance with the request of the B&FBS that two laymen be appointed to the Committee of Management, it was decided to ask Messrs Blackburn and Hollington to serve, the other members of the Committee being the three Legal Representatives of the Missions operating at Stanley Pool or their substitutes, and the secretary of the C.P.C. The name of Commandant Becquet was also proposed.

f. Accomodation. The Trustees of the U.M.H. having been approached, it was decided in agreement with them, that the U.M.H. office, rooms Nos. 1 and 4 and a portion of the large garage be put at the disposal of the Librairie at a monthly rental of Es 450.00, payable to the U.M.H. Arrangements regarding light, service, use of car, etc., to be left to the Committee of Management.

g. Financial Agreement. Owing to the changed situation which has arisen since the first suggested agreement was received from the B&FBS regarding the Book Shop, the Chairman and Secretary are asked to enter into correspondence with the Bible Society in order that a new agreement may be drawn up which makes the financial position clear and safeguards the C.P.C. against financial obligation.

342. L'EVANGILE EN AFRIQUE.

(See Minute 316 B.2.) The secretary read a letter from Miss Margaret Wrong stating that The International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa had been pleased to approve a grant of £30 for 1935 to make possible the enlargement of L'Evangile en Afrique by four pages. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Wrong and her Committee the appreciation and thanks of the Council for this generous gift.



343. FINANCE.

- A. The Secretary presented a financial statement for the year 1934 (audited by Messrs Guyton and Atkins) a copy of which is hereto joined, and this statement was approved.
- B. A Finance Committee (Craig, Guyton, Erickson, Hook.) was appointed and later presented their report. This report which was as follows, including also the 1935 Budget and the proposed 1936 budget appended to these minutes, was adopted.
- C. The Finance Committee, having carefully studied each item in the 1935 budget as adopted by the Council in 1934, reluctantly, but in view of the urgent necessity for every economy, proposed a reduction of £s 5,000.00, but at the same time called the attention of the Council to the fact that the items reduced will almost of necessity be reduced in efficiency thereby.
- D. Due to the unusually heavy furlough and travel expenses incurred during 1932 and 33, absorbing the 1934 provision, attention is called to the unsatisfactory condition of the Sinking Fund, which shows an anticipated deficit at the end of 1935 of £s 10,502.77. This is particularly serious in view of the approaching furlough period of the Secretary. Because of this, should the receipts for 1935 be in excess of the estimated amount, (£s 119,777.50), these receipts shall, until the next meeting of the Council, be credited to the Sinking Fund.
- E. While greatly appreciating the valuable co-operation and help rendered to the Council by the International Missionary Council, in view of the present financial situation, which has made it necessary for the Council to curtail its own work, and refrain from much needed new work, it was agreed that for 1935 it would be impossible to contribute to the financial support of the I.M.C.
- It was also noted, but with deep regret, that there are no means by which funds can be found at present for either the proposed budget of £s 52,400.00 for new work, or that of the Educational Advisor, £s 97,900.00.
- F. The attention of the Council was drawn to the deficit in the Building Fund, amounting to £s 21,930.31, which is being carried against the working budget, thus providing a most serious handicap. Because of this, the officers of the Council present were authorised to write to all Member-Missions not having already contributed to the Building Fund, as well as to non-Member-Missions, requesting them, if at all possible, to make a contribution to this fund of £s 100 per missionary, so that in this way the deficit may be removed.
- G. After discussion, and consideration by a special subcommittee, the following recommendation was agreed upon relative to the secretary's salary;
- Having thoroughly examined the items in the budget covering the secretary's salary, child allowance (3) and service allowance, and comparing these with like allowances made by the two missionary

societies working at Léopoldville to their missionaries residing there, it was found that the total of these items exceeds the same allowances of the above missionary societies by less than £s 5,000. In view of the fact that the Secretary of the C.P.C. does not enjoy the advantages of a retirement fund, such as others may look forward to, it was felt that he is at a distinct financial disadvantage as compared with others, and therefore no reduction in the figures should be made.

H. Proportional Share in Budget. 1. Failing in other ways to find a

practical and equitable basis upon which to proportion the share of each mission in the C.P.C. budget, subject to the approval of the member-missions, it was recommended that the share of the budget requested from each mission be adjusted on a per capita basis, and that the number of missionaries of each mission in active service in, or on furlough from, the area served by the Council at the beginning of each year determine this apportionment.

2. That in view of the organization of councils similar to the C.P.C. in adjoining territories, the limits of Congo Belge, including Ruanda-Urundi, be taken as the limits of the area served.

3. That at each annual meeting the Council apportion the askings for the next following calendar year according to the budget prepared, and prepare a budget for the succeeding year to submit to the Member-Missions.

4. That acting on the above recommendation the sum of £s 200 per capita be asked for the year 1936. But in making this request the Council instructed and authorized the Secretary to write special covering letters to the societies likely to be particularly affected, advantageously or adversely, by this new arrangement.

I. Auditors for 1935. It was recommended that the Council ask the Rev. F.E. Guyton

and Mr. H. J. Watkins to be so kind as to act as Council Auditors for the year 1935.

344. THE SECRETARIAT.

A. Provision for Furlough Period. 1. In seeking to make provision

for the secretaryship of the C.P.C. during the furlough period of Mr. Coxill (1937-8), it was decided that the Council approach the Svenska Missions-Forbundet, asking that Mission graciously to allow the Rev. J. Öhrneman to serve the Council in this capacity at that time, - the Vice-President together with Mr. Pugh being asked to present this plea in person to the Field Conference of the S.M.F.

2. It was also agreed that for the duration of this furlough period the Council explore the possibility of dividing some of the many and varied duties at present being carried so ably by Mr. and Mrs. Coxill.

B. "World Dominion" Offer. 1. The Council has learnt

with considerable interest and appreciation of the World Dominion Movement suggestion that voluntary help be found for the General Secretary for a period of two years; enabling the secretary to complete, among other things, the World Dominion Survey of Congo. It is with considerable gratitude that the Council also learns that one has been found willing to serve the Congo in this voluntary capacity.

2. While earnestly hoping that arrangements may be made that will enable this appointment to be confirmed, and while empowering the Secretary to continue in correspondence with the World Dominion on this subject, it must, unfortunately, be understood that no financial obligations whatsoever can be accepted by the Congo Protestant Council in connection with this appointment.

3. In the event of an agreement being reached which does not commit the Council financially, the secretary was empowered, in consultation with the Local Committee, to proceed with accommodation and other local arrangements that will be necessary.

4. Should however, this arrangement not materialize, the Secretary was empowered to use the World Dominion's gift of £100 in securing help within the Colony for purpose of completing the Survey of Congo Belge.

C. Visitation. The Council regretted that no provision was available from the ordinary 1935 budget for the travel of the C.P.C. Secretary in Congo as recommended last year (Min: 317. b.), but agreed that any gifts specially donated for this purpose should be so used; the Council noting with appreciation the invitation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the promise of that Mission that the expenses would be taken care of.

345. VACATION SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Secretary of the Daily Vacation Bible School Association advocating that the work of that Association be encouraged by the Council and offering financial help for this purpose. The Council, feeling however that such work as the Association advocates is impracticable in Congo at this time, felt compelled to return the gift sent, but at the same time are of the opinion that if any literature could be provided by the Association for the use of the Council it could be and would be of real value.

346. WITH BELGIAN PROTESTANTS.

The Council feeling that the time is ripe for Protestant opinion in Belgium to be roused in support of the work of the Native Church in Congo, it is suggested that;

a. A mailing list be prepared of all protestant pastors in Belgium and other influential persons to whom the CONGO MISSION NEWS together with other suitable information may be sent regularly.

b. In this way the need for closer connection between the whole Belgian protestant community and the Congo Native Church may be urged.

- c. A letter of greeting be included with the first material sent, expressing the hope that this closer cooperation may be fostered.
- d. Short historical sketches of some of the missions be prepared, as well as pamphlets concerning their work from various angles, ie; educational, medical, etc., and that these be circulated from time to time.
- e. A general yearly brochure be prepared giving brief, one-paragraph surveys of the year's work of the different missions, printed in attractive style and giving interesting statistics.
- f. The estimated cost of this brochure be prepared and each mission be asked to bear its share in the expense.
- g. The various missions also be approached asking for their co-operation so that this whole propaganda work may be carried out without drawing on the ordinary funds of the Council.
- h. All this propaganda work should be carried out directly through the intermediary of the C.P.C. Secretary.
- i. The Secretary be asked to correspond with Dr. Anet in connection with these matters, soliciting his whole-hearted co-operation.
- j. It would be well for the Secretary to write also to Mr. Savels, informing him of the plans of the Council and of our hopes concerning the above propaganda campaign among the Protestants of Belgium.

#### 347. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

- A. The Secretary was requested to write to Dr. J.H. Oldham telling him that the protestant missions of Congo have mostly enjoyed comparative tranquility during the past year, and that, for the most part, indiscriminate treatment has been administered to all. But at the same time the Council wishes it to be understood that disabilities still exist under which we and our constituents suffer, many of which, it is felt, can only be removed through the Colonial Office in Bruxelles.
- B. The Secretary was instructed to cable both the I.M.C. in London and New York asking that if possible steps be taken to stop the publication of certain articles in religious and other journals which are likely to be detrimental to the cause of protestant missions in Belgian Congo.
- C. The President of the Council, Dr. J.M. Springer, was appointed to represent the Council at the I.M.C. Conference to be held this year in North America; Messrs Herbert Smith and G. W. Carpenter being appointed alternates. The Council regretted that it could not accept any financial obligation in connection with this representation.
- D. It is the wish of the Council that the I.M.C. should hold in London and on behalf of the C.P.C. the dossier concerning the Memorandum which was taken to Europe by Mr. Emory Ross.

348. EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Following on certain communications which have been received from the World's Evangelical Alliance the secretary, in consultation with the Local Committee, was instructed to send a suitable reply.

349. VISITORS DURING 1935.

The Council learnt with pleasure that Drs. E. J. Pace, P. H. J. Lerrigo, and J. H. Reisner and the Rev. A. D. Helser are likely to visit the Congo during 1935, and wished to express to these visitors a warm welcome.

350. CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The generous offer of a gift of books to form the nucleus of a circulating library having been received, it was agreed;

- a. That the Council accept with warm appreciation this generous offer.
- b. That the Book Shop Manager be asked to act as Librarian.
- c. That the rules governing this Library be drawn up by the Book Shop Committee of Management.

351. BIBLE SUNDAY.

The Council wishes to emphasise once again the need for the observance of Bible Sunday year by year, and it is hoped that all missions will make a point of setting aside the special day for this purpose.

352. MR. PALMER HERN.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Palmer Hern expressing the sympathy of the Council that his venture in Antwerp had not proved successful, and assuring him and Mrs. Hern of the prayers of the Council on their behalf.

353. DR. HENRI ANET.

The Council desired the Secretary to write to Dr. Henri Anet expressing its deep appreciation of all that he and Madame Anet have done and continue to do for the cause of protestant mission in the Colony as well as for all that is done for our missionaries while in Belgium. The sympathy of the Council was expressed at the death of Dr. Kennedy Anet, who for many years laboured with such devotion for the cause of protestant missions in Belgium.

354. PROTESTANT MISSIONS IN BELGIAN CONGO.

The Council, having taken cognizance of the existence of forty three distinct protestant missionary organizations in Congo Belge, with over two hundred stations distributed throughout the Colony, consider that there is no further call for the establishment of new missions in this area.

They consider that the cause of Evangelical missions would be much better served by the strengthening of existing organizations, both in personnel and in funds, and by the unification of related bodies so as to reduce administrative costs and improve efficiency of work, rather than by the establishment of additional agencies.

The members of the Council have had occasion to observe the heavy costs and unnecessary hardships involved in the coming of inexperienced missionaries without the guidance and backing of an established society. Such costs and hardships were inescapable in the early days of Congo Missions, but are largely avoidable today.

The task of the missions is so great and so urgent that any waste of resources in one direction curtails necessary work elsewhere. Moreover, every new organization is confronted with the necessity of securing civil rights in the Colony and of acquiring lands; and the Government, with reason, regards unfavourably the further multiplication of missionary organizations.

Therefore the Council strongly recommends to all interested parties that support be given to agencies already at work in the Congo, rather than directed to the creation of new ones.

355. NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council at Léopoldville at the call of the Secretary as early in February 1936 as possible.

356. ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned after prayer by Mr. Allen M. Craig.

P.A. MacDiarmid.  
Vice-President.

R.V. de Carle Thompson.  
Recording Secretary.

H. Wakelin Coxill  
General Secretary.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT ——— 1934.

		Expenditures	Income
1. Office: Clerk, postages, Supplies, etc. In		15.713.18	
2. Property: Maintenance, operation, etc.		17.634.25	
3. Subscriptions to Magazines, etc.		1.611.44	
4. Car and Travel. (With Fresh Car)	22.615.85		
5. Less Credits (Gift Dr. Mott)	<u>15.810.00</u>	6.805.85	
6. Conferences 1934.	6.795.30		
7. Less Credits	<u>2.577.50</u>	4.217.80	
8. Books, Conference Findings, Incids;		3.528.39	
9. Secretary' Salary and Children's Allowances:		52.500.00	
10. Hospitality Allowance		5.250.00	
11. 1933 Furlough and Travel, (E. R.)		18.094.22	
12. Sinking Fund		18.500.00	
13. 1933 Annual Grants Paid	21.476.53		
14. Less written Fd 1934	<u>18.600.00</u>		2.876.53
15. 1934 Annual Grants Paid			85.373.24
16. 1934 " " Unpaid			6.000.00
17. Annual Memberships			2.873.00
18. Sundry Gifts			2.853.55
19. Interests Received			598.54
20. U.M.H. Allowance for Secretary's services.			12.500.00
21. Written back, Self Support and Phelps Stokes Fund			14.000.00
22. Congo Mission News			15.000.00
23. <u>Net Deficit 1934</u>			1.680.27
	Frs.	<u>143.755.15</u>	<u>143.755.13</u>

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 1934.

		Liabilities	Assets
24.	Sundry creditors		
25.	U.M.H.	40.412.27	
26.	C.M.N.	5.403.17	
27.	Unexecuted and saleable items	15.151.65	
28.	Sundry (Ross 525. Coxill 352)	877.00	
29.	1935 Grant paid 1934 (DCCM)	5.000.00	
30.	Sinking Fund.		
31.	1933 balance from Income a/c	3.283.90	
32.	1934 provision	<u>18.500.00</u>	
33.		<u>21.783.90</u>	
34.	Less 1933 Furlough, etc.,	<u>18.094.22</u>	3.689.68
35.	Literature Fund	20.952.84	
36.	Sundry debtors:		
37.	Bruxelles Agency	1.564.01	
38.	Evangile en Afrique	718.89	
39.	1933 grant unpaid	6.000.00	
40.	Sundry	<u>2.446.34</u>	10.729.24
41.	Cash on hand and in Banks:		
42.	U.B. of S. (£-105.60)	29.074.29	
43.	U.C.M.S. (\$- 21.40)	12.818.09	
44.	Cash on hand	2.691.38	
45.	C.C.P.	1.186.32	
46.	B.C.B.	10.253.51	
47.	B.B.A.	<u>1.123.20</u>	67.146.79
48.	Building fund (debit balance)		21.930.31
49.	Deficit 1934		1.680.27
		Frs. <u>91.486.61</u>	<u>91.486.61</u>



GRANTS AND GIFTS FROM MISSIONS RECEIVED DURING 1934.

ABFMS.	American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.	Frs.	13,200.00
AGM.	Assemblies of God Mission.		3,200.00
APCM.	American Presbyterian Congo Mission. (1934)		19,260.00
"	(1933 Grant paid in 1934)		8,800.00
B&FBS.	British & Foreign Bible Society. (1933)		920.00
"	(1934)		550.00
BMS.	Baptist Missionary Society.		10,000.00
CEM.	Congo Evangelistic Mission.		2,934.00
CIM.	Congo Inland Mission.		3,174.00
C&MA.	Christian and Missionary Alliance.		3,800.00
CMCMEC.	Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.		8,736.45
CMS.	Church Missionary Society. (Ruanda General)		1,056.00
DCCM.	Disciples of Christ Congo Mission. (1933 Grant paid in 1934)		8,197.50
EPI.	Ecole de Pasteurs et d'Instituteurs.		164.66
MBD.	Mission Baptiste Danoise.		633.60
MECM.	Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission.		6,765.33
MEU.	Mission Evangélique de l'Ubangi.		357.00
RTS.	Religious Tract Society		1,056.00
SMF.	Svenska Missions-Forbundet.		8,245.00
UAM;	Un evangelized Africa Mission.		201.20
UTM;	Un evangelized Tribes Mission. (1934)		2,140.00
	(1933 Ent'd in 1934)		3,559.03
			<u>106,849.77</u>
	Additional anticipated: (ABFMS)		6,000.00
			<u>112,849.77</u>
	Less Received during 1934 already credited 1933		18,600.00
	TOTAL 1934 Frs.		<u><u>94,249.77</u></u>

(Average exchange rate for above; £- 105.60; \$- 21.40).

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BUDGET FOR 1935. MINUTE 345. B. & C.

Approved by Council when exchange rates were, £-104.50 and \$-21.45.  
N.B. Any serious alteration in the exchange would necessarily demand a somewhat similar percentage adjustment in many of the figures here quoted.

Estimated Expenditures.

Secretary; Salary, Child allowance(3), Service	52,500.00	Francs Belge
Furlough Sinking Fund	18,500.00	
Hospitality	5,250.00	
Office:		
Postage	5,000.00	
Telegrams	2,000.00	
Sundries and Medical	2,800.00	
Paper, & c	3,000.00	
Wages in Office	3,600.00	
Property Upkeep; Wood, Repairs, Taxes, &c	3,000.00	
Wages for Helpers	6,200.00	
Subscriptions, Magazines, Papers, &c	750.00	
Car Upkeep and Travel Fund	7,500.00	
	<u>110,100.00</u>	
To restore Sinking Fund for 1934	18,500.00	
Deficit on 1934 brought forward	<u>1,680.27</u>	130,280.27

Estimated Income.

Annual Grants and Gifts from Missions	101,777.50	
Personal Memberships and Gifts	2,000.00	
U.M.H. Allowance for Secretary's services	10,000.00	
Additional 1934 Grant anticipated	6,000.00	119,777.50
	<u>119,777.50</u>	
Anticipated Deficit remaining to Sinking Fund		<u><u>Rs 10,502.77</u></u>

C.P.C. MINUTES MEETING 13. 1935. -19-  
PROJECTED C.P.C. BUDGET RECOMMENDED TO THE SOCIETIES

For 1936 and also for 1937.  
 (No change to that projected in 1934 for 1935 and 36.)  
 Approved by Council when exchange rates were, £-104.50 and \$-21.45.  
 N.B. Any serious alteration in the exchange would necessarily demand a somewhat similar percentage adjustment in many of the figures here quoted.

Expected Expenditures:

Minimum Budget to maintain present work.

Secretary's Salary	37,500.00	
Children's Allowance, 3 children	15,000.00	
Furlough Sinking Fund	18,500.00	
Hospitality	5,250.00	
Postage	6,000.00	
Telegrams	3,000.00	
Medical and Sundries	2,800.00	
Paper	3,500.00	
Wages in Office	3,600.00	
Property and Upkeep: Wood, Repairs, Taxes etc	3,000.00	
Wages for Helpers	6,200.00	
Subscription to Magazines and Papers	750.00	
Car Upkeep and Travel Fund	10,000.00	Rs 115,100.00

For New Work urgently Needed and Recommended.

Office Assistant's Salary	18,000.00	
Travel Allowance to Congo	8,900.00	
Outfit Allowance	2,500.00	
Rental for home of Assistant	6,000.00	
Furlough Sinking Fund	3,000.00	40,400.00
Travel of C.P.C. Secretary in Congo		Rs 12,000.00
		<u>Rs 167,500.00</u>

PROPOSED SPECIAL BUDGET FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVISER

(Adviser to be appointed as soon as the Funds are available.)

Salary	37,500.00
Furlough Sinking Fund	18,500.00
Rental for Home of Adviser	6,000.00

Office Budget:

Postage	6,000.00	
Sundries and Medical	2,800.00	
Paper	3,500.00	
Wages in Office	3,600.00	
Travel in Congo	20,000.00	97,900.00