

CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO

MINUTES — MEETING 18

LEOPOLDVILLE, FEBRUARY 11-16, 1940.

470 Meeting. The Conseil Protestant du Congo met at Leopoldville, Congo Belge, February 11-16, 1940.

471 Present. The following were present:

- American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
Rev. P. A. MACDIARMID, Rev. J. E. GEIL, *Councillors*
Assemblies of God Mission Rev. H. W. COXILL, *Proxy*
Africa Inland Mission Rev. H. W. COXILL, *Proxy*
American Presbyterian Congo Mission
Rev. C. L. CRANE, *Councillor*
British and Foreign Bible Society
Rev. H. J. WATKINS, *Ex-Officio*
Baptist Missionary Society
Rev. E. D. F. GUYTON, *President, C.P.C.*
Rev. H. J. CASEBOW, *Councillor*,
Rev. M. GUTHRIE, *Alternate Councillor*
Congo Balolo Mission Rev. F. G. W. ANSTICE, *Councillor*
Congo Evangelical Mission Rev. H. W. COXILL, *Proxy*
Congo Inland Mission Rev. H. W. COXILL, *Proxy*
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Rev. M. KNUDSON, *Alternate Councillor*
Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church
Rev. G. W. CARPENTER *Proxy*
Disciples of Christ Congo Mission Rev. H. SMITH, *Councillor*
Mission Baptist Norvégienne Rev. J. OHRNEMAN, *Proxy*
Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission Miss D. REES, *Councillor*
Swedish Baptist Mission Rev. J. OHRNEMAN, *Proxy*
Svenska Missionsförbundet Rev. J. OHRNEMAN, *Councillor*
Rev. J. SODERGREN, *Councillor* Rev. A. TVEITON, *Visitor*

Unevangelised Fields Mission	REV. H.W. COXILL, <i>Proxy</i>
Unevangelised Tribes Mission	REV. H.W. COXILL, <i>Proxy</i>
Conseil Protestant du Congo	
	REV. H.W. COXILL, <i>General Secretary</i>
	MRS. H.W. COXILL, <i>Secretary Women's Committee</i>
	REV. G.W. CARPENTER, <i>Education Secretary</i>

Proper credentials were presented where necessary, and the Secretary read letters regarding all representations by proxy.

472. Devotions. The B.M.S. missionaries at Léopoldville invited the Council to accept responsibility for the Sunday morning English services at their Church, during the two Sundays of the meeting. On February 11 the Rev. E.D.F. Guyton presided and the Rev. Herbert Smith was the preacher. On February 18 the Rev. H. Wakelin Coxill presided and the speaker was the Rev. Josef Ohrneman. Mr. Ohrneman, who was the Congo representative at the International Missionary Council meeting at Tambaram, India, gave a most interesting and inspiring message based on Tambaram experiences. Mr. Ohrneman also spoke on "Tambaram" at a special service held on Sunday evening, February 11.

Devotional sessions were held daily during the Meeting, led by one or another of the Councillors attending, and the gatherings closed with a united Communion Service on Sunday evening, February 18th; which was conducted by the President.

473. Officers. The REV. E.D.F. GUYTON, President, presided.

REV. G.W. CARPENTER and MISS D. REES were elected Minute Secretaries.

474. Greetings. Many letters and telegrams of greeting were received with deep appreciation. A greeting cabled from the Rev. Emory Ross carried the appropriate three words, "*Faith, Courage, Vision*". The General Secretary was instructed to send suitable replies.

475 Special committees. The following Committees were appointed on nomination by the chair for the duration of the present meeting:

Finance: MR. MACDIARMID, MR. CRANE, MR. OHRNEMAN
MR. GUYTON.

Nominations: MR. SMITH, MR. GEIL, MR. CASEBOW, MR. KNUDSON.

Education: MR. CARPENTER, MISS REES, MR. ANSTICE, MR. GUTHRIE, MRS. COXILL.

Constitutional Revision: MR. GUTHRIE, MR. SMITH, MR. CARPENTER

476. Elections. Acting on proposals made by the Nominating Committee the following Officers and Secretaries of Committees were elected by the Council:

President: REV. E.D.F. GUYTON (BMS)

Vice Presidents: REV. J. OHRNEMAN (SMF)

REV. C.H.P. ANKER (MECM)

Lingala Committee: REV. C.H. CHILVERS (CBM)

Native Church Comm. REV. J. MORRISON (APCM)

Medical Committee: DR. E.G. MATTSON (SMF)

Women's Committee MRS. H.W. COXILL (CPC)

477. Appreciation. The Council wishes to record its sincere thanks to the Rev. Andrew MacBeath who since 1935 has been Secretary of the Native Church Committee, and to Dr. E.R. Kellersberger who, also since 1935, has been the Medical Secretary of the Council. The Council deeply appreciates the fine unselfish work done by Dr. Kellersberger and Mr. MacBeath on behalf of the Council and in the service of all the Protestant Missions in Congo. As they leave this country the prayers and good wishes of the Council will follow them.

478 Local Committee. The following missionaries were asked to serve as members of a Local Committee with whom the General Secretary can consult, if and when necessary, during the ensuing year.

REV. E. D. F. GUYTON REV. J. OHRNEMAN

REV. P.A. MACDIARMID REV. C. E. PUGH

479. Consultative Committee (*cf. Minute 451 f*) On recommendation of the Educational Committee, it was

VOTED: That a permanent consultative committee be established to work in coöperation with the Educational Secretary; this committee to be named annually by the Council, and to include individuals who by reason of their special interests as well as their geographical distribution may be expected to give leading on the various questions involved in the work of the Secretary. The following were named:

The OFFICERS of the Council

The SECRETARIES of all Standing committees, *ex-officio*.

REV. E.H. MORRISH (BMS, Bas-Congo) *Elementary Education*

REV. S.L. WALLING (CBM, Upper Lopori) *Rural Education*

REV. C.L. CRANE (APCM, Kasai) *Bible School Education*

MISS MARY BONAR (ABFMS, Bas Congo) *School Literature*

REV. H. STAM (AIM, Upper Uélé) *Religious Literature*

REV. W.H. ENNALS (BMS, Stanleyville) *Printing and publishing*

REV. M. GUTHRIE (BMS, Léopoldville) *Linguistics*

REV. N. BOOTH (CMCMEC, Katanga) *Sunday Schools*

REV. E.B. STILZ (MECM, Sankuru) *Rural Life*

MRS. R.R. COBBLE (DCCM, Equateur) *Music*

Appointments to cover the following interests were left open for the present: *Kindergarten work, Teacher-Training, Professional training, Arts and Crafts, Agriculture, Girl's work.*

480. Admissions to Membership. After full and careful consideration of their applications and other relevant data, including the reports of recent visitors to their fields, the Council elected to Membership as Participating Missions:

THE NORTH SANKURU MISSION

THE BEREAN AFRICAN MISSION

THE CONGO GOSPEL MISSION

The General Secretary was instructed to write to each of these Missions, expressing the Council's appreciation of their work and its joy in welcoming them into its fellowship, and taking up with them such matters, pertaining to this relationship, as require attention at this time.

481. Relations with the Salvation Army. The Council reviewed the actions taken at the meetings of the local missionaries, on August 30th, Sept. 5th, and October 2rd, 1939;

and took cognisance of a letter received by the General Secretary under date of January 3rd, 1940. It noted with particular interest that, to avoid future misunderstandings, the Salvation Army would be willing to refer beforehand any plan of extension of the Army's activities in Congo to the protestant mission or missions likely to be affected by that expansion.

The suggestion of an annual meeting of the Salvation Army officers and local missionaries is in accord with the action taken at the special meeting of September 5th, 1939, and is recommended to the local missionaries for favorable action in consultation with the General Secretary.

482. Kwango Conference. The report of the General Secretary on the Kwango Regional Conference was received with great interest. The council noted with gratification the many forward steps in coöperation, and in line with the aims of the C.P.C., that were taken at that meeting.

483 Travel Plans, 1940. After consideration of the general field situation, the Council agreed that the trips to Eastern and North-eastern Congo envisaged by the Secretaries for 1940 are of paramount importance, particularly with a view to a Regional Conference at a future date. The Secretaries were authorized to undertake any other travel within available resources not prejudicial to the foregoing.

484. Honorary Membership. (*Cf. Minute 449*). At the request of the Field secretary of the B.M.S., the Council noted receipt of a letter from him confirming the terms of appointment of the General Secretary as Honorary Member of the B.M.S.

485. Cession of Land. The council recorded its gratitude to the A.B.F.M.S for the cession of an additional plot of ground contiguous to the C.P.C Residence at Léo II. (*See Min. 465, 1939.*)

486. Finance. a. Accounts. Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1939 were submitted by the General Secretary, the Educational Secretary, and the Manager of the Bookshop. The C.P.C. books having been examined by Mr. Guyton, and the Bookshop accounts by Mr. Car-

penter, the statements were accepted by the Council after consideration.

b. Financial Condition. The Council noted with satisfaction that the accounts of the General Secretary showed that income during 1939 had exceeded expenditure; this being due largely to an increase in personal memberships and gifts from individuals. The Council records its gratitude to God for this provision and rejoices in this evidence of widespread appreciation and support of its work. The Council also gratefully recognized that owing largely to special gifts received, the extensive travel and visitation envisaged for the General Secretary for 1939 had been possible, even though the Council had been unable to make adequate provision for it in the 1939 budget.

It was also noted with satisfaction that the two Council publications; THE CONGO MISSION NEWS and L'EVANGILE EN AFRIQUE had been published for another year without any financial loss.

c. Budgets. A revised budget for 1940 and projected budgets for 1941 and 1942 were prepared in the light of recommendations from the Finance Committee and approved by the Council. These contained certain carefully considered and necessary increases. The Council realised that in order to meet the expenses anticipated in the budget it will be necessary for missions and missionaries to give no less generously than they did in 1939; in fact it is hoped that additional grants and gifts may be forthcoming. It is a matter of regret that there has so far been no response to the proposal that the Native Church share in the support of the C. P. C.

d. Statements. It was agreed that copies of the Financial Statements, etc., be sent to all Councillors.

e. Current Arrangements. It was agreed that the A.B.F.M. S. should be approached with a view to concluding an agreement regarding the salary and allowances of Dr. Carpenter similar to that made in the case of Mr. Watkins; the Bookshop to pay approximately half of salary, house rent, travel and furlough funds for the period of his managership.

f. Future Provision The question of future provision for the Educational Secretaryship and Bookshop Managership was referred to the Local Committee for consideration in about nine months' time.

487. Furloughs. The question of the furloughs of the General and Educational Secretaries was referred to the Local Committee for consideration at as early a date as practicable.

488. Bookshop Managership. In view of the approaching furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, the Council voted unanimously that its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Watkins, as Manager of the Bookshop from its inception, should be put on record, as well as its regret at his decision to relinquish connection with it in favor of full-time service with the A.B.F.M.S. The Council extends to Mr. and Mrs. Watkins its prayers and best wishes for a happy and prosperous furlough.

b. The Council requested Dr. Carpenter to undertake the managership of the Bookshop for the ensuing year, it being noted with appreciation that the A.B.F.M.S. have consented to his undertaking this in addition to the specific work for which they originally released him.

489. Bookshop: Working Funds. In view of the current need of the Bookshop for larger working funds, particularly under war-time conditions, the Council agreed:

a. That missions doing a large current business with the Bookshop be invited to place on deposit a fund sufficient to cover three months' orders, thus approximately equalizing their accounts on the books; and

b. That the Bookshop be authorized to accept loans, at interest, of mission funds in such amounts as may be needed to provide for handling current business.

490. Bookshop Committee. It was voted that a Bookshop Committee be constituted, to include if possible both missionary and non-missionary members; nominations to be made by the Local Committee.

491. Literature. The Educational Secretary reported on progress in the preparation and circulation of basic texts,

and on other literature questions. These were referred to the Educational committee which gave them consideration and reported the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Council:

a. That the Bookshop issue writing cards in French similar to those (in Kikongo) now in use in the C.&M.A.

d. That users of basic manuscripts be requested to return them after use, thus constituting a "circulating manuscript library."

c. That a set of copies of ONE MEDIATOR be added to this library.

d. That materials available for translation, even though not in manuscript form, be included also, notably ten sets of the NOTES of the Bible Reading Fellowship.

e. That a set of the cuts used in Miss Gollock's SHOW US THE FATHER be purchased for use on a rental basis.

492. Standard Forms. The Council recommends to all missions the use of the standard forms: *Certificat de Transfert ou de Visite*, obtainable through the Bookshop. It is hoped that these will eventually supplant the varied forms now in use. These forms have been specially prepared by the Council for use throughout all Congo in connection with Church members or adherents leaving one mission station or area for another, either permanently or for short periods.

The Council agreed to certain modifications in these forms when the next edition is printed.

493. Medical Hostel. The Council requested the General Secretary, in consultation with the Local Committee, to continue negotiations with the Government regarding the Medical Hostel, provided that if financial aid is needed or if, as a last resort, diplomatic intervention is envisaged, the Secretary draft a letter to all the Councillors, and the Home Boards they represent, asking approval and support for the steps proposed.

494 Women's Committee. The Council received with appreciation the report of Mrs. H.W. Coxill as Secretary of the Women's Committee. It expressed gratitude to Mrs. Kellersberger for further contributions to the Kellersberger

Fund, and warmly approved the work of the Bible Women supported by the Fund.

The Women's Committee seeks to disseminate information on particular aspects of work among women and girls, but it would stress the fact that the ultimate practical result of fitting the new generation of women to bear their part in the general Christian advance must always be kept in view. We must aim at creating more enlightened homes and at enabling women and girls to feel that they can make a definite Christian contribution through home life. For this reason we would plead that increasing attention should be given to the building up of family and communal life. Pages 67-71 of the Tambaram Report, *THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH*, give much valuable leading on this subject.

495. Occupation of the Field. *a. Survey.* The Secretaries reported limited progress in the gathering of data on field occupation recommended last year. (Minute 458 a.) The attention of the missions is again called to the importance of providing full and up-to-date information to the C.P.C. office.

b. Inadequately occupied sections. The Council strongly recommends that each mission study anew its own field, noting particularly those parts which are still unoccupied or poorly occupied, with a view to strengthening the Christian witness in those regions without delay.

c. Mutual consultation. Wherever possible neighbouring missions should confer with a view to the complete occupation of the field, close co-operation in the work and, as far as this is practicable, standardization of method and accomplishment.

496. Separatist Movements. The Council noted with grave concern that tendencies are discernible in Congo similar to those which have resulted, in other parts of Africa, in the formation of Separatist Churches. While we desire to see the Native Church advance in autonomy and self-government as rapidly as it is able to do so, we recognise that no body of Christians in Congo is yet able to stand alone without the counsel and nurture of a mission body, and that the missions have a continuing responsibility, both

moral and legal, in respect to those who have been influenced by their activity.

In view not only of the gravity with which the Belgian Colonial Government regards separatist tendencies, but also of the paralyzing effect of such movements on the spiritual growth, power and witness of the church itself, we urge the missions to do all they can to avoid these tendencies appearing in their midst. We recognise that these separatist movements may unintentionally be encouraged by an unwise mission policy or unwise actions on the part of individual missionaries.

We consider it a duty of our missions to try to guide the church into a growing sense of fellowship with all Christians and a more fervent desire for the unity of the Church Universal. We must support one another in such ways as to avoid lines of cleavage between missions and to maintain the fullest possible mutual sympathy between the missions and the church, and between the individuals composing them. We realise that much more needs yet to be done through prayer and study toward the full achievement of Christian unity.

497. Kwango Problem. The Secretary reported on action taken in pursuance of Minute 459, which action was fully approved by the Council.

498. Tambaram Committee. The Special Committee appointed by the 1939 Council meeting (See Min. 461b) met, as requested, prior to this 1940 gathering. The Committee presented its Report to the Council, which report, with slight modifications, was adopted and ordered printed as a supplement to these Minutes. The Council desires to draw the attention of all missions in Congo to the importance of the recommendations contained in that report.

499. Institute of Languages and Cultures. The Council noted a complaint made by missionaries of the D.C.C.M. regarding the conduct of the recent Lomongo-Nkundu Literature competition by the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures; and instructed the Secretary to protest in the name of the Council with regard to the points cited in the complaint.

500. Personalité Civile. The Council instructed the General Secretary, after consultation with Mr. Guyton and Mr. Ohrneman, to apply to the Government for Personalité Civile for the C.P.C. The Council has so far acted under that of the Union Missionnaire Hospitalière.

501. Constitutional Amendments. a. Adopted. In pursuance of action initiated at the previous meeting, the Council adopted the following amendments to the Constitution, subject to ratification within nine months by the participating missions:

That Article 7, Section 1, be amended to read: "The Officers of the Council shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, and the General Secretary."

That Article 7, Section 2, be amended to read: "The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Council for a term of one year, and shall be eligible for re-election. The function of the President is to preside at all meetings of the Council, and at any General Conference of Protestant Missions which may take place during his term of office. In his absence or disability one of the Vice-Presidents shall serve in his place."

b. Proposed. On recommendation of the Committee on Constitutional Revision, the Council hereby gives notice of proposals to revise the Constitution in the following sense, action on these proposals to be taken at the next regular meeting of the Council:

1. That the terms "*Member*" and "*Membership*" be applied to the participating missions and to personal or sustaining members; and that the terms "*Honorary Councillors*", "*Associate Councillors*", "*Ex-officio Councillors*", and "*Alternates*" be used in place of "*Honorary Members*", "*Associate Members*", "*Ex-officio Members*" and "*Alternate Councillors*" respectively wherever these terms occur.

2. That Article 3 be entitled "*Membership*" and Article 4 be entitled "*Representation*", in accordance with the foregoing; and that Section 3 of Article 4 be transferred to Article 3.

3. That Article 8 be recast in terms sufficiently general to include such modifications of the standing committee organization as may be found useful.

4. That a new article be added after Article 12, to define procedure with respect to applications for membership.

5. That provision be made for the election of a temporary Chairman in the absence of any elected presiding officer.

6. That sundry verbal modifications be made in the interest of clarity.

502. **Next Meeting.** It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council in February 1941, at Léopoldville, unless there should be forthcoming an invitation to meet elsewhere, and such invitation should be found practicable of acceptance.

503. **Adjournment.** The Council adjourned after prayer.

ERNEST F. D. GUYTON *President*

H. WAKELIN COXILL

General Secretary

GEORGE W. CARPENTER

DOROTHY REES

Recording Secretaries

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONGO PROTESTANT COUNCIL
ARISING OUT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE
TAMBARAM MEETING
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

1. **Attendance.** A committee, as constituted by the Conseil Protestant du Congo in its 1939 meeting (Minute 461 b) met for three days, February 8th, 9th and 10th, 1940, at Léopoldville, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Guyton, President of the Council. In addition to the appointed members, (Mr. Carpenter, Educational Secretary; Mr. Coxill, General Secretary; Mr. Guyton, Mr. Ohrneman and Mr. Herbert Smith) the Committee invited Miss Rees, Mr. Anstice and Mr. Crane to share in its deliberations.*

2. **Adoption.** The Recommendations of this Committee were later considered by a full meeting of the Conseil Protestant du Congo and, after slight modification, were adopted and incorporated into the Minutes. (Minute 498).

3. **Further Study Important.** The Committee found itself confronted with a task of overwhelming magnitude in trying to grasp, appraise, and interpret in terms of Congo conditions the great body of valuable suggestions emanating from the Tambaram meeting of the International Missionary Council. We would remind all missions and missionaries that three years of concentrated thought and study on the part of a great number of experienced and gifted Christians in many lands underlay that gathering. An equivalent volume of study and reflection, not alone on the

*A report of studies by M.E.C.M. missionaries of some of the questions raised in the Tambaram meeting was received with appreciation. The Committee found itself in agreement, in principle, with that report, and referred to the Council for further consideration the question of relations with political exiles in Congo.

part of small committees like the present, but by missionaries singly and in groups throughout the length and breadth of Congo, will be needed to give full application to its values. We recommend most earnestly that all missionaries continue to read and study the condensed findings (the volume entitled: THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH), and that as many as are able to go more fully into particular questions read at least the relevant sections of the full report. The report of the Swarthmore meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, PUTTING MADRAS INTO ACTION, is also very valuable.

The General Secretary and the Educational Secretary of the C. P. C. will be glad to assist and coöperate in such studies in every way in their power.

We believe that such united thinking about our common task, not in exclusive concern over our particular immediate problems, but with a sense of sharing the life, the experience, and the mission of the great Church Universal may greatly clarify and enrich our understanding of God's purpose for us and for His Church in Congo.

Hence we do not wish our present suggestions to be regarded as a final disposal of the Tambaram report, but rather as the initial stage of a continuing process of exploration and application that will be increasingly significant year by year. Here we can do no more than emphasise some of the ideas stressed at Tambaram and suggest some of the immediate steps that may be taken in Congo to render them more operative in our own work.

4. Evangelism. We heartily concur in the emphasis given to evangelism as a primary aspect of all Christian work. We agree "That continuous attention [should] be given.... to the problem of how to evoke and sustain *in every Christian* the spirit and purpose of evangelism.... Our Lord's call for prayer that labourers may be sent into the harvest field was never more timely and urgent than now. The enlistment and preparation of youth, of laymen, of women, of new converts, of those who possess unusual resources of education or of economic strength, and

their employment within the spheres of their largest influence are of primary importance." In this connection we note:

a. Unoccupied Areas: That considerable areas of Congo are without adequate Christian witness. In certain instances such areas lie within the spheres of activity claimed by strong missions. We urge that provision be made for effective evangelisation in all such areas without delay. We must not forget God's call to bring the witness of Christ to *all* the people in Congo.

b. Wise Planning: That the present unsettled world conditions make the future of all missionary work less calculable than ever before in modern times. In some fields all missionary activity has been brought to a sudden end. While we have no reason to suppose that this will happen in Congo, we ought so to plan and work that the Congo church may be able to stand alone and to continue autonomously even if missionary activity should cease at no very distant date.

c. Christian Witness: That evangelism includes not only the winning of more and more people to take the initial decisive step of acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour, but also the continual discovery and sharing of the ever-growing meaning of obedience and discipleship. Christian witness thus involves the interpretation of the Gospel in ever fuller terms, in relation to the whole of our people.

d. Qualifications: That the Congo church is, in many quarters, failing to attract the most capable young people into active Christian service. With Tambaram, "We protest against the idea that while men of first-class qualifications are needed for hospitals and schools, anyone can be an evangelist." We protest this both as to missionaries and as to native Christian leaders; and hold that much of the spiritual poverty of the Congo Church is due to neglect of this truth. We recommend that missionaries should present the call to the ministry at every opportunity, not only in public but in personal conference with able young people. At the same time we would urge that we all rid our minds of the pernicious idea that Christian witness

is uniquely the function of a class of professional Christian workers, and that we make clear the responsibility of every Christian in this regard.

5. **Coöperation and unity.** We rejoice in the conviction, evident throughout the Tambaram Report, that the Christian Church is "one body in Christ", and that all our planning and work should be carried out in terms of that essential unity.

a. Accomplishments. We find that Congo is relatively free from certain handicaps to the practical expression of this unity; this being due in part to the following factors:

i. There is among us no "state church" claiming special status for its clergy, sacraments, or communicants.

ii. There is a general similarity of views, polity, and methods of work among nearly all the Protestant missions in Congo.

iii. Acquaintance between missions and missionaries was fostered in the very early days by the conditions of travel. This led to the early formation of the General Conference, through which, with the C.P.C., coöperation and fellowship have been fostered unceasingly through the years.

Thus we find in Congo a relatively happy state of coöperation among the missions, expressed in many ways, such as these: the use of a common name for the growing indigenous church through the field, *L'Eglise du Christ au Congo*; the mutual acceptance of members by transfer; the general observance of comity; well-nigh universal support and appreciation of the Congo Protestant Council; active interest in one-another's work, (shown in widespread mutual acquaintance, correspondence, visitation, and communications through the CONGO MISSION NEWS); and so forth.

b. Active and passive coöperation. We note, however, that this coöperation is in large part passive, *i. e.* it implies in many cases little more than mutual acceptance and mutual interest; it does not go on to a mutual concern so active and compelling as to lead us consciously

to frame our own plans and work in the perspective of the growth of the whole Church of Christ.

c. Enlarged Vision. There are, it is true, a number of "coöperative projects" in Congo which illustrate this larger-scale planning, among them the Union Mission House, the *Ecole de Pasteurs et d'Instituteurs* at Kimpese, the joint Christian work at Kamina, the Bookshop, and, in fact, the Congo Protestant Council itself. It is the view of Tambaram, with which we concur in principle, that the spirit and attitude which underlies these projects should now be generalized to embrace all our thinking and planning. Here below we cite certain areas in which the need for coöperation is especially urgent and the possibility of effective coöperation particularly evident. But more important than any particular instance of coöperation is the general principle — the active recognition of our unity in Christ — which will lead us to "bear one-another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

d. Strategic Points. Certain situations in which we believe larger coöperation is needed are the following:

i. Urban and Industrial Areas. In some centres, as for instance Léopoldville, a number of agencies are at work. In such instances concerted planning for the most effective distribution of work and resources seems essential. In others, the sudden growth of an industrial area makes existing Christian forces inadequate. Here the missions in the areas from which the industrial population comes have a vital interest in the strengthening of the Christian work at the centres. This has been done very effectively in the Copper Belt of Northern Rhodesia. Certain areas in Congo need similar help. "We appeal," says Tambaram, "for a new venture in coöperation and united planning in evangelism, whereby the various missions and churches at work in any area assume joint responsibility by combining their resources of men and money in order to meet effectively the evangelistic needs of great cities and of extensive rural areas, and the urgent opportunities arising where there are sudden accessions to the Christian Church as in Africa and India."

ii. *Regional planning.* There are still inadequately occupied areas between or on the borders of our fields. Past experience in regional planning by groups of missionaries representing all the missions in an area gives promise of still greater benefits from this means. We therefore recommend that the C. P. C. Secretaries be asked to study, in correspondence with the missions in Congo, the most natural and practicable divisions of Congo into Regional Areas for the furtherance of closer coöperation and more effective missionary activity.

iii. *Nomenclature.* We recommend the uniform use, in the Congo and whenever practicable, of the terms *Mission Protestante* and *L'Eglise du Christ au Congo*. The name or initials of a particular society should be subordinated to these general titles whenever possible. We deprecate the use in Congo of mission names and initials alone, because (1) in many instances they are foreign and unintelligible to Belgians and others in the Colony, and (2) they often emphasize our organizational, denominational and national divisions, rather than our essential unity.

We also deprecate the use of mere place-names, such as *Mission de Kafombo*, or worse, *The Kafombo Mission*, because this implies that each station is a separate mission unrelated to any other. *La Mission Protestante de (or à) Kafombo* would, we consider, be better.

For sign-posts, for example, which are getting more and more needed on the motor roads, we strongly recommend the use of the words *Mission Protestante*. In smaller letters might also be added, if desired, the initials or legal name of the mission or the name of the place. (The word *Protestante* is preferable to *Évangélique* because of Belgian usage and understanding of the former.)

It is, of course, recognized that for letter-heads, legal correspondence, etc., the official name of the mission or society must always be used.

iv. *Interchange of workers and methods.* We suggest a much more extensive interchange of specially gifted workers,

both native and missionary, as well as the sharing of methods that have proved particularly effective. We believe that inter-mission visitation (on the part of missionaries and church leaders) may be of great value to all, and recommend that the C. P. C. encourage such interchanges.

v. *L'Eglise du Christ au Congo.* We note that important questions of Church polity, order, property ownership and discipline are bound to arise in the development of the *Eglise du Christ au Congo*. We consider that it is not too soon for the C.P.C. and the missions to undertake concerted thinking and planning in this field.

vi. *Promotion of sense of unity in the Church.* We recommend that suitable statements be prepared by the C.P.C., addressed to the Church, to foster growth in fellowship and unity, that in these articles the more pertinent sections of the Tambaram Report be presented, and that some at least of this material be inserted in the EVANGILE EN AFRIQUE.

6. **Education.** Realizing the seriousness of present world conditions, and facing the necessity for a much more stable Christian body in Congo if full autonomy is in due time to be realized, we recommend that the urgency of the need for higher training of Christian leaders be again brought before the missions.

a. *Training Schools.* In some areas this means the carrying of the most gifted few beyond the Bible School* level, now realized at several training schools, to the Theological School* level. In other areas the first steps in providing Bible School training have still to be taken. We urge that they be taken at once, and, if possible, coöperatively among all the missions in an area.

b. *Kimpese.* In the view of the Committee Kimpese is

*These terms are used in the sense defined in the Tambaram report, pp. 80-81.

BIBLE SCHOOLS for the training of full-time unordained workers in the Church.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS for the training of the ordinary pastoral ministry, i.e. ordained ministers.

best able, at the present time, to serve and to give a lead over a wide field in advanced training. We recommend that the Trustees and Faculty be approached on this matter.

c. Visual Training. The value of using pictures, films, slides and cinema, was brought out in discussion. Coöperative use of such materials would extend their usefulness. The C.P.C. Secretaries are prepared to act as an agency for effecting such exchange, if thought desirable.

7. Family Life. We note the emphasis in the Tambaram Report on women's share in the life of the Church. The training of women and girls forms, and should form, an important phase of our work. Even more important is the leading of women and men together, as families, to express the Christian Gospel in home and community life, in the training of their children, and in social relationships. We recommend that this matter be given earnest attention, that literature on the Christian home be prepared and used, that practical teaching on the Christian home be given in all schools and in gatherings of the Church, and that the importance of the economic problems involved in the higher living standards taught in our schools be frankly faced.

8. Extravagant Display. We would also draw attention to the tendency to excessive extravagance and display of luxury in weddings, funerals and on other special occasion, which tends to impoverish our people at critical times in their lives, and places certain ceremonies in a false light. We plead for a decent moderation, and recommend that appropriate teaching and action be taken by mission and church where this problem presents itself.

9. Literature. The Committee is in full sympathy with the Tambaram recommendations on Literature Production. We recommend that the Council approve the activity of the Secretaries in this field, and that further forward steps be taken as there is opportunity.

a. Duplication of Effort. We call the attention of the missions to continuing and unnecessary duplication of effort in literature production, with accompanying failure to provide other much-needed publications. We recommend greater

use of the facilities provided by the C.P.C. and Bookshop for mutual information and correlation of literary work.

b. The International Committee. We note the services which the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa is rendering to our constituency, and recommend continued and whole-hearted support of that committee.

10. Preparation of Missionaries. We recommend that the Council draw the attention of the Home Boards to the wise emphasis given at Tambaram to the right preparation of missionary candidates; and that mission councils and committees in the sending countries coöperate in every possible way to ensure that the most suitable candidates are encouraged to apply and are accepted for missionary service.

a. Suitable reading and study. We desire to draw the attention of missionary training institutions to the need of special training for work in Congo, differing from that required for work in the home-lands or in many other fields of missionary activity, where the cultural background, levels of social and political development, and religious heritages are unlike those of Congo people. It should be realised that the relatively "primitive" heritage of Africa's people creates special problems and demands exceptionally able and well-qualified missionaries. A wealth of valuable reading material that would greatly help candidates thinking of coming to Congo is already available in English, French and other European languages, and there seems small excuse today for new missionaries coming to Congo with little or no knowledge of the land and its people. The Secretaries of the C.P.C. hold themselves at the disposition of the home boards and training institutions for the recommendation of suitable reading and study courses, for individual or class use.

b. Language Study at Léopoldville. In line with the recommendations of Tambaram, and in view of present war conditions which make it difficult or impossible for missionaries to study in Belgium, we recommend that provision be made at Léopoldville for French study and general orientation of new missionaries; this under the direction of the Secretariat of the C.P.C. The possibility of older

missionaries sharing in these courses, improving their French and at the same time contributing valuable guidance to newcomers is also envisaged. The fact that inquiries have already been made, looking to this end, and that U.M.H. affords useful facilities for the purpose, are contributory factors in support of this recommendation.

11. Correspondence. Finally, we suggest that the Council urge all missions and missionaries to reply as promptly as possible to communications and inquiries from the C. P. C. Only as information is thus provided can many of the measures for correlation of work and concerted planning already envisaged be made really effective.

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Periodicals: CONGO MISSION NEWS, L'EVANGILE EN AFRIQUE.

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Union Missionnaire Hospitalière, Léopoldville-Est

La Librairie des Missions Evangéliques. U.M.H.,
Léopoldville-Est.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. (ABFMS)

Léopoldville-Ouest, Sona Bata, Banza Manteke, Vanga,
Moanza, Kikongo, Tondo.

Africa Evangelistic Band. (AEB) Booke.

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Gombari, Betongwe, Nobe, Andundu.

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Aba, Todro, Aru, Adi, Kacengu, Rethi, Linga, Moto,
Bongoro, Oicha, Bafuka, Blukwa, Dungu, Maitulu,
Banda, Asa, Aungba, Ruwenzori, Adja.

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Luebo, Bulape, Mutoto, Lubondai, Bibanga, Kasha,
Mboi.

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Berean African Missionary Society. (BAMS)

Musuku, Ikosi.

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mbiri, Bolobo, Lukolela, Upoto, Pimu, Yalamba, Yali-
kina, Yakusu, Stanleyville, Ligasa, Irema.

Congo Balolo Mission. (CBM)

Ikau, Baringa, Bonganda, Mompono, Lulonga, Yoseki,
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Mwanza, Kisanga, Ngoimani, Kabondo-Dianda, Ki-
kondja, Katenta, Katombe, Kabongo, Kipushia, Mu-
tengwa, Busangu.

Congo Gospel Mission. (CGM) Tshene, Mangai.
Congo Inland Mission. (CIM)
 Charlesville, Kalamba Mukenge, Mukedi, Nyanga.
Christian and Missionary Alliance. (C&MA)
 Boma, Kinkonzi, Kwimba, Vungu, Mboka, Maduda.
Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (CMCMEC)
 Elisabethville, Jadotville, Kapanga, Sandoa, Kanene.
Church Missionary Society. (CMS)
 Gahini, Shyira, Kigeme, Ibuye, Buhiga, Matana, Kisenyi.
Disciples of Christ Congo Mission. (DCCM)
 Bolenge, Lotumbe, Mondombe, Wema, Monieka, Coquilhatville,
Ecole de Pasteurs et d'Instituteurs. (EPI) Kimpese.
Evangelization Society Africa Mission. (ESAM)
 Shabunda, Kama, Kahembwe.
Friends' Africa Gospel Mission. (FAGM) Kivimba.
Four Square Gospel Mission. (FSGM)
 Mumona, Katenga, Yamba-Yamba
Garanganze Evangelical Mission. (GEM)
 Chibambo (Munene), Mutshatsha, Kanduke, Nyanama, Kakwata, Bunkeya, Kabalo, Kabumbulu, Muyumba, Kamubangwa, Albertville, Mont Koni, Komeshya, Masamba, Dilolo, Mulongo, Kiambi.
Heart of Africa Mission. (HAM)
 Ibambi, Wamba, Niangara, Nala, Negbita, Poko, Opiege, Lubutu, Kesanga, Kondolole, Alambi, Korosa.
Itsiku Plain Mission. (IPM) Lokengi.
Immanuel Mission. (IM)
 Nyangkundi, Mambasa, Lolwa.
Luanza Mission. (LM) Luanza, Chyamfuba.
Mission Baptiste Canadienne. (MBC)
 Kandale, Shakenge.
Mission Baptiste Danoise (MBD) Musema
Mennonite Brethren Mission. (MBM) Kafumba.
Mission Baptiste Norvegienne. (MBN)
 Bondo, Monga, Buta.

Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission. (MECM)
 Wembo Nyama, Minga, Tunda, Lodja.
Mission Evangélique Norvégienne. (MEN) Kintshua.
Mission Evangélique de L'Ubangi. (MEU)
 Karawa, Kala, Tandala.
Mission Libre Méthodiste. (MLM)
 Muyebe, Kibuye, Mweya, Kuwintare.
Mission Libre Suedoise. (MLS)
 Uvira, Nya Magira, Machumbi-Masisi, Walikale, Ntoto, Pinga, Kayugoro, Kilemba.
Mission Norvégienne. (MN) Nia Kaziba, Kakwende.
North Sankuru Mission. (NSM) Loto, Kole.
Peniel Mission. (PM) Bololo
Svenska Baptist Mission. (SBM)
 Bendela, Semendua, Boshwe, Konkia, Nduma.
Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo. (SBMP)
 Iremera, Kirinda, Rubengera.
Seventh-day Adventists (SDA)
 Elisabethville, Kirundu, Songa Mission, Bikobo Hill, Kongolo, Buganda, Gitwe, Rwankeri, Ngoma.
Svenska Missions-Forbundet. (SMF)
 Matadi, Kibunzi, Kingoyi, Kinkenge, Mukimbungu, Sundi Lutete, Kingoyi Seminary.
Unevangelized Africa Mission. (UAM)
 Kitsombiro, Rwanguba, Katwa, Miseberi, Costermansville.
Unevangelized Fields Mission. (UFM)
 Boyulu, Bongunza, Maganga, Aketi.
Union Pentecostale des Missionnaires de Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande. (UPMGBI)
 Nkuku, Kalembelembe, Nuadu.
Unevangelized Tribes Mission. (UTM)
 Kamayala, Shambungu, Panzi, Kibenga, Baraka, Kikwit.
Worldwide Grace Testimony. (WGT) Usumbura.
Westcott Mission. (WM)
 Lusambo, Inkongo, Baka Mbuli, Mitombe.