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ing another term of service. These services would be obtained according to the terms suggested in the meeting of the Congo Committee in New York, on September 23rd. 1941, as reported by Mr. Albaugh in a letter dated October 21st. 1941.

566. Constitution. It was agreed that the dissenting vote of the B.M.S. with regard to the ratification of Article 15, Section 1, be recorded. The Council wish to point out however that the distribution mentioned is suggestive rather than obligatory.

567. Constitutional Amendments. Upon the report of the Secretary to the Council of replies to the ratification of the draft copy of the Constitution, which was circulated following the 1941 Council meeting (Min. 527), the Constitution was declared to be adopted.

In accordance with proposals made by correspondence, it was decided that the following changes and additions to the Constitution be circulated for approval:

ARTICLE 2. The words, Church of Christ in Congo, without quotation marks, be substituted for the words, Native Christian Church.

ARTICLE 18, SECTION 1. The words, affirmative replies, be substituted for the words, the replies.

ARTICLE 18, SECTION 2. be rephrased as follows: The Council or the General Secretary may refer to a Local Committee, consisting of Councillors or Legal Representatives, within reasonable travelling distance of Léopoldville, matters on which urgent decisions are required, with the proviso that any proposals of this Local Committee involving change of policy or heavy expenditure must be submitted to the entire Council. All actions of the Local Committee shall be subject to review by the Council; and shall be reported not later than at the next meeting.

568. Higher Scholastic Training. The Council heard with much appreciation a letter from the Rev. H. C. Hobgood, D.C.C.M., relative to the need for planning, without delay, for the development of a school of university grade.

After considerable discussion of this and related matters it was decided that a Commission be appointed to

study the subject of higher education and to draft a suitable project.

It was agreed that a preliminary statement and enquiry should be sent to the following persons, the Local Committee of the C.P.C. to name the Commission in the light of the replies to the preliminary enquiry:

Messrs. Engwall, Stamm, MacMurray, McKinnon, Carrington, Reynolds, Morrish, Ford, Ross Manning, Hanson, Yesson, Sprunger, Boyer, Canon Barham, Stanley Smith, Hobgood, Herbert Smith, Rowe, Singleton Fisher, J. Harrison, Wm. Deans, H.P. Jensen, Nordby, Anker, Thornbloom, MacCready, Palmaertz, Booth, Linstad, Lanoue, Oskar Andersson, Ohrneman, O. Stenstrom, Hurlburt, Jenkinson, C. Miller, Carpenter; Misses Boñar, [Lawson,] Jenks, Salisbury, Parham, Leřbak.

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569. **Commission on Church Polity.** Realising the danger of the various sections of the Church of Christ in Congo becoming more divided through the lack of close co-operation and a common understanding as to Church Polity, and this at a time when every branch of the Congo Church is longing for more spiritual and practical union, it was agreed that a Commission be appointed to study the whole subject and to make recommendations thereon. This Commission shall have members in each Province of the Congo and they will be requested to inform a duly appointed Secretary of their recommendations either singly or by groups.

It is proposed that the recommendations of this commission be later presented to each Mission in the Congo in the hope that a general agreement may be reached.

The members appointed to this Commission are as follows:-

REV. MOTT MARTIN, A.P.C.M.	REV. L.A. BROWN, A.B.F.M.S.
BISHOP SPRINGER, M.M.S.C.	REV. J.P. BARKMAN, C.I.M.
REV. ALLISON, C.&M.A.	REV. H. HALL, C.B.M.
REV. J. H. MARKER, B.M.S.	REV. L.J. TAYLOR, B.M.S.
REV. H. HOBGOOD, D.C.C.M.	REV. K. ALDEN, S.M.F.
REV. H. JENSEN, M.B.D.	DR. STANLEY SMITH, C.M.S.
REV. C. PALMQUIST, M.L.S.	

The REV. L.J. TAYLOR, B.M.S., Léopoldville, was appointed as Secretary of this Commission.

570. **Transfer of Church Membership.** The Council recommended to all Missions that in the transfer of Church Members from one Mission to another the following conditions be respected:

1. That the card or transfer form (*Min. 492*) be endorsed to the effect that the Member is in good status or otherwise.

2. That the receiving body do not accept a Member without reference to the sending Mission and close enquiry, if the attestation of the person concerned is more than three months old.

3. That a Member possessing such a delayed attestation or card shall submit himself to a probationary period of a duration to be determined by the receiving Mission.

571. **Protestant Chaplains.** It was agreed that enquiries should be made of the military authorities concerning the number of Chaplains, Protestant and Catholic, that are included in the present military organization; and also, if non-Belgian Protestant Missionaries would be acceptable as Chaplains.

572. **International Missionary Council.** The Council approves the action of the Local Committee regarding the appointment of the successor to Dr. J. R. Mott.

It further records appreciation of the outstanding services rendered to the worldwide cause of Christian Missions by Dr. Mott's great and inspiring leadership.

573. **Christian Council of South Africa.** It was agreed that if it is found that a Congo Missionary is able to attend at his or her own expense the 1942 Conference of the Christian Council of South Africa on Christian Reconstruction, to be held at Fort Hare, July 1 - 3, 1942, the General Secretary ask that person to represent officially the Congo Protestant Council.

574. **Preacher's Helps.** The Council requests the Manager of the Bookshop to correspond with the Rev. E.W. Grant of the Bible School at Lovedale, Cape Province,