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622. *Meeting.* The Conseil Protestant du Congo met at Léopoldville, Congo Belge, April 2—9, 1944.

623. *Present.* The following were present :

*American Baptist Foreign Mission Society :*

Rev. B. W. ARMSTRONG, Councillor  
Dr. G. W. TUTTLE, Councillor

*Africa Evangelistic Band :*

Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL, Proxy

*Africa Inland Mission :*

Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL, Proxy

*American Presbyterian Congo Mission :*

Rev. J. MORRISON, Councillor  
Rev. H. MILLER, Alternate

*Baptist Missionary Society :*

Rev. W. D. REYNOLDS, Councillor  
Rev. L. J. TAYLOR, Councillor  
Rev. E. H. MORRISH, Ex-Officio

*Berean African Missionary Society :*

Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL, Proxy

*British and Foreign Bible Society :*

Rev. H. M. PUNT, Proxy

*Congo Balolo Mission :*

Rev. H. F. YOUNG, President  
Rev. H. J. HALL, Councillor

*Congo Evangelistic Mission :*

Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL, Proxy

*Congo Inland Mission :*

Rev. A. D. GRABER, Alternate

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<i>Congo Gospel Mission :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Christian and Missionary Alliance :</i>		
Rev. J. E. NICHOLSON,		Councillor
<i>Church Missionary Society :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Disciples of Christ Congo Mission :</i>		
Rev. F. L. ROWE.		Councillor
<i>Friends' Africa Gospel Mission :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Mission Baptiste Danoise :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Mission Baptiste Norvègienne :</i>		
Rev. J. OHRNEMAN,		Proxy
<i>Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission :</i>		
Miss L. KELLY,		Councillor
Dr. W. S. HUGHLETT,		Substitute
<i>Mission Evangélique de l'Ubangi :</i>		
Mrs. A. JENSEN,		Councillor
<i>Methodist Mission of Southern Congo</i>		
Miss L. KELLY,		Proxy
<i>North Sankuru Mission :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Svenska Baptist Mission :</i>		
Rev. O. ANDERSSON,		Councillor
<i>Svenska Missions-Forbundet :</i>		
Rev. J. OHRNEMAN,		Councillor
Rev. J. SODERGREN,		Councillor
Rev. O. STENSTROM,		Alternate
<i>Unevangelized Fields Mission :</i>		
Rev. F. LUDWIG,		Councillor
<i>Unevangelized Tribes Mission :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Proxy
<i>Conseil Protestant du Congo :</i>		
Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		General Secretary
Mrs. H. WAKELIN COXILL,		Women's Committee.

Proper credentials were presented where necessary, and the Secretary referred to correspondence regarding all representation by proxy.

624. *Officers.* The Rev. H. F. Young presided as President of the Council. The Rev. F. L. Rowe was elected Minute Secretary.

625. *Times of Meeting.* It was agreed that morning sessions would be held from 8:30 to 11:45 with a short recess at 10:00 followed by devotions.

Afternoon meetings were held from 2:30 to 5:00 and evening meetings 8:00 to 9:30.

626. *Visitors.* It was decided to extend to Dr. H. R. Williamson, Foreign Secretary of the B.M.S., and Rev. Dana Albaugh, Foreign Secretary of the A.B.F.M.S., a cordial invitation to attend any or all of the sessions of the Council.

It was also agreed that the President and General Secretary decide which meetings other visitors should be invited to attend. Among the visitors present the Council welcomed the Rev. Earl G. Harris, General Secretary of the Federation of the Evangelical Missions of the Cameroun and Equatorial Africa.

(Dr. Williamson did not, unfortunately, arrive in Congo in time to attend the Meetings.)

627. *Devotions.* Various members of the Council conducted the daily devotional service.

On Sunday evening, April 2, a service in the B.M.S. church was conducted by the President of the Council.

A special Good Friday service was conducted by the Rev. H. F. Young, the sermon being preached by Dr. Dana Albaugh, Foreign Secretary of the A.B.F.M.S. This service closed with a Communion Service conducted by the Rev. C. E. Pugh.

The meetings ended with an evening service in the church, Sunday, April 9, conducted by Rev. J. Morrison, newly elected President for 1944, and with a message given by Rev. J. E. Nicholson and a closing prayer by the General Secretary.

628. *Special Committees.* The Chairman appointed the following committees to serve during this session of the Council:

*Nominating:* Revs. ANDERSSON, REYNOLDS, YOUNG.

*Finance:* Revs. HALL, MORRISON, OHRNEMAN, ROWE.

*Educational Secretary and Bookshop:* Dr. TUTTLE, Revs. MORRISH, MILLER, PUNT, Miss KELLY.

*Relations with Government:* Revs. MORRISON, NICHOLSON, ARMSTRONG, ROWE, OHRNEMAN.

*Comity:* Revs. GRABER, REYNOLDS, Dr. HUGHLETT.

629. *Elections.* The following officers were elected by the Council:

*President 1944-45:* Rev. J. MORRISON, A.P.C.M.

*Vive-Presidents:* Rev. W. H. EDWARDS, D.C.C.M.  
Dr. STANLEY SMITH, C.M.S.

630. *General Secretary's Report.* The annual report made by the General Secretary to the Council was accepted with real appreciation for the many and varied services performed by him during the year 1943.

Copies of this report will be made available to all organizations and persons on the C.P.C. mailing list.

631. *Finance.* a) Following the presentation by the General Secretary of the accounts of the Council for the year ended December 31, 1943, the report was received with appreciation and accepted as presented.

b) Budget. The projected budgets for 1945 and

1946 were presented by the Finance Committee and approved by the Council.

- c) Notification. It was agreed that the Financial Statement presented by the Secretary, the Budgets approved by the Council and minutes relating to C.P.C. finance be mimeographed and copies sent to all Member Missions of the Council.

632. *Admission to Membership.* Following the presentation of the applications and statements of the aims, views, history and other stipulated matters (see Constitution, Art. 13) it was voted to accept the following missions as participating members of the Congo Protestant Council.

ASSOCIATION DES EGLISES LIBRES DE NORVEGE,  
HEART OF AFRICA MISSION  
MISSION EVANGELIQUE DE L'UBANGI

With this action these members were welcomed to membership in the C.P.C. The Council looks forward to helpful and happy associations with them in our common service of the Kingdom of God.

It was further decided that the application of the American Mennonite Brethren Mission for membership in the C.P.C. be deferred for reconsideration until such time as "personnalité civile" shall have been accorded to that mission.

633. *Missionary Relief War Fund.* The Council again records its approval and endorses the work of the General Secretary in his administration of the M.R.W.F. for "Orphaned Missions."

The C.P.C. expresses its appreciation to Member Missions and to all others who have come to the financial aid of those missions among us which have been cut off by the war from their ordinary sources of income. This help has been a practical demonstration of the

spirit of brotherhood existing among us and has been a real help to missions involved and to the mission cause in Africa.

Having been advised of the aid given and expressions of appreciation by those aided from this fund the Council is convinced of the need for the continuation of the fund and again urgently appeals to missionaries, missions and friends for further contributions to this cause.

634. *Congo Forces Fund.* The Council approves the distribution of the Congo Forces Fund and expresses its sincere gratitude to all who have so graciously contributed toward this worthwhile cause. Attention is called to the need for continued support of this fund.

It further registers its appreciation to the Protestant Chaplains for the invaluable spiritual help rendered by them to the Congo Protestant troops and others.

635. *The Late Chaplain Paul Hamelryck.* That the C.P.C. expressed its great appreciation of the work done by the late Chaplain Paul Hamelryck in the service of his country and of his God.

We have been greatly saddened by his death while on service in North Africa and find it very difficult to fill the gap left in our ranks.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hamelryck and to the members of Chaplain Hamelryck's family, and pray that God will comfort and sustain them in their great sorrow.

636. *Services of General Secretary as Honorary Chaplain to R.A.F.* The Council expresses its approval of Mr. Coxill serving as acting chaplain to the R.A.F., as his many other duties permit and as he has been doing at the request of Air Headquarters, West Africa.



637. *Travel of General Secretary.* It was agreed that the General Secretary be authorized to visit such mission areas as he may find practicable during the current year.

638. *Congo Mission News.* It was agreed that the Editor of the *Congo Mission News* shall choose regional correspondents to solicit material and stimulate interest amongst the missionaries of his own and neighbouring missions. Missions are the gainers if they appoint one of their number to keep the Editor informed of matters of interest regarding their own missions; forwarding these items to the Editor in time to reach Léopoldville two months before date of publication.

639. *L'Evangile en Afrique.* 1. The Secretary reported on the publication of *L'Evangile en Afrique* and expressed the sincere thanks of the Council to Mr. and Mrs. Punt for the valuable help they had given him in the editing of this French periodical during the past year.

2. The Council was informed of a grant of \$1000.00 from the Literature Fund in order to increase the usefulness of *L'Evangile* and the Council wishes to record its deep appreciation of this gift.

3. In consequence of this generous contribution the Council agrees:

- (a) That if possible the paper be enlarged.
- (b) That an attempt be made to publish once more six issues per annum instead of the four issues which have been all that have been possible recently owing to war conditions.
- (c) That the publication price remain as before for at least another year.

4. The Council has pleasure in once more thanking

most heartily the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa for the annual grant and other help given toward the publication of this journal.

5. The Council agreed to request the Staff of the E.P.I., Kimpese to cooperate with the C.P.C. Secretary in editing the paper and proposed that the help of the Mission Evangélique Suédoise at Brazzaville be also sought.

6. It was further agreed that the most highly qualified help possible be sought in the perfecting of the French used and agreed that payment for such help be made if necessary.

7. The Council further agreed that free copies of *L'Evangile* be made available for distribution by our Chaplains serving with the Congo Forces and that payment for these copies be made a charge against the Congo Forces Fund.

640. *Protestant Year Book.* The General Secretary reported on this project. It is recommended that he continue to gather useful material during 1944 but that no further action with reference to publication be taken before the next meeting of the Council.

641. *Standing Committees: Lingala.* The report from the Secretary of the Lingala Committee, Rev. S. J. Newberry, having been received, the Council resolves;

1. To go forward immediately with the translation of the Old Testament. Thanks are due to those who already have the translation of portions of the Old Testament in hand. The Council invites the Rev. M. Guthrie to join in this work by taking the responsibility for the translation of some of the portions of the Old Testament not yet allotted.

2. To print locally in the Colony and to publish in

small editions portions of the Old Testament as soon as they are ready for the press.

3. To authorize the Secretary of Publications and Literature to pass manuscripts for publication after they have been submitted to at least one other competent Lingala speaking missionary on the field.

4. To incorporate the Lingala Committee of the Council in a General Literature and Publishing Committee in order that all detail work on Lingala matters can be dealt with in Committee rather than on the floor of the Conference in future.

642. *Standing Committee: Medical.* It was agreed that we accept the definitions, as presented by the Medical members of the Council, pertaining to the terms to be used in compiling our medical statistics for the Government and the Council, and that a copy of these terms accompany the forms for annual statistics when sent to Medical workers by the C.P.C.

643. *Standing Committee: Women's Work.* The report of the activities, during 1943, of the Women's Committee was presented by Mrs. H. W. Coxill, Secretary, and accepted as read. Appreciation of the work of this committee was expressed and the Council urges that all missions manifest increased interest in the work for Congo Women.

644. *Women Councillors.* Realizing the importance of work among Women and Girls it is recommended that the member missions consider including women councillors in their deputations to the annual meetings of the Council.

645. *Commission on Church Polity.* The Council heard a further report of this Commission and agreed that the replies received to questionnaires were insufficiently representative to enable definite recom-

mentations to be made at this stage on the larger issues of Church Polity.

The Council, nevertheless, thanks all those who have given time and thought to matters under discussion and who have sent in their findings. They request that regional conferences on Church Polity should be instituted wherever possible. A great deal of helpful work, for example, on the standards of membership of the "Eglise du Christ au Congo" has been and would be done in this connection. It is further requested that reports and decisions taken at such conferences be communicated to the Commission Secretary, Rev. L. J. Taylor, who will collate the information obtained and circulate it to missions generally through the *Congo Mission News* or otherwise.

646. *Committee on Comity.* The Committee on Comity submitted its report which was accepted by the Council. It was agreed that certain of the recommendations be recorded as house minutes but that the following be included in the printed minutes of the Meeting:

- (a) We regret to receive the report of the encroachment on the field of the A.P.C.M. by the Mission of the Seventh Day Adventists. We recognize that the latter is not a member mission of the Congo Protestant Council, but we recommend that our protest be conveyed to that Mission and that a request be made that they withdraw completely from the area in question.
- (b) We have heard with anxiety reports from some areas in the Eastern part of the Colony of uncontrolled and unseemly displays of religious emotionalism on the part of Africans, some of whom have claimed to be associated with member missions of the Congo Protestant Council.

This is to be deplored for the following reasons:—

- 1) It brings discredit on the Congo Protestant Council and on all Evangelical Missions;
- 2) What is far more important, it brings discredit on God's work and the Church of Christ;
- 3) Such unseemly displays of uncontrolled religious emotion are dangerous from the point of view of the Colonial Government. Particularly is this so because, from information received, these displays are reminiscent of Kibanguism and other subversive movements.

We recommend that the member missions of the Congo Protestant Council concerned be requested to admonish any of their adherents who have associated themselves with these manifestations and in the event of their counsel not being received to dissociate themselves from these adherents and separate themselves from Christian fellowship with them.

647. *Bookshop: Librairie des Missions Evangeliques.* The ad interim Manager of the Bookshop, the Rev. H. M. Punt, presented a report of the activities for 1943. The Council accepted this report and recorded its deep appreciation of the services to Protestant Missions that Mr. and Mrs. Punt have rendered in this work.

648. *Bookshop: Appreciation of Rev. and Mrs. Punt.* The C.P.C. thanks the Rev. H. M. Punt and Mrs. Punt for their faithful and efficient services during the past two years in the operation of the Bookshop. It further extends to them its sincere good wishes as they enter another field of service in the Congo, praying God's richest blessing upon them.

649. *Bookshop: Residence for Manager.* The Bookshop manager is instructed to repay to the

Baptist Missionary Society the loan of 193,600.00 francs (£1,100) plus rental at 8% for two years or a total of 224,576.00 francs. In this transaction the dwelling erected from Bookshop funds becomes the property of the C.P.C. as a Bookshop Manager's residence.

The General Secretary of the C.P.C., in his capacity as executive officer of the Council, will, upon discharge of this obligation, secure from the Baptist Missionary Society a lease for the ground upon which the house stands.

650. *Bookshop Manager and Educational Secretary.*

- (a) It was agreed that Dr. G. W. Carpenter serve the C.P.C. as, Bookshop Manager and Educational Secretary, beginning with his arrival on the field and continuing until the meeting of the Council in 1945. We ask member missions to study the whole situation connected with this appointment in the interval, with a view to formulating the activities and the budget of the Manager of the Bookshop and of the Educational Secretary at the next meeting of the Council.
- b) It was agreed that the salary of Dr. Carpenter, as Manager of the Bookshop, be paid from the Bookshop at the same basic rate as A.B.F.M.S. missionaries and that it be adjusted at the time of his arrival at Léopoldville.
- c) It was agreed that the General Secretary request all organizations, contributing to the support of the Educational Secretary to remit all such support to the treasury of the C.P.C. Any amounts for such support received during the fiscal year will be disbursed as necessary in connection with the budget by Dr. Carpenter, as Educational Secretary. In the event that travel in Congo is contemplated

funds are to be released only upon decision of the Local Committee.

- d) Any unexpended balance on December 31, 1944, will be considered at the next meeting of the Council at which time provision will be made for furlough, travel and other allowances. It is expected that at the 1945 meeting of the Council the budget for the office of Educational Secretary will be prepared in the same manner as that of the General Secretary.
- c) It is recommended that member missions of the C.P.C. restudy the work and the financing of the office of Educational Secretary and instruct their councillors to bring recommendations to the 1945 Council meeting. The General Secretary will provide member missions with the suggested budget prepared by Rev. G. W. Carpenter.

*651. Report of Special Committee on Education.*

The Rev. Edgar Morrish, Educational Secretary, presented a very comprehensive report on the educational programme of the C.P.C. together with a summary of the replies received from members of the committee on Higher Education (Min. 599, 1943) and a statement as to the conclusions to be drawn therefrom.

The Council, with deep appreciation, accepted this Report, which represented extensive study, much labour and a profound knowledge of the subject.

Mr. Morrish was asked to form a committee to co-operate with him in formulating recommendations for member missions of the Council based on his report.

*652. Educational Programme and Recommendations.*

The following conclusions were reached and recommendations made:

- a) *Higher Scholastic Training*: Whilst we continue to look to the eventual accomplishment of University courses as the apex of our educational system, we recognize that the time for detailed planning has not yet arrived. This is due to (a) the high cost of establishment and upkeep; (b) difficulties in obtaining adequate qualified missionary staff; and (c) the fact that until our Primary and Secondary education is better organized and carried to a higher standard over the whole Field the number of students able to benefit by university courses would be too few to warrant the expenditure of money and staff even were such available.
- d) *The Immediate Task*: Without question our immediate task is the organization and co-ordination of our primary school work and the development of secondary work.
- c) *Inter-Mission Standing Committees on Education*: In order that careful, detailed consideration may be given to this subject, we recommend the immediate setting up of inter-mission standing committees on Education for the various natural regions of the Congo. Five regional committees should be established providing respectively for the needs of the Kasai-Katanga, Ruanda-Urundi, the Eastern Congo, the Coquilhatville Province and the Western Congo.
- d) *Recruitment of Men Educationalists*. If we intend to take our educational work seriously and organize it properly we must have qualified men teachers available for the work. We therefore recommend that: (1) every attempt be made to recruit men teachers in service or in training in the home lands; and (2) that young missionaries



with theological training, who respond to the need and interest themselves in the work, be encouraged to take regular courses of educational training during their first or second furloughs.

- c) *Education of Women and Girls*: In order that it may be made possible for lady missionaries to have more contact with the women and girls in their villages, careful consideration should be given to the question of releasing a certain number of ladies from station duties in order that they may engage in full time district work.
- f) *School Fees*: The principle of school fees should be accepted for all of our schools above the Kindergarten.
- g) *Literature*. It was agreed that the first two books of the French course prepared by Dr. Palmer on the basis of the "word selection method" be accepted for use in all our schools and that Mr. Morrish be authorised to make arrangements with the publishers for immediate production of the remaining books of the series.

The Council would be interested in the production of a series of arithmetic books for use in our missions, based on existing publications specially prepared for African schools and asks that this question be taken up by members of the Kimpese Faculty.

653. *Report of Educational Secretary*. It is recommended that the report of the Educational Secretary be circulated to all missions and that when the various Inter-Mission Standing Committees are established, they give careful consideration to the suggestions contained therein.

654. *Educational Secretary*. It was agreed that in connection with his work as Educational Secretary Dr.

Carpenter promote the carrying into effect of the recommendations of this council as found in minute No. 652 which has to do with the formation of regional Inter-Mission Educational Committees.

655. *School Texts in French.* Recognizing the great lack of suitable school text books in French for use in our mission schools this Council urgently requests the manager of the Bookshop to investigate every possible source of such French texts. In the event that such material is procurable this fact shall be brought to the attention of all Protestant Missions in Congo. (See also Min. 652.g.)

The Bookshop Manager is further requested to encourage production of French texts whenever and wherever possible by members of the Congo missions and arrange for the printing and distribution of same.

656. *School for White Children.* Having received from the Colonial Government, and also from the British and American Consuls unfavorable replies regarding the financing of a school for white children, (see Min. 606. 1943) we agree to form a committee to make studies as to the possibility of establishing a Union Mission School for white children and to canvas the various missions to determine the possible enrolment.

657. *Relationship with Government.* With regard to our attitude towards the Government, we adopt Minute 613, paragraphs 43-45 and 143-144, of the 1943 Council meeting, as a basis for future action.

- a) We recommend that a fresh memorandum be drawn up, showing how the policy of the Government is forcing Protestant natives into an under-privileged class and how this is evident in the

behaviour of certain Government Officials and Catholic Priests.

- b) That all Missions be again urged to forward to the General Secretary all cases of aggression by Roman Catholic Priests or discrimination by government officials, even when satisfaction has been given.
- c) We recommend that all cases, of injustice which necessitate intervention by the Gouverneur Général or Procureur Général be handled by the General Secretary of the C.P.C. Apart from other considerations this will strengthen the position of the Congo Protestant Council with the Government and show the true unity of Protestant Missions in the Belgian Congo.

(At their request the negative vote of the B.M.S. Councillors is recorded).

658. *Liberty to Evangelize in Concessions.* It was agreed that the General Secretary be authorized to press for the right to carry on evangelistic work in those industrialized areas where difficulties are encountered.

659. *Survey of the Field.* Realising the great changes that have taken place in many parts of Congo in recent years owing to industrialisation, new mining areas and enlarged urban centres and that, in consequence of this and other causes, the Protestant witness is very inadequate in certain of these areas, the Council agreed:

- a) That serious consideration should be given to this situation.
- b) That missions, unable to deal adequately with the tasks confronting them in the areas for which they have assumed responsibility, be asked to

notify the General Secretary so that, if possible, help from other sources may be found.

- c) That, as previously stated by the Council, the strengthening of existing missions and closer cooperation between them be urged and not the entry into Congo of further small and inexperienced missions.

660. *Home for Aged Natives in Léopoldville.* It was agreed that the General Secretary, a representative from each of the Protestant Missions serving the Léopoldville area and Salvation Army meet with Government representatives in formulating a plan through which we may cooperate in the establishment and supervising of a Protestant home for the aged in the native city of Léopoldville.

661. *Old Age Pensions for Mission Workers.* The Council favours some form of a just old age pension for native workers and asks the member missions to study this problem for further council consideration.

662. *International Missionary Council.* (1) The Council records its sincere thanks to the International Missionary Council, both in London and New York, for most valuable help given in many and varied ways, remembering especially the assistance given to our Orphaned Missions during the past three years.

(2) It was agreed to continue to make an annual contribution to the funds of the International Missionary Council.

663. *International Missionary Council: Dr. William Paton.* In concert with the whole Church of God and especially with all missionaries and Missionary Societies the C.P.C. records its gratitude to God for the life and manifold service of Dr. William Paton and mourns his loss.

His eager exuberant personality, his richly stored and well trained mind, his high literary gifts, his power as a preacher of the Word of God and in leading so many and varied Christian enterprises, his example of the consecration of great gifts to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, have been of incalculable value to the worldwide Missionary movement.

The Council remembers with pride that as a Missionary leader Dr. Paton won a high place of confidence and influence in official circles, national and international; it places on record its especial appreciation of the services he rendered the Council during the years he was European Secretary of the I.M.C. His sudden death in the fulness of his powers, is a keen loss and distress to Congo missionaries. Others will fill the vacant office but no one will quite take his place. Dr. Paton was a unique gift of God to the Church and in the mystery of his passing from us the Council bows before Almighty God in Faith and Prayer.

664. *Committee on Christian Literature for Africa.*

We desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the help rendered to the cause of Christ in Congo during many years by the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa under the able leadership of Miss Margaret Wrong. Contributions both financial and otherwise to *L'Evangile en Afrique* have made possible the success of this periodical and the regular circulation of *Books for Africa* has been to all missions a source of help and inspiration. We look forward with pleasure to the visit of Miss Wrong to Congo, assure her of a hearty welcome and trust that plans will result in a great impetus being given to the production of much needed additional literature.

665. *Committee on Christian Literature for Africa: Visit of Miss Wrong.* Consideration was given to the proposed visit of Miss Margaret Wrong to Congo and the Council requested the General Secretary to send copies of her memorandum of October 21, 1943, to each station in Congo in preparation for her visit. Missions having special needs or proposals to bring before Miss Wrong are asked to send notification of these to the General Secretary prior to her arrival in Congo. The actual date of her visit is not known though the year 1944 is stated.

666. *World Sunday School Association.* The C.P.C. expresses deep appreciation to the World Sunday School Association for the assistance in the work of Protestant Missions of the Congo: (1) For the financial aid of the \$100,00 contributed to the salary of the Educational Secretary. (2) For the literature sent out to the Congo missions; (3) for inspiration and information afforded through its periodical conventions; (4) For gifts sent for Daily Vacation Bible Schools; (5) For assistance given in cooperating with the World Fellowship on Religious Education.

667. *British and Foreign Bible Society.* The Council expresses to the British and Foreign Bible Society its sincere gratitude for the financial and other help rendered to Christian Missions by the Society in the preparation and publication of the New Testament in Lingala, during 1943. The Council records with gratitude that this is the first opportunity for hundreds of Congo folk, who have had no Scriptures in their own vernacular, to read God's Word in a "lingua franca" they understand. The Council hopes that the B. & F. B. S. will be greatly encouraged by the rapid sale of the first printing.

668. *Annual Bible Sunday.* The Council again recommends to Congo Missions the desirability of regarding one Sunday in the year, preferably the first Sunday in October, as Bible Sunday, remembering especially the Societies responsible for helping in the publication and dissemination of the Scriptures.

669. *Conferences with other Christian Councils in Africa.* The Council heard with interest and satisfaction letters from other Christian Councils in Africa concerning the possibilities of regional conferences. It authorizes the General Secretary to make an approach, by correspondence or otherwise, to the Secretaries of these other Councils as to the possibility of arranging Regional Conferences.

670. *Greetings to other Councils.* Agreed that we ask the General Secretary to convey the greetings of the Congo Protestant Council to other Christian Councils in Africa.

671. *Letters to the Church of Christ in Congo by the President of the Council.* It was agreed that the President of the C.P.C., during his year of office, in his official capacity, address two or more letters to the Church of Christ in Congo with our African brethren especially in mind.

672. *Use of Radio.* It was agreed that a committee composed of Rev. A. H. Miller and Rev. J. E. Nicholson investigate the possibility of utilizing the radio as a means of propagating the Gospel message and extending the scope of missionary work. This committee will report to the next meeting of the Council.

673. *Exchange of Mission Minutes.* Realizing the great value of the exchange of ideas on solving mission problems and of improving programs and methods of

promoting the Kingdom of God in the Congo, it was agreed that member missions of the C.P.C. be encouraged to exchange minutes of general interest (or parts of the minutes as they deem wise) of their respective annual meetings.

674. *Retirement of Rev. C. E. Pugh.* It was noted with deep regret that this is the last meeting of the C.P.C. which has enjoyed the fellowship of Rev. C. E. Pugh, of the B.M.S., as he is retiring this year from active missionary service on the field. The Council at this time takes the opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Pugh for his wise council throughout the years and to assure him that our prayers will follow him and his family, trusting that God's richest blessings may be theirs in years to come.

675. *World Week of Prayer.* The Council requests the B.M.S. Yakusu Press to prepare and circulate a pamphlet in Lingala concerning the World Week of Prayer for 1945 as it did in 1944. It is desired that a larger number of copies be available for as early distribution as possible. The initial outlay on such a pamphlet will be borne by the C.P.C. Literature Fund.

676. *Visual Education.* It was agreed that the General Secretary secure the three films, with French titles, of the Africa Project now available, in so far as funds on hand permit.

677. *25th Anniversary.* During the week of the Council Meetings the C.P.C. Councillors gave a luncheon to the General Secretary and Mrs Coxill—their three children also being invited—to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of their first arrival in Congo, at which they expressed their deep appreciation of the many



services Mr. and Mrs. Coxill had rendered Protestant Missions and the cause of Christ in Congo.

678. *Minutes.* It was agreed that the minutes of this present Meeting should be printed.

679. *Vote of Thanks to the President.* The Council rose to express its thanks and appreciation to the Retiring President, Rev. H. F. Young, for his valuable aid and guidance of this Council Meeting.

680. *Vote of Thanks to the Baptist Missionary Society.* A vote of thanks was extended to the B.M.S. and their staff for the use of the Church building for the Council meetings and for the many courtesies and kindnesses shown to the Council members.

681. *Next Meeting.* It was decided that the next meeting of the Council be held in February 1945, at Léopoldville, at the call of the Secretary.

682. *Adjournment.* The 1944 meeting of the Council was adjourned with prayer.

*President :*

Rev. H. F. YOUNG.

*Minute Secretary :*

Rev. F. L. ROWE.

*General Secretary :*

Rev. H. WAKELIN COXILL.

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