

To Provincial

Synod

1929

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE
OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Fourth Agenda Book
containing
Notices of Motion 47 - 56.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Cape Town. 9th. November. 1929.

FOURTH AGENDA BOOK.

47. The Archdeacon of the Cape (Dr. Hogarth) to move:-

That a Commission consisting of the Bishop of George, the Deans of Cape Town and Grahamstown, Archdeacons Lee and Sharpe, Canon Robinson, Mr. Ranby, Mr. Durant and the Mover, with power to add, be appointed to consider the advisability of re-arranging the boundaries of existing Dioceses, and of creating new Dioceses within the Province, and to report to the next Episcopal Synod.

48. Mr. S. M. B. Tapa to move:-

That this Synod avails itself of the opportunity of having a photograph taken with His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town, this being his last Provincial Synod in this Province.

49. Mr. S. M. B. Tapa to move:-

That this Synod appoints three reporters for the Bantu papers, viz: H. T. Mangcu for the Imvo, S.S. Malinga for the Ilanga lase Natal, and D. Denalane for the Sesuto.

50. The Bishop of Pretoria to move:-

That this Synod takes note of the publication of My Prayer Book, and expresses the hope that it may be possible shortly to issue a cheap edition.

51. The Bishop of Southern Rhodesia to move:-

That this Synod of the Church of the Province of South Africa respectfully requests the Shipping Companies to consider the establishment of Chapels on board all passenger ships plying between Africa and England - for the use of all Christian bodies.

52. The Dean of Johannesburg (Mr. Palmer) to move:-

That this Synod earnestly commends to the Church of the Province of South Africa the spiritual needs of the students in the Universities of this country.

53. The Dean of Johannesburg (Mr. Palmer) to move:-

That this Synod is in favour of the creation of a Central Fund for the training of European Candidates for Ordination; and recommends that each Diocese in the Church of the Province contribute to this Common Fund all moneys held and raised for the benefit of European Ordination candidates, except such as are specifically held in trust for a particular Diocese.

54. A Member of the Pensions Board to move the following amendment to Agendum 46:-

(1) To be deleted.

(2) To read: "That all pensions be increased by an addition of 25%, and that Canon XL be so amended as to provide that continuous service prior to the date of the passing of the Canon may be counted in order to bring the pensionable service up to twenty-six years from 1st. January 1930".

(3) Stands.

55. The Rev. W. R. Kodisang to move:-

That the authorities of the Church of the Province of South Africa be respectfully requested to approach the Union Government by a petition or by some other suitable method to amend the section or sections of the Liquor Act of 1928 which prohibit the Native Clergymen of the Province from being in possession of unused wine for sacramental purposes.

56. The Provincial Registrar to move:-

That this Synod, by virtue of the powers vested in it by Articles XVIII, XIX and XX of the Constitution, hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints, with power of substitution, the Right Reverend BASIL WILLIAM PEACEY, M.A. Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Lebombo, in his capacity as Bishop of the said Diocese, for the time being,

and

Trustees for the time being, and as such acting for and on behalf of the Provincial Synod of the Church of the Province of South Africa, otherwise known as the Church of England in these parts, to act for and on behalf of the Board of Provincial Trustees of the said Church in all matters connected with movable, immovable, real or personal property held, or to be held, for the benefit of the Church of this Province, in trust for the said Diocese of Lebombo, and to obtain and effect proper title of any land situate in the said Diocese to and in favour of the Board of Provincial Trustees of the Church of the Province of South Africa; and hereby further authorises and empowers the Archbishop of Cape Town for the time being to fill any vacancy that may occur in the event of the death, resignation or removal, for any just cause, of one or both of the above Trustees, should such vacancy occur between the meetings of the Provincial Synod.

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FIFTH AGENDA BOOK.

58. The Bishop of Grahamstown to move:-

That Resolution 38 (a) of the Synod of 1924 (Constitution and Canons p. 121) be and is hereby confirmed.

59. The Bishop of Grahamstown to move:-

That Resolution 39 of the Synod of 1924 (Constitution and Canons p. 121) be and is hereby confirmed.

60. Canon Bulwer to move the Resolution contained in Agendum 27 in the following amended form:-

"This Synod requests the Board of Provincial Trustees to explore the possibility of establishing a Provincial Fire Insurance Scheme in connection with the accumulated funds belonging to the Provincial Clergy Pensions Fund, on the understanding that the Pensions Fund will be liable for the risks involved in the Fire Insurance Scheme, and benefit by the profits which will accrue from the same.

"In the event of a combination of the Provincial Clergy Pensions Fund with a Provincial Fire Insurance Scheme being found possible, this Synod requests that the Standing Committee shall be instructed by the Archbishop to take, through its Legal Sub-Committee, such steps as will be necessary for the amendment of Canon XL accordingly at the next Provincial Synod".

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Sixth Agenda Paper:

61. The Rector of Rondebosch to move:-

That this Synod instructs the Pensions Board to have the Widows and Orphans Fund valued by the Actuary at the same time as the Pensions Fund is valued so that at each Provincial Synod the Members of the Synod may have the latest valuation in their hands when they meet.

62. Mr. J. L. Durant to move:-

That it be an instruction from this Synod to the Head of the South African Church Railway Mission to present to the Provincial Standing Committee an annual report on the work and the financial position of the Mission.

Seventh Agenda Paper:

63. The Bishop of Johannesburg to move:-

That this Synod, while welcoming the expressed intention of Government to refer Native Affairs to a Select Committee, would respectfully urge the Government to summon a Conference consisting not only of Members of Parliament but of other men and women of wide experience in Native Affairs; and that this Conference include Native Representatives.

64. The Dean of Cape Town (Mr. Lavis) to move:-

That this Synod records its deep gratitude for the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and commends its appeal for financial support to the Members of the Church of the Province.

65. PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION:-

Alteration of the Report proposed by Archdeacon Lee (and carried) under "Finance" - instead of "especially the proposed.....Cape" it will read "especially the proposal made by Representatives of other Provinces for a different allocation of Funds for Native Education. At present the Cape receives three-fifths, Natal one-fifth and the Transvaal and O.F.S. the remaining one-fifth between them; the total amount being £340,000. Obviously the remedy in any fresh allocation of Funds is not to decrease the present ratio given to the Cape, but to increase the total amount devoted to Native education, so that the more backward provinces may be given the money they need."

RESOLUTION TO GO TO THE CAPE ADMINISTRATION:-

"That the Council of Education of the Church of the Province of South Africa desires to express to the Administration of the Cape Province its sincere appreciation of the terms now given to religious bodies to carry out coloured education in a manner more commensurate to the needs of the Coloured Community."

66. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF REVIEW:-

Your Committee regret that owing to the limited number of copies available and the short time at their disposal all members have not been able to peruse all the various Diocesan Acts, but every Diocese has been examined by a Member of the Committee or some helper, such as Canon Orford or the Provincial Registrar. The Committee would once more urge that every Diocesan Secretary should supply every other Diocesan Secretary with a copy of the Acts of his Diocese as soon as they have been adopted. In this way there will be in every Diocese a set of the Acts which can be studied at leisure.

We note that in some Dioceses election to Synod and elective assembly are not by Parishioners in Vestry Meeting, but by some other body. There is no illegality in this for strange to say there is no Canon giving directions as to how such elections shall be conducted. In fact, the Constitution merely states that election should be according to the rules made by the Dioceses, but it might be desirable to arrive at uniformity.

There is very little that calls for correction. The Diocese of Bloemfontein should amend the language of # 35 of Chapter 1 to make it clear that it is the Bishop who promulgates.

It would be well if every Diocese which has adopted the system of Parochial Councils would make it clear that such councils cannot control Churchwardens in respect of such duties and responsibilities as are placed upon them by Canon. Section 2 of Chapter XII of the Acts of the Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman in this connection might well be recast with an increase of clarity.

The Dioceses of Pretoria and Johannesburg permit proxies at the elective assembly.

The Diocese of George permits a parishioner to vote in the election of lay representatives by signing a nomination paper without attending the meeting of election.

The Diocese of St. John's permits proxies in the election of the representative Deacon to sit in an elective assembly.

It is desirable that Synod should express its view as to whether the system of proxies is desirable. The Canons would appear to be silent on the matter.

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Eighth Agenda Paper

67 By Canon Mochochoto:

That this Synod is of opinion that the time has arrived to go fully into the question of Stipends for Native Clergymen with a view to fixing minimum stipends throughout the Province.

68 By Mr C. E. Nixon:

That if the Agenda before this Synod are not completed at the time of adjournment on Wednesday the 20th inst the Synod shall resume after the adjournment at 8 p.m., & sit until 11 p.m., and similarly on subsequent evenings until the work is finished.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF MISSIONS:

Report to Provincial Synod:

Since the last Provincial Synod at which a report of the work done by the Provincial Board of Missions was presented the Board has continued to carry on its two-fold work of propoganda in support of the missionary work of the Province and of Committee work on technical matters.

Missionary Campaign: In the years 1926 and 1927 special efforts were made under the general direction of the Board and at the invitation of the Bishops of the Dioceses concerned to direct public attention to the work of missionaries in the Union and beyond. The Dioceses of Cape Town, Grahamstown, Bloemfontein and Natal were visited and many public meetings held and sermons preached while such bodies as Rotary Clubs, University Clubs and the larger schools and colleges were addressed. The objects of the campaign were attained in so far as the campaigners covered all available ground. The Dioceses visited were left to organize the interest thus aroused, which no doubt they have done. The campaign was paid for by voluntary offerings made at or as a result of the various meetings held. There remained a balance in hand which was paid into the Board's account.

The general impression received by all the campaigners was that there exists in the Province no lack of interest in Missionary work, but that it is unorganized and largely uninstructed, and that, therefore, it results in nothing practical. That opposition to the work of missions also exists is not to be denied, but there is little doubt that slowly public opinion is changing and the value and necessity of work amongst the Bantu is gaining more wide-spread recognition.

The need for some systematic and regular propoganda work amongst all classes of Europeans in the Union was recognized at the Provincial Missionary Conference last year and resolutions were passed asking that something should be done by the Province in this direction.

During the five years now under review much work of a technical nature has been carried out under the direction of the Board.

The Provincial Catechism has been finished and published.

A Provincial Lectionary has also been provided.

A Prize Essay Competition for Natives has been organized and completed. S.P.C.K. very kindly gave £100 to be used for the purpose of encouraging Native authors to write, and some £50 of this money has been spent in prizes given as a result of the competition. The competition was organized in the four chief Native languages of the Union, competitors being asked to write essays on seven subjects suggested to them having to do with the relation of Bantu thought to Christian teaching. Of the essays sent in, a very large number, those written in SiXosa were much the best. Committees to judge the essays in each language were formed and these committees dealt with the very large number of essays sent in. Those written in SiXosa were much the best and the prize-winning essays have been published in book form by the S.P.C.K. In the other languages, Sechuana, SeSutho, Si Zulu, the essays were disappointing, only one award being made in all three languages. One result of the competition, which aroused a great deal of interest amongst Natives, was to suggest that there is latent in the Bantu a good deal of undeveloped literary talent.

Vernacular Literature Committees have been formed, which have worked well on the whole. A good deal of miscellaneous material has been got together some of which is already published by the S.P.C.K. In this connection, a request was made to S.P.C.K. to take steps to increase the usefulness of the Society in the Province by increasing their stocks of useful vernacular books, and by better advertising their publications. One result of these negotiations has been the recognition of various book-shops and agencies throughout the Province, which the Society supplies at special prices. A list of these branches is appended to this report.

A Provincial Temperance Union for Natives was set on foot, but it appears to have come to an end.

A Provincial Native Teachers Guild was also attempted but there was no response from the Province, and the Guild's sphere of usefulness is at present confined to the Cape Province.

A committee to draw up a Syllabus of Religious Instruction was formed and this committee has reported the results of its work. Meetings of this committee, of the Vernacular Literature Committee, of the Provincial Catechism Committee, and of other Committees formed to deal with passing phases of Missionary work, have been held in various parts of the Province, most of which have been attended by the Secretary of your Board.

It has been suggested by the S.A. Institute in England that the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Missions should be regarded as the source from which all information regarding the missionary work of the C.P. and its special needs should be supplied to the Secretary of that Institution. The suggestion is a good and reasonable one which might be acted upon. But if this and other suggested activities in which the Board should engage are to be undertaken the need for a whole-time Secretary will become more urgent than it is now.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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| 50. | (Extra.) | | "My Prayer Book" | Bp.of Pretoria. |
| 51. | (Extra.) | | Chapels on ships. | Bp.of S.Rhodesia. |
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| 56. | (Extra.) | | Diocese of Lebombo. | Mr.Tennant. |
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| 58. | (Extra.) | | Confirmation of Resolutions. | Bp.of Grahamstown |
| 59. | (Extra.) | | Confirmation of Resolutions. | Bp.of Grahamstown |
| 62. | (Extra.) | | Railway Mission. | Mr.Durant. |
| 63. | (Extra.) | | Native Workers. | Bp.of Johannesburg. |
| 66. | (Extra.) | | Report Committee of Review. | Mr.Currey. |
| 67 | | | Stipends Nat Clergy | Cana Nchochoko p. 402 |
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| 30. | Yellow. | 37. | Printing Committee. | Mr.Tennant. |
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| 49. | (Extra.) | | Bantu Reporters. | Mr. Tapa. |
| 64. | (Extra.) | | British & Foreign Bible Society. | Mr. Lavis. |

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| 23.) | Yellow. | 26. | Education Report. | Mr. Ranby. |
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