

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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### OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

... of India, Burma and Ceylon

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*Present:* The Rt. Rev. J. W. Pickett (*Vice-Chairman*), the Rev. W. Stewart (*Treasurer*), the Rev. Canon T. D. Sully, the Rev. C. E. Abraham, Dr. P. V. Benjamin, Miss M. A. Beebe, Mr. R. M. Chetsingh, Mr. C. Goldsmith, the Rev. R. H. Gaikwad, the Rev. J. S. M. Hooper, the Rev. J. A. Jacob, the Rev. J. Lakra, the Rt. Rev. S. K. Mondol, Mrs. L. Pithavadian, Mr. B. L. Rallia Ram, the Rev. W. Scopes, the Rt. Rev. J. Sandegren and the Rev. F. Whittaker.

Mr. D. Scott-Wells was appointed to the Executive Committee in place of the Rev. K. F. Weller who had resigned in view of his furlough.

*Secretaries:* Dr. R. B. Manikam, the Rev. C. W. Ranson, Mr. E. C. Bhatta and Mr. C. Devanesen.

Each session of the meeting began with a devotional period. The worship service on February 15th took the form of a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Bishop Azariah.

A special welcome was accorded to the Rev. Dr. J. W. Decker, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, New York. The following were also welcomed: the Rev. Dr. E. H. Cressy, Secretary of the N.C.C., China, the Rev. P. J. Heaton, Secretary of the C.M.S., India, and representative of the India Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain, the Rev. A. Streckeisen, representative of the Foreign Missions Conference of Switzerland, the Rt. Rev. J. Sandegren, representative of the Foreign Missions Conference of Sweden, the Rev. C. Ratnaike, representative of the N.C.C., Ceylon, the Rt. Rev. G. Wilson, Moderator of the United Church of North India, the Rev. T. W. Gardiner, until recently Secretary of the N.C.C., India, and the new N.C.C. Secretaries Messrs. E. C. Bhatta and C. Devanesen.

The visitors to the meeting were given the privilege of the floor.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. G. Appleton, the Rt. Rev. S. K. Tarafdar and the Rev. Dr. J. B. Weir. Rani Maharaj Singh had resigned from the Committee. The Rt. Rev. Stephen Neill, who is now in England, could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Decker replied to the welcome accorded to him and expressed the regret of the Rev. Norman Goodall, Secretary of the I.M.C., London, at his unavoidable absence from the meeting.

## I. THE LATE BISHOP V. S. AZARIAH

Bishop Pickett paid a glowing tribute to the late Bishop of Dornakal and spoke of his invaluable services to the National Christian Council, the Church in India and to ecumenical Christendom. The following resolution was unanimously passed, all standing in silence:

'The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon record with profound sorrow their sense of the loss sustained by the Council and by the entire Church of Christ in these and other countries through the death on January 1, 1945, of the President of the Council, the Rt. Rev. Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop of Dornakal.

'To no other man does this Council owe more. His service to it has been continuous, distinguished and devoted. His connection with the ecumenical Christian Movement represented by the Council began in the World Missionary Conference held at Edinburgh in 1910. He was a leader in the Continuation Committee Conference held in India in 1912 out of which came the organization of the National and Provincial Missionary Councils which prepared the way for the National and Provincial Christian Councils of today. He served on these National Councils from 1912 until his death, was a member of the Executive Committee from January, 1923, and for the last sixteen years, almost to the day, was President. He wielded large influence in the International Missionary Conference at Tambaram, at which he was the official host and was elected a Vice-President of the International Missionary Council.\* He served also with eminent ability in the World Conference on Faith and Order and helped to organize the World Council of Churches. He was appointed first Bishop of Dornakal in 1912. Under his leadership that Diocese became an example and an encouragement to the Church throughout India. He aided evangelism everywhere by his zeal and wisdom.

'Bishop Azariah was a Christian statesman. His sympathies were broad, his convictions deep, his faith firm. He was a powerful advocate of co-operation between Churches and Missionary Societies and an architect of the scheme of Church Union in South India. His books and articles have exercised a peculiarly helpful ministry. His rich talents, his trained and disciplined mind, his deep wisdom, his irenic spirit, his unselfish devotion to Christ and the Church, and his winsome personality made him an inevitable leader in any representative assembly of Christians; and he was more than that. Probably his best service was rendered apart from Conferences and Councils, in his home, his study and in personal contacts with individuals. He lived humbly and nobly. He was an example of dynamic Christian living and a living confirmation of the Gospel. We thank God for what he was and for what he did.

'The Committee express their sympathy to Mrs. Azariah, to the sons and daughters and to other bereaved relatives, to the Dornakal Diocese and to the Episcopal Synod of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon.

## II. THE REV. T. W. GARDINER

Bishop Pickett spoke appreciatively of the services rendered by the Rev. T. W. Gardiner to the Council as its secretary during the latter half of 1944, and as Chairman and Secretary of the Central Board of Christian Higher Education and member of the N.C.C. Executive Committee for several years. He conveyed to Mr. Gardiner the thanks of the Council and wished Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner God's blessings and happiness in the days of their retirement in Scotland.

A suitable resolution on Mr. Gardiner's services to the Council will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

## III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been printed and circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

## IV. REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Ranson informed the Committee that he had completed the writing of the final report on the survey of theological education and that the manuscript was ready for the printer. The report is a document of about 85,000 words, which will make a book of approximately 260 Demy octavo pages. Its title will probably be:

- *The Christian Minister in India: His Vocation and His Training.*

An outline of the contents was circulated to members of the Committee and the full report was placed on the table. A statement was made regarding the arrangements for publication proposed by the Editorial Advisory Committee. It is hoped that there will be separate editions in India, America and Britain. Negotiations with the Christian Literature Society regarding the publication of the Indian edition are proceeding, and this edition will probably be available within a few months. The Lutterworth Press has been approached regarding the publication of an edition in Britain, and enquiries are being made in America about the possibility of an American edition.

Mr. Ranson expressed his sense of obligation to the members of the Editorial Advisory Board and to a number of others who had read the first draft of the manuscript, in whole or in part, and had helped by criticism and suggestion to improve its accuracy and quality.

*The Executive Committee resolved:*

1. *To record satisfaction that the report had been completed so quickly and to thank Mr. Ranson for his work.*
2. *To express its appreciation of the progress which has been made with arrangements for publication and to urge that every effort be made to arrange for a first Indian edition of at least 1,000 copies.*
3. *To suggest to the Provincial Literature Committees that they consider the possibility of arranging for the early production of Indian language editions either of the whole report or of selected parts of it on the understanding that changes in the text shall only be made with the consent of the author.*

4. *That the I.L.F. Executive be asked to consider the possibility (a) of subsidizing Indian Language editions and (b) of helping Indian ministers to purchase copies of the English language edition at reduced rates.*

## V. BOOKLET FOR BRITISH AND AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN INDIA

Mr. Gardiner reported on the publication of the booklet *The Church in Action in India*. An edition of 8,000 had been printed and the bulk of these had been distributed through the Chaplaincy Departments of the American and British Armies. The Government has supplied the paper and the total cost was less than Rs. 500. The booklet appeared to be in considerable demand, and expressions of appreciation had been received. Mr. Gardiner pointed out that it had not been made available to the R.A.F. or to the Navy so far, and raised the question of a second edition.

A number of suggestions for improvement were made by the Committee:

### RESOLVED:

1. *That the publication of a second and revised edition of 'The Church in Action in India' be authorised.*
2. *That the Secretariat be requested to explore the possibility of securing the necessary supply of paper.*
3. *That the inclusion of a larger list of names and addresses and of a larger bibliography be considered.*
4. *That if a second edition proves possible, a supply be made available to Church leaders in India for sale to servicemen at cost price.*
5. *That the possibility of special editions for the R.A.F. and the Navy should be explored.*

## VI. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE WAR SITUATION

I. **Missions and Churches in Distress:** Dr. Manikam reported as follows:

(a) The Triennial Conference of the All-India Federation of Lutheran Churches was held at Rajahmundry on December 16-18, 1944. The Federation had appointed a Commission consisting of the Rev. C. W. Oberdorfer (*Chairman*), the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam, Bishop Sandegren, Dr. I. Cannaday and Dr. R. B. Manikam, to visit the orphaned Lutheran missions and churches and submit a report to the Federation on 'Post-War Needs'. The Commission presented a report on its visits to and survey of the Danish Missions in South India and Jeypore, the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Gossner Church and the Schleswig-Holstein Church. The Santal Mission was not visited as the head of that mission, the Rev. J. Gausdal, had written to say that no post-war help would be needed by that mission from the Federation. The Commission brought in 12 recommendations and these were fully discussed and after some modifications were adopted by the Federation. A copy of the Commission's Report was laid on the table.

The budget for 1945 for the orphaned Lutheran Missions as passed by the Federation is as follows:

EXPENSES		Rs.	INCOME		Rs.
Danish Pathan ...	•	... 5,000	Missouri Mission ...	...	... 12,000
Santhal ...	...	... 47,350	N.C.C. ...	...	... 6,000
Gossner ...	...	... 42,000	U.L.C.M. ...	...	... 1,000
Jeypore Church ...	...	... 29,400	A.E.L.C. ...	...	... 1,000
D.M.S. ...	...	... 106,000	P.E.L.C. ...	...	... 1,000
T.E.L.C. ...	...	... 18,000	D.M.S. ...	...	... 1,000
		247,750	A.L.C.M. ...	...	... 500
		24,775	Fed. Day ...	...	... 300
Dearness allowance at 10%		...			22,800
Internees ...	12,000		Subsidy ...	...	276,250
Miscellaneous ...	2,000				
Study Help ...	6,000	... 26,525			
Unforeseen contingencies ...	6,525				
		299,050			299,050

In making these grants to Lutheran bodies, the amounts to two of the bodies (D.M.S. and Santhal) had to be reduced, but in the case of two others (Danish Pathan and Gossner) an increased subsidy was granted. It will be noted that a contribution of Rs. 6,000 is asked for from the N.C.C. The War Emergency Committee has voted to grant this request.

(b) *Visit to Internment Camps*: Bishop Sandegren visited the interned missionaries in Satara and Purandhar. He found the missionaries in good health, and well taken care of. He conducted the theological examinations in these two camps.

(c) *Release, Repatriation and Exchange of Civilian Internees*: Dr. Manikam interviewed the Home Secretary on October 23rd, 1944. It was pointed out to the Home Secretary that if the N.C.C. were kept informed by the Government of their general policy regarding repatriation, it would help the N.C.C. in making arrangements for the continued maintenance of the work done formerly by the German missionaries. Moreover, since certain German missionaries had given expression to their anti-Nazi feelings, they would have a hard time in Germany, if repatriated. It was urged that in any post-war policy regarding missions from enemy countries, the question of the entry of missionaries into India should not be determined solely on racial grounds. The Home Secretary promised that as soon as Government had formulated their policy in regard to repatriation and entry of missionaries from countries now at war with Britain, the N.C.C. would be informed at once. Regarding the exchange of civilian internees, he said that India's turn had not yet come. A detailed report on the interview had already been circulated to the members of the Executive Committee.

Negotiations were entered into with the Government of India regarding the release of one of the Lutheran missionaries, but the Government could not see their way to release him.

In order that as soon as repatriation became possible (the Government might be approached) to retain in India certain German missionaries, correspondence was now proceeding between certain missions and their Boards in the West regarding the employment of certain German missionaries now in internment.

(d) *Basel Mission*: For 1944, the N.C.C. had paid the Mission Rs. 1,500 for its interned German missionaries and Rs. 1,000 for its missionaries from Borneo now interned in India. This Mission had now asked for a similar subsidy for 1945, and the War Emergency Committee has voted to grant the request.

(e) *Supplementary Allowance to Interned Missionaries*: At present, every one of the German missionaries coming under the purview of the Lutheran Federation is receiving a supplementary allowance of Rs. 20 per month from the Federation. The N.C.C. is paying a supplementary allowance of Rs. 20 per person to six Sumatra missionaries now interned in India. The International Missionary Council has desired that every non-Roman missionary internee should receive a supplementary allowance as an expression of goodwill. It has suggested that all missionary internees should receive Rs. 10 per mensem. This suggestion was considered and rejected by the Lutheran Federation. As far as is known at present, there are in India 32 non-Roman missionary internees who are not receiving any supplementary allowance. From the I.M.C., New York, we have received so far Rs. 13,133-5-0. Out of this a sum of Rs. 5,120-8-0 has been paid out as supplementary allowance. Action would be taken by the War Emergency Committee as soon as full information regarding the number of these missionaries was received.

(f) *War Emergency Fund* as on September, 1939 to December 31, 1944 was as follows:

### War Emergency Fund

*From September 30, 1939 to December 31, 1944*

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
India ...	54,821	7	7	Total payments ...	78,453	9	6
Burma ...	4,000	0	0	Cr. on 31-12-44 ...	47,583	12	5
N. America ...	31,527	10	10				
Britain ...	28,704	0	6				
Colonial ...	5,984	3	0				
	126,037	5	11		126,037	5	11

*Receipts and Payments from 16-7-44 to 31-12-44*

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Cr. Balance on 16-7-44 ...	46	513	13 11	Federation ...	4,541	7	6
General ...	1,586	6	0	D.A. etc., to Danish Mission	1,500	0	0
Earmarked (Danish) ...	250	6	0	Miss Vitants ...	300	0	0
Supplementary allowance to				Affiliation Fee of Gossner			
Missionary internees ...	6,590	0	0	Church ...	45	0	0
				Earmarked Danish Mission	250	6	0
				Sumatra Missionaries ...	720	0	0
				Cr. on 31-12-44 ...	47,583	12	5
	54,940	9	11		54,940	9	11

Dr. Decker pointed out that the way the Christian forces in the world had rallied to the support of orphaned missions was another outstanding demonstration of the reality of ecumenical fellowship. He referred to the I.M.C.'s resolution that no true missionary should be debarred in peace time from entry to any fields solely on the ground of nationality. He also raised the question of a supplementary allowance to all interned non-Roman missionaries.

After some discussion it was

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the financial statement of the War Emergency Fund be passed, subject to audit.
2. That questions relating to a supplementary allowance be referred to the War Emergency Committee.

## **II. Missionary Passages.**

The Defence Secretary was interviewed on the subject on October 23rd, 1944. Because of representations made by the N.C.C. to the Government of India, and by Edinburgh House to the India Office, London, the Secretary of State had now decided to grant a fixed quota of missionary passages from the United Kingdom to India. As a result of this decision the situation had considerably eased, and quite a few missionaries were coming to India from the United Kingdom. The Defence Secretary had assured the N.C.C. that as the war situation improved even greater facilities would be offered to missionaries to return to India, since Government valued greatly the work done by Christian missions.

Until recently, passages for missionaries from Britain to India were usually arranged by the Conference of Missionary Societies in London who collaborated in this respect with the Ministry of Information. At the end of December, 1944, the Government of India informed the N.C.C. that it had been decided, in consultation with the Secretary of State for India, that the Government of India should make recommendations with regard to priority passages for missionaries from the United Kingdom to India. The Officer on Special Duty (Priority Passages), Government of India, had requested the N.C.C. to assist his department in making these priority recommendations. Correspondence had been entered into with this officer regarding clarification of this order and the procedure to be followed in future.

Dr. Manikam referred to the very recent regulations governing priority passages from India to the United Kingdom and said that the situation needed to be carefully watched. Dr. Decker referred to the sad plight of certain American missionaries stranded in Australia for months, for lack of transportation to India.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Secretaries be authorized to help Churches and Missions in securing for them a fixed quota of missionary passages from the United Kingdom to India and in moving the Government to expedite the granting of priority and other passages to missionaries going from India to Britain.

## **III. Care of Troops.**

The Y.M.C.A. has now 76 Y.M.C.A. centres in India and in forward areas, serving Indian, British, West African and East African soldiers. In addition, it has 30 centres overseas in Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq and Iran serving Indian troops. Of the total staff of 119 engaged in its war service, 21 are missionaries and 8 are ordained Indian pastors. Of the 66 Indian Secretaries engaged in its service, the majority have come from the educational work of Missions:



The Rev. Fredrik Franklin of the Swedish Alliance Mission has been released by his Mission to undertake work among Prisoners of War and internees under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. for a period of two years. The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah of the Madras Christian College recently visited Army centres in the Arakan, interpreted India to the foreign troops at these camps, and ministered to the spiritual needs of Indian Christian troops. Eight thousand copies of the booklet for British and American Servicemen in India, entitled *The Church in Action in India*, were printed and distributed free, the government having supplied paper free of charge. Churches and Missions have been urged to keep in touch with their members on war service to provide them with religious literature, and to give assistance to the families of soldiers.

#### IV. Famine Relief.

From July 15th, 1944 to January 1st, 1945, a sum of Rs. 117,075-2-0 had been received by the N.C.C. of which Rs. 82,342-3-6 had come from the U.S.A., Rs. 24,371-12-6 from Canada, and Rs. 9,304 from Britain and Rs. 1,057-2-0 from Bermuda, Australia and India. The distribution of funds during that period was as follows:

Bengal—Mr. Pearse	...	...	Rs. 65,000	0	0	
Orissa—Mr. Brush	...	...	7,000	0	0	
Miss Wigner	...	...	500	0	0	
K.R.C.C., Mr. T. David	...	...	6,250	0	0	
Mr. Pederson	...	...	150	0	0	
China	...	...	310	0	0	(This amount was received from Bermuda)
Miscellaneous	...	...	49	6	6	
			<hr/>			
Total Rs.			79,259	6	6	

The Bengal Committee has spent the subsidy granted to them on items such as purchase of cloth, mosquito nets and blankets, cash grants, free kitchens, milk canteens, work schemes, house repair, rehabilitation work, maintenance of orphans, administration, etc. The famine of last year has greatly weakened the people who have little stamina left to resist disease. Many have sold or mortgaged their belongings. So the Bengal Committee has been concerning itself more and more with rehabilitation work. It has already received and distributed 50,000 tablets of Mepacrine through the American Friends Service Committee. Arrangements have been made with the Church Committee for Relief in Asia to send the Bengal Committee through the A.F.S.C. and the F.A.U. in India 850,000 tablets of quinine substitute (\$ 3,000 worth). Christian agencies have been advised to apply to the Committee for these tablets, only when government supplies were not available. Request for powdered milk has also been sent to C.C.R.A. The American Friends Service Committee is distributing in Bengal 400,000 Sulfapyridine tablets for cholera and dysentery, 66 lakhs of Metoquine tablets for malaria, and 850 tons of evaporated milk. It is taking steps to import into India microscopes and medicines for bacillary dysentery, kala-azar, worms and venereal diseases. One of the agencies through which the A.F.S.C. is working is the Bengal Council Relief Committee, of which the director of A.F.S.C., Dr. John Scott Everton, is a member.

Particular mention may be made of relief work carried on under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. to whom the Bengal Committee has given a grant of Rs. 10,000. Land has been bought at Kharibera, 15 miles from Calcutta.

There are a two-roomed house, a kitchen and two tanks. A shed has been put up for weaving and handwork. Miss Gertrude Roy is in charge of this Home where helpless women and widows are being trained in various handicrafts.

A Mobile Medical Unit has been organized by the Bengal Committee. Dr. B. K. Chaudhuri has been appointed to the Unit from January 20th, 1945, on a salary of Rs. 200 p.m. and all found. It has been decided to engage Dr. K. Biswas as a second doctor on a salary of Rs. 180 p.m. and all found. Three of the compounders of the Sarenga Hospital have volunteered to help the Unit, one at a time, for one month each. They would be paid their incidental expenses and Rs. 10 in addition, the Sarenga Hospital having agreed to pay their usual salary. Drugs, instruments and appliances have been purchased at a cost of about Rs. 2,000. It is anticipated that the monthly budget for the Medical Unit will be about Rs. 2,000. The Unit is to begin its work in the Gangrai area which is about ten miles from the nearest medical centre. In addition to the out-patients department, the doctors will visit nearby villages and will also do some public health and village uplift work.

The Rev. J. H. E. Pearse is proceeding on furlough to England very shortly. The Bengal Committee have now appointed Dr. R. C. Kauffman of the Mennonite Relief Committee in the place of Mr. Pearse. Dr. Kauffman had recently arrived in India to do relief work. He is to be the full-time director of relief work in Bengal. The Bengal Committee has agreed to pay him Rs. 250 per month and bear his travel expenses as he tours around. Expenses on administration are likely to be heavier than hitherto. It is estimated by Mr. Pearse that the monthly expenditure, with a director giving full-time to relief, will come up to Rs. 30,000.

The Rev. W. H. Mitchell, General Field Supervisor of Relief work in China, was authorized by the C.C.R.A. (New York) to meet with the N.C.C. Relief Committee and the Bengal Council Committee, on his way to China. Mr. Mitchell met with the N.C.C. Committee at Nagpur on 17th November, 1944, and with the Bengal Committee on 20th November, 1944. His visit was very useful in many ways.

Other Council areas helped by the Central Relief Committee are Utkal, Andhra and Kerala. Orissa had already been paid Rs. 10,050. Recently further sums of Rs. 2,500 to the American Baptist Mission (Khargpur) and Rs. 500 to the British Baptist Mission, Cuttack, were paid. The Kerala Regional Christian Conference has appointed an interdenominational Relief Committee, and the Rev. Thomas David is the Director of relief work in Kerala. An appeal for Rs. 25,000 a year was sent by that Committee to the N.C.C., along with budget estimates of relief work to be undertaken and sums locally raised. The N.C.C. Committee after careful scrutiny of these requests has agreed to grant a quarterly subsidy of Rs. 6,250, further grants to be forthcoming on report of work done.

The N.C.C. Committee has been greatly concerned at the large balance that has accumulated in this fund. No reasonable request for financial aid from any provincial area committee had been refused. The Committee authorised the secretary to enquire from the Bengal Committee as to their present and future needs, with a view to advising the C.C.R.A. as to what should be done next. Mr. Pearse wrote saying that they had applied for a permit for 5,000 blankets which would have cost about Rs. 20,000, but they received only 400 blankets. They had hoped to get their Medical Unit working a long time ago, but they had

been held up because they could not get a suitable Christian doctor. Now that they had appointed a full-time Director, they anticipated that a much larger programme would be carried out. The new Director's salary and expenses would come on to their Fund. The Medical Unit would probably cost nearly Rs. 2,000 monthly.

He urged that the Central Famine Relief Committee should not take any drastic action regarding funds until the new Director had had an opportunity of getting into his stride and beginning his touring.

In view of what Mr. Pearse had written and in view of the appointment of Dr. Kauffman and the work begun by the Mobile Medical Unit, the N.C.C. Committee has decided to watch the situation for some time more.

Dr. Manikam reported on an interview with Dr. Everton of the American Friends Service Committee, Bengal.

1. Dr. Everton is of the opinion that famine conditions do not prevail now in Bengal, but the province is experiencing the aftermath of a terrible famine. This is to be seen in the incidence of epidemics and increased disease. Certain areas of Bengal are more affected by these conditions than others. Therefore it is not quite correct to generalise about conditions in Bengal:

2 Most famine factors, he thinks, are still present. For example, the following:

(a) The supply of rice from Burma remains still cut off.

(b) There is considerable dislocation of transportation still.

(c) Inflation of prices prevails largely due to war conditions.

(d) A certain amount of hoarding is still going on.

(e) There is increased demand for food products, and hence the cost of living has gone up.

(f) The system of distribution of foodstuffs is still inadequate.

Dr. Everton believes that the only reasons for better conditions prevailing at present in Calcutta are that there is better control exercised by the Government and the relief programmes of several organizations are beginning to tell.

3. Dr. Everton is of the opinion that there is still need for three types of relief:

(i) There are certain very badly affected pockets in Bengal. People here need food and clothing very much.

(ii) The effects of mal-nutrition need to be counteracted. Hence drugs and multi-vitamin tablets are required.

(iii) A well thought-out rehabilitation programme is greatly needed. There are quite a few who are destitutes because they had sold practically all their belongings.

4. Dr. Everton believes that at least for the duration of the war there will be a continued need for the kind of relief that has been mentioned already. He thinks that the A.F.S.C.'s work in Bengal will continue all through 1945 and 1946. He is of the opinion that these conditions in Bengal are to be regarded as an emergency arising from the war situation.

Famine Relief Fund as on December 31, 1944, was as follows:

### Famine Relief Fund

(From 8-11-43 to 31-12-1944)

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.
Britain ...	...	75,801	0	6	Bengal... ..	...	177,500	0	0
U.S.A.—C.C.R.A. ...	...	111,985	3	0	Mr. Brush ...	...	12,550	0	0
"    F.M.C. ...	...	64,393	9	8	Mr. Weller (Orissa) ...	...	750	0	0
Canada ...	...	53,484	5	6	Mr. Pradhan ..	...	700	0	0
China ...	...	867	3	7	Miss Wigner ...	...	500	0	0
Australia ...	...	693	14	4	Mr. Noverraz (Karnataka)	...	500	0	0
Ceylon ...	...	2,223	15	3	Mr. Bolinger (Telugu				
India ...	...	852	15	6	Village Mission) ...	...	300	0	0
Burmuda ...	...	620	1	3	Mr. Thomas David				
					(K.R.C.C.) ...	...	6,250	0	0
					Mr. Pederson ...	...	150	0	0
					China ...	...	310	0	0
					Miscellaneous ...	...	49	6	6
					Cr. Balance on 31-12-1944	...	111,362	14	1
Total Rs. 310,922 4 7					Total Rs. 310,922 4 7				

### Famine Relief Fund

(From 16-7-44 to 31-12-44)

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.
Cr. balance on 15-7-44 ...	...	73,547	2	7	Bengal, Mr. Pearse ...	...	65,000	0	0
U.S.A.—C.C.R.A. ...	...	82,342	3	6	Orissa, Mr. Brush ...	...	7,000	0	0
Canada ...	...	24,371	12	6	Miss Wigner ...	...	500	0	0
Britain ...	...	9,304	0	0	K.R.C.C., Mr. Thomas				
China ...	...	620	1	3	David ...	...	6,250	0	0
Australia ...	...	212	0	9	Mr. Pederson ...	...	150	0	0
India ...	...	225	0	0	China ...	...	310	0	0
					Miscellaneous ...	...	49	6	6
					Cr. bal. on 31-12-44	...	111,362	14	1
Total Rs. 190,622 4 7					Total Rs. 190,622 4 7				

A lengthy discussion ensued. Dr. Decker described how the Famine Relief Appeal for funds came to be instituted and the objects for which the fund was raised in N. America. He requested that the Church Committee for Relief in Asia should be kept fully furnished with information on developments and needs in India. Questions were raised as to whether this Fund was a Relief Fund or a *Famine Relief Fund*, and whether relief for conditions arising from the high cost of living could legitimately come under the purview of this fund.

#### RESOLVED:

- (1) That the financial statement of the Famine Relief Fund be passed, subject to audit.
- (2) That Mr. Bhatta be asked to make a study of the cost of living in different areas in which churches and missions are at work and collect information on the following points:
  - (a) Facts regarding the rising cost of living.
  - (b) Measures such as dearness allowance, etc., taken already by churches and missions to relieve the situation, and
  - (c) Adjustments that needed to be made in salary grades, etc.

- (3) That a memorandum on the subject be prepared by Mr. Bhaty and sent to churches and missions and Foreign Mission Boards for their study and action.
- (4) That Mrs. Vivian Bose be appointed a member of the Central Committee on Famine Relief in place of the Rev. T. W. Gardiner.
- (5) That we record our considered judgment that for the next twelve months, the subsidy from the West would continue to be needed in India on the same basis as hitherto for the rehabilitation work that has become necessary as an aftermath of famine.

## VII. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ETC.

1. The following Minutes of meetings of Committees held in Britain and N. America, received since the last meeting of the N.C.C. Executive Committee, were laid on the table:

BRITAIN: Minutes of India Committee meetings held on June 30th, September 15th and November 17th, 1944.

Minutes of a meeting of I.M.C. Counsellors held on June 20th, 1944.

N. AMERICA: Minutes of India Committee meetings held on March 17-19, and September 25th, 1944.

2. Extracts from these Minutes on the following subjects had been circulated among the members of the Executive Committee: Reply from Britain to letter from India, Study of N.C.C. Commissions I and II by India Committees, I.M.C. Department of Social and Economic Research, Joint Study of Christian Education, Far Eastern Office of the I.M.C., and the World Council of Churches, Standing Committee in N. America on Theological Education in India, Criticisms from India Committee (Britain) regarding the N.C.C. budget for 1945, and in particular the appointment of two new secretaries and the N.C.C. Headquarters Fund, Reactions of N. America to the same budget, Deputations and Post-war planning. A conference on Visual Education, Independent Missions, comments and questions from Britain and N. America on the Literacy and Literature situation in India, and the important question raised by the British India Committee on the financing of the Christian Movement in India in the post-war period.

3. In explaining these items in the light of further correspondence with London and New York, Dr. Manikam called particular attention to the questions raised by the West regarding the N.C.C. Secretariat, the Headquarters, the literacy and literature programmes of the N.C.C., and the need for presenting the India Committees of the West with a well-considered statement on total plans for post-war development in India arranged under the heads of

- (a) Short and long term policies,
- (b) Priorities,
- (c) Estimated expenditure, and
- (d) Contributions from India to these projects.

It was reported that some of the subjects such as literacy and literature had already been considered by Committees of the N.C.C. and that their actions would be reported to the Executive, and that the other questions would be taken up for discussion with Dr. Decker.

## VIII. THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Bhatta, as Secretary of the N.C.C. started work on the Economic Welfare of the Church on September 1st, 1944. The following programme for the development of the Church was drawn up and sent to the Provincial Christian Councils:

- I. The establishment of a central financial institution.
  - (a) To provide opportunities for saving and investment for Christians in urban and rural areas.
  - (b) To receive deposits from and sell shares to those who have joined military service.
  - (c) To finance industrial co-operatives, and co-operative sale stores in connection with rehabilitation schemes.
- II. The development of small scale and cottage industries, and industries ancillary to agriculture on the same lines as the industrial co-operatives in China.
- III. The reorganization of the existing system of education so as to provide more adequate facilities for industrial and technical education.
- IV. The settlement of Christians on the land.

Many Provincial Christian Councils have considered the programme in general; some Councils have already appointed standing committees on the Economic Welfare of the Church, while others will appoint them when their Councils meet. The Councils have welcomed the opening of this new portfolio and have voted the additional contribution asked by the N.C.C. to meet the increased expenditure on this account. The Bombay R.C.C. Committee on the Economic Welfare of the Church has drawn up a scheme for an All-India Development Fund for aiding industrial development in the community. The scheme has been circulated for opinion.

### The Returned Soldier

The Secretary had an interview with officers of the Directorate of the Resettlement of Soldiers in Simla. The Indian Christian personnel comprises 14 per cent of the total strength of the Indian Army; there are more than 65,000 of them in various branches of the military services. The Government realizes the position in which Indian Christian ex-servicemen will be placed and is willing to help in their resettlement. The Government has asked for schemes for the resettlement of soldiers in small scale regional trades and industries. The Provincial Christian Councils were asked to prepare schemes. Some Councils have entrusted this work to committees on the Economic Welfare of the Church, and others have entrusted it to individuals. A few Councils are considering the securing of experts on a full time basis for a period of four to six months to help with the preparation of schemes. The Government wants these schemes by June, 1945, at the latest.

The Government is willing to provide training in regional trades and industries for ex-servicemen after the cessation of hostilities. Such training can be given at our industrial schools which will have to be expanded for the

purpose. The Government is also prepared to supply tools and machines to returned soldiers at a very low cost. The co-operation of our Mission Industrial Schools is required for the setting up of production centres where these tools and machines can be made. This will demand other complementary developments for which the Church or the community should make provision at least to initiate and guide them in their early stages. These complementary developments are:

1. A good marketing system for the disposal of the products of small scale industries.
2. A well trained supervisory staff for the industrial co-operatives.
3. A financial institution to provide capital (a) to the industrial co-operatives (b) to the co-operative sale stores.

The resettlement of soldiers is an immediate problem which should be given due attention and importance. The economic developments in connection with the rehabilitation of the soldiers is bound to affect the economic life of the entire Christian group in areas where such resettlement is made.

After discussion it was

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the attention of the Provincial Councils be invited to the action of, the N.C.C. Executive Committee taken on the subject of the returned soldier, at its meeting on July 18-20, 1944.
2. That the Provincial Committees on the Economic Welfare of the Church be requested:
  - (a) to keep in touch with all plans for post-war development made by the Government and other bodies.
  - (b) to prepare schemes for the resettlement of Christians in war services.
  - (c) to formulate plans for training.
  - (d) and if possible, to set apart a competent person to help in the preparation of schemes.
3. That the Secretaries be authorized to organize Regional Conferences to consider schemes for rehabilitation.
4. That the Central Committee on the Economic Welfare of the Church be constituted as follows:

Dr. E. D. Lucas, Lahore  
 Mr. K. A. Mathew, Trivandrum  
 Dr. E. Asirvatham, Madras  
 Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah, Madras

Mr. J. S. S. Mellellu, Bombay  
 Lt. Col. H. L. Puxley, Lucknow  
 Rev. H. L. Evans, Utkal  
 Rev. J. Kellas, Calcutta

Rev. N. P. Andersen, Faridpur

### Wiser's Village Uplift Scheme

A copy of a tentative scheme of Village Welfare for the United Provinces was received in August, 1944, from Dr. H. W. Wiser (New York). While considering this programme, Dr. Wiser wanted the following points borne in mind:

1. The Churches in North America do not want to scatter their special post-war funds over a large geographical area; they want sharply defined targets.

2. The American Churches in their post-war giving want to relate their giving largely to interdenominational projects.

3. The American Churches want a project which should promise far reaching results on a large scale.

4. Special appeal to the American people at this time of a comprehensive programme for all life.

5. Training of Indian Christians in service to the village as a whole rather than service to limited Christians.

It is proposed to raise a large sum of money for this project. Dr. Wisner asked that the widest possible publicity and discussion be given to the scheme.

A conference of representatives of Churches and Missions in the U.P. was convened to elicit opinion. Fifty six letters enclosing a printed copy of the scheme were addressed to outstanding leaders of the Church both Indian and non-Indian and drawn from all denominations. The replies received were summarized and presented to the Conference which met on September 14, 1944, at Allahabad under the Presidentship of Mr. C. Maya Dass, Director of Agriculture, U.P.

The Conference carefully examined the scheme and suggested a number of modifications. The proceedings of the Conference were reported to the Executive Committee of the U.P.C.C. on November 28-29, 1944, which passed certain resolutions that have been forwarded to the N.C.C. for endorsement and transmission to Dr. W. H. Wisner.

#### *Conference Resolutions were as follows:*

'This conference welcomes Dr. Wisner's Suggested Programme for Village Welfare and strongly recommends to the United Provinces Christian Council and to the Church and Mission bodies of the United Provinces that the programme, with modifications hereinafter suggested, be given their immediate and full support.

'This conference is of the opinion that the units should be based on population rather than on the number of villages, and that each unit should have a population of from three to five thousand.'

This conference also recommended certain changes in the Suggested Programme as found on pages 14-22 of the leaflet entitled *Economic Welfare of Villagers*.

#### *U.P.C.C. Resolutions were as follows:*

1. Resolved that the United Provinces Christian Council accord its hearty approval to the Suggested Programme for Village Welfare sent to it by Dr. W. H. Wisner, with modifications suggested by the Conference held in Allahabad in September, 1944. The desire and the purpose of groups in the United States of America and in India to make possible a richer and a fuller life for villagers are heartily welcomed by the Council. The Council is glad that the proposed project is on an inter-denominational basis, for it is the desire of the Council to unite the various denominations in closer fellowship and co-operation in such undertakings as this. The Council recommends to Church and Mission bodies in the United Provinces that the proposed programme be given immediate



and full support. The Council also sends this resolution to the National Christian Council in the hope that its endorsement will be forthcoming and to Dr. Wisner and his associates who have formulated the programme and are sponsoring it in the United States of America.

2. Resolved that the Board of Management when formed shall be registered under the Act of 1865.

3. We urge that the activities of a unit should be started within the Christian groups of each area selected as a "demonstration" to other communities and at the same time making it possible for Indian Christians to make "their maximum contribution to the upbuilding of India." Once started, every activity will inevitably extend to all other villagers who may wish to share in the programme. It is our conviction that the programme in its out-reach to non-Christians should include the attempt to introduce them to Him who is the inspiration of it and to gain their acceptance of Him, for only thus will their lives be permanently transformed.

4. The following resolution introduced by Rev. J. L. Kinder was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to send it to Dr. W. H. Wisner. That a study of village centre programmes used successfully in other parts of India be made with a view to their wider adoption and use in the Mass Movement areas in U.P. These village centre units will combine programmes of evangelism, education, medicine and rural uplift.'

A full report of the Conference was tabled but no action was taken by the Executive in view of the following cablegram from New York:

REGRET OUR PRESENTATION VILLAGE SERVICE PLAN OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE AS INDICATED UNITED PROVINCES COUNCIL ACTION PLEASE POSTPONE FURTHER ACTIONS PENDING RECEIPT SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS WEDDELL WISER

### Purchase of War Supplies

Dr. R. B. Manikam interviewed officials of the Department of Disposal of War Supplies, Government of India. Mr. R. W. Targett, I.C.S., Director General, informed Dr. Manikam that most of the medical supplies would be absorbed by Provincial Civilian hospitals and government organizations and that what was left over would be negligible. He was prepared, however, to register applications giving a list of requirements. He indicated that stores such as hospital equipment, drugs, dressings, surgical instruments, furniture, mattresses, sheets, beds, jeeps, trucks, etc., might be available. The other officers interviewed were Brigadier Sassoon and Colonel S. I. Bhatia.

Very little information is available as to how the American War supplies are to be disposed. Efforts are being made to secure further information. Bishop Pickett and Dr. J. B. Weir have been asked to negotiate with the American authorities about the disposal of American War supplies.

A circular letter was addressed to Missions and Churches asking for lists of requirements. Twenty lists have now been received. When all lists have been received they will be submitted to the Department of Disposal of War Supplies. In order to facilitate buying, Missions and Churches have been advised to make arrangements with their Boards for an advance of at least 25 per cent of the total cost.

## IX. HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. T. W. Gardiner presented the minutes of the second meeting of the N.C.C. Committee on High Schools, held at Nagpur, on December 7-8, 1944. Reports on Christian Secondary Education had been received from the Punjab, the U.P., Bengal, Bombay and Mid-India. The Committee had reiterated its request to all Provincial Christian Councils to appoint School Committees wherever such did not exist to consider questions relating to Primary as well as Secondary Education. It also desired that the N.C.C. should enlarge its High Schools Committee in order to make it consist of all conveners of the Schools Committees of the Provincial Christian Councils.

No progress had been reported regarding the formation of a United Board of Christian Secondary Education in the Punjab. With regard to the training of Bible teachers, refresher courses in religious education and Biblical knowledge had been held in Madras, Bangalore, Mussoorie, Calcutta and Darjeeling. The United Lutheran Church has made it a rule that all graduate teachers in their schools should attend one year in a theological seminary. The Committee has asked the School Committees of the Provincial Christian Councils to conduct refresher courses. Efforts are being made to get books written on how to teach the Bible to non-Christians. The Diploma Course is being widely used.

The Committee has commended to the Provincial Christian Councils concerned the proposal that a Training College for graduate teachers be established in North India to serve the needs of the Punjab, U.P. and Mid-India and has requested Messrs. Ryburn, Reynolds and Ram to draw up a scheme for such a college and present it to the N.W.I.C.C. and the U.P.C.C. the N.C.C. Secretary to be responsible for submitting it to the Mid-India Christian Council.

The resolution of the N.C.C. Executive Committee of February 24-25, 1943, had been considered by the Committee. The Secretary had been asked to collect further information about co-education in Christian schools while the N.C.C.'s recommendation regarding Christian hostels had been endorsed.

A memorandum had been received from Miss Langley, acting Principal of the Francis High School, Delhi, on the problems confronting certain Christian high schools in Delhi consequent on the Delhi Reorganization of Education Scheme. The North India Executive Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society which met on July 27-29, 1944, had asked the N.C.C. for advice on these problems. The Committee had recommended that invitations be sent by the Secretary of the N.C.C. High School Committee to the S.P.G., the Methodist Church and the British Baptists to appoint 1, 1 and 2 representatives respectively, the N.C.C. also appointing two representatives to form a Commission to visit Delhi in the first week of March to study the situation on the spot and report.

The High School Committee had also discussed the Sargent Report and had made several recommendations modifying certain aspects of the Scheme.

After discussion, it was

### RESOLVED:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the recommendation to form a Commission on High Schools in Delhi be approved in principle, if the S.P.G. also agree to the proposal.
3. That Canon Sully and Mr. Chetsingh be the N.C.C. representatives on the Commission.

4. That Dr. R. B. Manikani be asked to correspond with the missions concerned, and arrange for the visit and work of the Commission.

## X. THE CENTRAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Gardiner submitted the Report for the year ending 31st March, 1944, and the Minutes of the meeting held on October 30-31, 1944. He drew attention to the following matters in the Minutes:

1. *The statement on Academic and Religious Freedom* prepared by a small committee appointed by the Central Board at its meeting in 1943 and published as an appendix to the Minutes of the meeting in 1944. It had been published in the *N.C.C. Review* of December, 1944, and he expressed the hope that it would be found acceptable as a statement of the aims and methods of Christian education. It would be for the Executive Committee to decide whether publicity should be given to it beyond the bounds of the Christian Press.

2. *The Minute on new colleges.* He explained the reasons which led the Central Board to pass the Minute. Information had been received that three new colleges had been started and one second grade college raised to the standard of a degree college without seeking the advice or opinion of either the Central Board or a Provincial Board of Christian Higher Education. He contrasted such action with the way the promoters of the Women's Christian College in Bengal and of the Protestant Christian College for Assam had behaved. He also informed the Executive Committee that the authorities of Voorhees College had loyally consulted the South India Board on their plans to develop that college into a degree college and had accepted its decision to delay action till fuller consideration was given to the matter. He said that at the present time it was particularly desirable that Christian Higher Education should be conducted as a co-operative enterprise and he asked the Executive Committee to endorse the Minute of the Central Board and decide how best to bring it to the attention of Churches and Missions affiliated to the N.C.C. Up to the present he said that the Minute had been sent only to the Secretaries of Provincial Boards of Higher Education.

3. *Minutes on the Sargent Scheme.*

4. *Research.* He drew attention to the decision of the Board to publish the Rev. W. S. Taylor's study on the Beliefs of Christian Students and the steps that were being taken to assess the value of Mr. Jothimuthu's study of Saiva Siddhanta. He also commented on the value of the Nutrition Research carried on by the Women's Christian College, Madras, as justifying the large grant which the Central Board had given to help in this work. The allocation of subsidies for research studies to be completed in 1945 amounted to Rs. 2,535. The Central Board had sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,500 for the completion of the Theological Survey as requested by the N.C.C. Executive Committee.

In the course of a discussion it was pointed out that the draft statement of the Central Board on academic freedom needed to be considered carefully and unhurriedly. Discussion also centred on the starting of new Christian colleges.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the Central Board's Statement on the Aims and Methods of Christian Education be submitted to the next meeting of the N.C.C. Executive Committee for consideration and action.
2. That the following Minute on the new educational developments be passed :

'The Executive Committee welcomes the increasing desire on the part of the Christian community in various areas for the extension of higher education under Christian auspices but views with concern recent instances of plans for new colleges and the development of existing ones without consultation with the Provincial or Central Boards of Christian Higher Education. It would urge on all Churches and Missions the necessity for the closest consultation and co-operation in all matters relating to the development or closure of Christian institutions for secondary or university education, if the Church in India is to be strengthened and not weakened.

The Executive Committee also requests that the Central Board should give its attention to the desirability of encouraging initiative and the assumption of further responsibility in Christian education on the part of the Christian community in each area and at the same time, consider means whereby the provision of Christian education can be more related to the needs of the Christian Church.'

## **XI. CENTRAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SARGENT SCHEME OF EDUCATION**

The N.C.C. Executive Committee, in July, 1944, had appointed a special committee to consider the Sargent Scheme and report to its next meeting. In submitting the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on December 9-11, 1944, Mr. Gardiner pointed out that this had been the last meeting of an N.C.C. Committee at which the late President, Bishop Azariah, had been present and he spoke of the deep interest the Bishop had taken in the work of the Committee. He drew attention to the procedure followed by the Committee and made special mention of the following points :

(a) The Committee desired to warn Churches and Missions not to allow the Basic Education of Christian boys and girls to pass out of their hands. There might be a temptation when free and compulsory education had been introduced to give up their share in elementary and middle school education. The Committee was of opinion that to do so would be a mistake. In view of the large number of Christian children which remain illiterate in certain parts of the country, the share which Churches and Missions should take under the new scheme will place a very heavy strain upon their resources.

(b) The Committee was of opinion, however, that the grants-in-aid which the State should give to Christian Basic Schools should be greatly increased by virtue of the fact they would be part of a system of universal education.

(c) With regard to High Schools, it was resolved to recommend that the selection of pupils to proceed to such schools should take place at the end of Basic Education at the normal age of 14 rather than at the age of 11 as re-

commended in the report, and that academic and technical high schools should not be separate institutions, but should be organized as departments of one institution. In the case of high schools too, Churches and Missions should urge the need for more liberal grants-in-aid.

(d) The Committee was impressed with the great opportunities before Christian young people, especially Christian women in the teaching profession, and hoped that Churches and Missions would have a worthy share in their training.

(e) The Committee emphasized the place that technical education should have in future educational policy.

(f) The Committee recognized that the resources of Churches and Missions are limited and that it is necessary for them to reach decisions as to the sphere of education into which they can most profitably put the resources available.

After some discussion, it was

#### RESOLVED:

1. That general approval be given to the following resolution of the Central Advisory Committee:

'The Committee recognizes that (in previous resolutions) it has called for an expansion of effort in many fields of Christian education. It realizes full well that the resources of Missions are limited, and that they are insufficient for all the expansion suggested. This means that decisions are called for on what are the most important tasks in Christian education. The Committee is of opinion that, vast though the task is, churches should as far as possible keep the Basic Education of Christian children in their hands. The information received by the Committee shows that the provision by Churches and Missions of primary education for Christian children differs vastly in scale in different parts of India. Further, Provincial Governments will not all follow a uniform policy in implementing the Sargent Scheme and in revising grants-in-aid to Christian schools. The Committee therefore draws the attention of Mission Boards to the necessity of their deciding in consultation with their representatives in India what in each case is the most important sphere of education into which they can put the resources available, whether it be Basic Education, Teacher Training, Adult Education or Technical Education.'

2. That Provincial Christian Councils, Provincial Boards of Education and Schools Committees be requested to give careful consideration to the suggestions and resolutions of the Central Advisory Committee and report their reactions to the N.C.C.
3. That the Central Advisory Committee be reappointed and requested to continue the work it had so well begun.

## XII. ADULT LITERACY

Dr. Manikam, in submitting the Annual Report of the Adult Literacy Committee which met at Nagpur on January 24th, 1945, called attention to its important sections. He reported as follows:

Mr. Ranson had acted as secretary of the Committee until July 20th, 1944, when he was set apart to complete the Theological Report. On the whole,

Adult Literacy work during the year under review had not made as much progress as was hoped. Various reasons might be mentioned: shortage of missionary and Indian personnel, shortage of paper, difficulty in obtaining kerosene for night schools and a general lack of interest. In spite of these conditions some progress had been reported by certain Provincial Literacy Committees. Paid workers had been appointed in Bengal, Maharashtra, Santal and the U.P., bringing the total of full-time literacy directors to six. Their further training was now under consideration. Punjab was seriously considering the appointment of a full-time director. A Refresher Course for women adult literacy workers was held in 1944 in the Andhra area. *Ajvaliun*, *Dnyanodaya*, *Sarvara Mitra*, and *Naya Dehati* continued to provide Christian literature for the new literates. Box Libraries had been introduced in Kerala. A literacy survey of Kanaresse churches had been completed. It revealed that a little over 50% of Christian adults in Karnataka were illiterate. The Word Count in Oriya was progressing. U.P. had sent out two News Letters giving news of adult literacy work done here and there throughout the province. The letters contained also a list of new books for use in libraries. The Adult Literacy Committee in the Punjab met during the year to consider the results of the Adult Literacy Survey and to plan for the future. Adult Literacy Sunday (November 19) was observed in some areas.

The action taken by the N.C.C. at its meeting in February, 1944, regarding a Literacy Survey had been sent to all Provincial Christian Councils and their replies received. The survey was now under way in several areas. The time allotted for the completion of the survey had been extended from the end of April to the end of June, 1945. A sum of Rs. 5,000 had been set apart for conducting the survey. The Committee will meet again in September, 1945, in order that further consideration may be given to the terms of reference of the survey.

The statement of accounts for the period from November 6th, 1943, to December 31st, 1944, had shown a total expenditure of Rs. 9,257-15-9, the largest amount spent in any year hitherto. Grants totalling Rs. 4,930-12-0 had been sanctioned for publications in 1945 and a further sum of Rs. 8,845 for the Adult Literacy Campaign. A sum of Rs. 5,000 had also been set aside for emergency grants in 1945. The secretary was asked to communicate with the editors of *Dnyanodaya* and *Naya Dehati* regarding methods by which the grants they received might be most fully utilized for promoting Adult Literacy.

The Committee had considered the recommendations made by the Executive Committee of the N.C.C. at its meeting in July, 1944, regarding the co-ordination of its literature committees and resolved to endorse them with the proviso that the co-ordinating committee should deal only with the literature side of Adult Literacy work.

A communication had been received from N. America regarding the value of visual-audio education in the missionary programme in India. An offer had also been made of a sum of \$500 for the holding of a conference on visual education in India. The committee had gratefully accepted the offer.

A committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the F.M.C. had been set up in N. America. This committee had planned to hold a conference in March, 1945, on the production and distribution of Christian Literature. Questionnaires had been received from Miss Ure on the subject of the conference and had been distributed among the conveners of Provincial Litera-

ture Committees for answers. Most of them had replied to the questionnaire and their replies had been forwarded to America.

At its meeting on March 17th, 1944, the India Committee (N.A.) had formulated a request for 'a well-rounded programme of promotion' of Adult Literacy. The Committee noted this request. It was to be pointed out to the American Committee that the present survey of Adult Literacy was in keeping with the India Committee's request. The secretary had been asked to send the Provincial Committees copies of a scheme that had been sent to the West in April, 1939, for further comments in the light of the Adult Literacy survey. The Provincial Committees were also to be asked to consider the possibilities of special literacy projects in selected areas.

Likewise, steps had been taken by the Adult Literacy Committee in reply to a similar request from the India Committee (Br.) which met on November 17th, 1944. This India Committee had resolved to hold in reserve all further contributions received for Adult Literacy. The secretary had been asked to inform the India Committee that all funds available could be well utilized in the post-war period.

In the discussion that followed, additional reasons that retarded the progress in Adult Literacy work were mentioned, such as war conditions, Churches and Missions not becoming fully conscious of the need for making their adults literate, the waning interest on the part of laymen, Christian workers sharing the indifference that has come about in the country as a result of popular ministries going out of office, the under-rating of difficulties in making a people literate, etc. It was also mentioned that in areas where only one denomination was working, financial help could be rendered to that denomination for Adult Literacy work. Mission Boards might be asked to earmark funds for their own Churches. Denominational workers might be requested to extend their work to areas of other denominations also.

RESOLVED:

To receive the report of the Adult Literacy Committee.

### XIII. CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dr. Manikam presented the Annual Report of the Indian Literature Fund Executive Committee which met at Nagpur, on January 25-26. He said that it was encouraging to note that in spite of paper shortage quite a number of books in Indian languages had been published with aid from the Indian Literature Fund. The Calcutta Tract and Book Society had become an all Bengal organization and its Executive Committee had been recognized as the Literature Committee of the Bengal Christian Council. The sale proceeds of this Society during 1944, were the highest of any year. The Burma C.L.S. had established at Jubbulpore a printing unit for work in three different Burma languages. Two union hymnals in Burmese and Kachin had been published for the first time in 1944. The interest on the sale proceeds of the Wesley Press would be used for the production and distribution of Kanarese Christian Literature. A Marathi New Testament Concordance was being printed. A Prize Novel Contest had been held in Telugu. Seven booklets under the Punjab series of Indian Church Publications had been published. A Findlay Prize Competition in Oriya had been held. Four book depots were being maintained by the Malayalam Litera-

ture Committee. The Christian book shops at Nagpur and Bombay had reported another successful year. A new Christian book shop had been opened at Karachi with a loan of Rs. 500 from the N.C.C. Another Christian book shop had been opened at Secunderabad. Literature Weeks and Literature Sundays had been observed in some areas. Book fairs had been held in Calcutta, in the Central Provinces and the Kerala and Andhra areas. *Khristi Bandhu*, *Sahayak Patrika* and *Dnyanodaya*—organs of Provincial Councils—had continued to be published while *Vrittanta Patrika* had ceased publication. Conferences for authors and artists, and Summer Schools of Art and Drama had been held in different parts of the country.

It was reported that the total expenditure during the year 1944 from the Indian Literature Fund amounted to Rs. 12,431-10-4, leaving a balance of Rs. 40,703-13-1. Grants totalling Rs. 20,976-2-0 for the year 1945, had been sanctioned by the I.L.F. Executive Committee. The budgetted expenses for 1945, came to Rs. 24,776-2-0.

The Secretary reported on the recommendations made by the I.L.F. Committee regarding co-ordination among the various literature committees. He said that the Committee contemplated bringing out a book on the life of Bishop Azariah, a book of Sermons in Hindi, Urdu and English, another entitled 'My Father' written by sons and daughters of converts to Christianity, and pamphlets on the economic welfare of the Church. The Committee had decided on holding in the near future conferences of representatives of Christian Presses and Publishing Agencies, one in N. India and the other in S. India, to which questions regarding Servicing Stations in India, the formation of a Christian Literature Association, and the plans of the S.P.C.K. and the U.S.C.L. would be submitted for consideration. The I.L.F. Committee had made certain suggestions for an advance programme in Christian Literature, which would be considered by a meeting of representatives from Provincial Literature Committees. The Committee had welcomed the holding of a conference on visual education.

After discussion, it was

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the Chairman and Secretary be *ex-officio* members of every other literature committee.
2. That the Executive of the General Literature Committee be nominated by the Executive of the N.C.C. at the meeting next following the N.C.C. meeting, and submitted for confirmation to the members of the Christian Literature Committee.
3. That the three committees shall meet at one centre on consecutive days except under special circumstances.
4. That two members, preferably the Chairman and Secretary, from each committee shall form the co-ordinating committee which shall elect its own chairman. The Secretary of the I.L.F. Executive Committee shall, unless otherwise determined, be the Secretary of the Committee.
5. That the co-ordinating committee shall meet immediately after the other committees have met.
6. That it shall be the responsibility of the co-ordinating committee to review the whole field and to ensure that no important interests are neglected.



7. That it be recorded that the Executive Committee heard with interest suggestions for the forming of a Christian Literature Association and also the India Committee's (Br.) comments on the same, and that the Executive Committee is of the opinion that at the present time at any rate such a scheme should not be introduced.
8. That Mr. W. H. Warren be appointed a member of the I.L.F. Executive Committee.
9. That approval be given to the holding of a conference on visual education.

#### **XIV. MATTERS RELATING TO THE SECRETARIAT**

##### *1. The Rev. C. W. Ranson*

Mr. Ranson's term of service with the N.C.C. ends on March 31, 1945. At the July, 1944, meeting of the Executive Committee he was requested to return to the N.C.C. for another period of service after his furlough in the United Kingdom. Mr. Ranson informed the Committee that owing to family circumstances he felt unable to accept the invitation.

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Executive Committee receive this decision of Mr. Ranson's with much regret and express the hope that his domestic affairs will enable him to return to India at a later date, in view of his valuable services to the N.C.C. and the Church in India.
2. That Mr. Ranson be requested to continue in the service of the N.C.C. to as late a date as is feasible before he sails with his family for Britain this summer.

A suitable resolution on Mr. Ranson's services to the N.C.C. will be passed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

##### *2. The Rev. Dr. Murray T. Titus*

The Executive Committee decided to extend an invitation to the Rev. Dr. Murray T. Titus to succeed Mr. Ranson on the staff of the N.C.C. for a period of three years. Dr. Titus is at present Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church in America, and Chairman of the India Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of N. America.

##### *3. Woman Secretary*

The Secretariat Committee of the N.C.C. has been authorised to open negotiations with a view to securing at the earliest possible date the services of a woman secretary, and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

##### *4. Assignment of Portfolios*

Resolved that the following distribution of portfolios among the present Secretaries be approved:

- Dr. R. B. Manikam:** Correspondence on behalf of the Council with the Government, the West, China, etc.;  
Matters arising from the war situation;  
Central Board of Christian Higher Education;  
Christian Literature.
- Rev. C. W. Ranson:** Theological Education;  
Church and Evangelism;  
Provincial Councils.
- Mr. E. C. Bhatt:** Economic Welfare of the Church (with special reference to N. India);  
War Supplies;  
Adult Literacy.
- Mr. C. Devanesen:** Economic Welfare of the Church and Adult Literacy Survey (with reference to S. India);  
Youth Work;  
High School Committee.

## XV. MEDICAL MATTERS

Dr. Manikam reported as follows:

### 1. Death of Dr. Jessie M. Allyn

Dr. J. M. Allyn, Secretary of the Christian Medical Association, went to Bombay at the beginning of August, 1944, to take charge of the Hospital Supply Agency, and while there, she contracted Typhus and died on August 26th, 1944.

### 2. Interim Arrangements

C.M.A.I. Executive Committee, meeting at Nagpur on 16th September, 1944, had resolved that subject to the approval of the N.C.C. Executive, Dr. Manikam be appointed Acting Secretary of the C.M.A.I. until a permanent Secretary was appointed. The Rev. J. S. M. Hooper was appointed Treasurer for the Christian Medical College Fund. Dr. Mrs. Edna Gault had been requested to give part of her time to the Vellore Medical College Appeal. Dr. E. H. C. Maguire continues as Editor of the *C.M.A.I. Journal* and Dr. A. P. Martin as Treasurer of the C.M.A.I.

Various persons, missionary and Indian, had been approached during the past months with a view to their taking up the Secretaryship of the C.M.A.I. but so far no one had been able to accept the post.

### 3. The Christian Medical College, Vellore

Dr. R. G. Cochrane became the Principal and Medical Superintendent on August 1st, 1944. His salary and allowances were now being paid by the Mission to Lepers.

New appointments to the Staff included the following:

Dr. E. W. Gault	...	...	Pathology Department
,, N. S. Macpherson	...	...	Men's (Out-Patient) Department
,, Draper	...	...	Pharmacology Department
,, P. R. Subba Rao	...	...	Eye Department
,, J. S. Carman	is expected soon in India. He is to take charge of the Surgical Department.		

#### 4. Christian Medical College Fund

Total amount received in India upto January 31st, 1945	...	Rs.	45,570	8	3
Total amount received in India from abroad up to January 31st, 1945	...	...	...	...	...
			2,24,314	2	2
		Total Rs.	2,69,884	10	5

#### Dr. Oliver Fund

Amount received upto January 31st, 1945 ... .. Rs. 1,928 10 0

The London Missionary Society had increased its annual grant from £100 to £500.

#### 5. Nursing

Miss V. K. Pitman, the Nursing Superintendent of the Vellore Hospital, had been invited to continue as Superintendent for at least a five-year period following her return from furlough. The Foreign Missions Board of the United Church of Canada had been requested to make the services of Miss Florence Taylor available to Vellore for at least two years in order that the proposed course of nurses' training might be started for the B.Sc. degree which the University of Madras is planning to institute. Two Missionaries of the Australian Presbyterian Mission, Miss C. Mackenzie and Miss M. Cranstoun, had been invited to join the nursing staff of the hospital.

The Nurses' Auxiliary of the C.M.A.I. met in Hyderabad on 24th November, 1944. Miss H. W. Sutherland was elected President, Miss M. D. Salmond, Treasurer, and Mrs. Hipwood, Secretary.

#### 6. Hospital Sunday

February 11, 1945, had been observed as Hospital Sunday. The C.M.A.I. had issued a leaflet for the observance of this day.

#### 7. Biennial Conference

Arrangements were being made for holding a *Biennial Conference* of the Christian Medical Association during this year.

#### 8. Literature

(a) An additional edition of 3,000 copies of the *Tales from the Inns of Healing* edited by Dr. B. C. Oliver, had been published in Canada under the auspices of the Missionary Education Department of the United Church of Canada.

(b) A pamphlet entitled *Vellore—Success or Failure?* had been recently published by Dr. R. G. Cochrane.

#### RESOLVED:

1. That we extend our deep sympathy to the C.M.A.I. at the great loss it has incurred in the death of its Secretary, Dr. Jessie M. Allyn.
2. That we approve the arrangement whereby Dr. Manikam has become the Acting Secretary of the C.M.A.I. and we express our satisfaction that he has been able to render this service to that body, but in view of the growing demands on the N.C.C., we request the C.M.A.I. to make more permanent arrangements for the carrying on of its work and thus relieve Dr. Manikam of the duties of the Medical Secretary as soon as possible.

3. That we record our gratification at the progress the Vellore Medical College had made in finance, staffing, co-operation, etc., and that we exhort the Churches in this land to realize the importance of the ministry of healing and to give liberal financial support to the Vellore Medical College Appeal.

## **XVI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts of the Council for the year ending 31st December, 1944. For the trial balance, abstract of receipts and payments, and contributions to the various accounts, see Appendix.

Arising out of his report,

### **RESOLVED:**

1. To record appreciation of the action of the India Committee (N.A.) in recommending to their constituent bodies that in making their appropriations they permit the N.C.C. to distribute the total according to its discretion.
2. To record with satisfaction the extent to which the deficit on the purchase of headquarters had been reduced, and to renew authority to the Treasurer for a further period of twelve months to borrow from special funds to meet this expense.
3. To authorize the Treasurer to utilize interest on Fixed Deposits for the further reduction of the debt on the headquarters account, and further to take action before 31st December, 1945, if necessary by a percentage levy on special funds, to wipe out this debt entirely.
4. To instruct the Secretaries to call the attention of Provincial Christian Councils to the Paton Memorial Fund, with a view to encouraging a worthy contribution from India towards this fund.
5. To instruct the officers to consider a suitable form of memorial in India to Bishop Azariah and to Dr. Paton, for which appeal might later be made.
6. To appoint the Rt. Rev. Bishop J. W. Pickett, the acting Chairman, to be a trustee of the Secretaries' Provident Fund.
7. To authorize the Officers of the Council to draft a budget for 1946 and circulate the same among the members of the Executive Committee for approval.
8. To adopt the report with thanks to the Treasurer.

## **XVII. CONSULTATIONS WITH DR. J. W. DECKER**

### **I. Subjects related to the Programme of the International Missionary Council**

#### **(a) The Future of Orphaned Missions.**

Dr. Decker made a statement on the plans of the I.M.C. regarding the future. He paid tribute to the magnificent demonstration of the ecumenical spirit represented by the generosity of the Churches in the support of orphaned missions. The International Missionary Council foresaw the need of continuing aid well into the post-war period. The Council did not desire to prolong its responsibility any longer than was absolutely necessary. But it must not fail

to complete the task which had been so well begun, and in this it will need the support of the ecumenical Church.

The difficulties which beset the reopening of missionary activity by the German Societies at the end of the last war are likely to be repeated and to be accentuated. The International Missionary Council was giving continuous attention to this question and its North American Counsellors had enunciated four principles which had commanded widespread assent:

- (i) The Christian Church can never consent to regulations barring its true missionaries in peace time from any field on the sole ground of nationality.
- (ii) In future arrangements affecting vitally the life of any Younger Church, the welfare and progress of that Church must be a paramount consideration.
- (iii) Neighbouring churches and all the Christian forces in any given country or region bear a Christian obligation to aid in the maintenance of the orphaned missions in their area.
- (iv) For an *ad interim* period the international staffing of orphaned missions (e.g. by a particular denomination using its international forces) may be a practical means of maintaining the work.

In the general discussion of the subject, which followed Dr. Decker's statement, it was emphasized that arrangements for the return of missionaries to any field must be made in consultation with the Church on the field. It was suggested that there may be missionaries in internment or parole camps who, on release, would wish to stay on in India rather than return immediately to their home lands. Organized missions may not be able to resume activities quickly, but if individual missionaries were, with the approval of Government, enabled to resume active work, this would offer an opportunity for the establishment of a personal link between the work in India and supporters in the parent churches, who are still conscious of their missionary duty and eager to give expression to it.

*The Committee resolved to express its full approval of the statement that the Christian Church can never consent to regulations barring its true missionaries in peace time from any field on the sole ground of nationality.*

**(b) Memoranda regarding the Admission into India or Burma of Aliens desiring to undertake Missionary Work.**

The attention of the Executive was drawn to the fact that Memoranda A.B. and C. governing the admission to India and Burma of missionaries of non-British nationality, are a source of much misunderstanding. It was suggested that the International Missionary Council should be requested to secure the abolition of the 'pledge' at present required of such missionaries. Non-British subjects engaging in business or other activities are not required to subscribe to the 'pledge' which is imposed on missionaries. Protest was made against this invidious distinction.

It was pointed out in discussion that the 'pledges' contained in the memoranda were first proposed by the American Presbyterian Mission in connection with the entry of their missionaries to Japan, and were adopted by the International Missionary Council in its negotiations with the Government of India regarding the re-entry of continental missionaries to India after the last war.

*The Committee resolved to refer the question to the I.M.C. for further consideration, drawing special attention to the fact that while non-British missionaries in India are required to subscribe to one or other of the Memoranda A.B. and C, non-missionaries of alien nationality are apparently exempt from such subscription.*

**(c) Registration of Missionaries of non-British Nationality.**

There was a brief discussion on this subject.

The Committee resolved to request the Executive Secretary of the N.C.C. to make personal representations to the Government of India in the light of the facts disclosed in the discussion.

**(d) Meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the I.M.C.**

Dr. Decker reported that the last official meeting of the *Ad Interim* Committee was held at Hemmen in 1939. It is highly desirable that a meeting be held in the near future to review the work of the past six years and to make plans for the future. It is also desirable that the N.C.C. of India should be represented at the meeting. The late Bishop Azariah was a member of the *Ad Interim* Committee, and Dr. Decker suggested that a substitute should be nominated to represent the N.C.C. at the next meeting, which would probably be held in the autumn of 1945 or the spring of 1946.

**RESOLVED :**

*That the officers of the N.C.C. be authorized to nominate a representative to the next meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council.*

**(e) Deputation from India to the West.**

Dr. Decker suggested that early plans should be made to arrange for a representative deputation from the Church in India to visit the Churches of the West (Britain, the Continent and N. America) and possibly also the Churches of Australasia. The main purposes of such a deputation would be:

- (i) To bring an essentially spiritual message and to express the reality of the ecumenical fellowship.
- (ii) To interpret India to the West.
- (iii) To offer advice and information to the Churches of the West regarding the Church in India and its upbuilding in faith, worship and evangelism.

It was suggested by a Special Committee appointed to consider the details regarding the visit of the deputation, that the deputation should consist of about five persons who would spend March and April, 1946, in the European continent and the United Kingdom, and May and June in North America, and perhaps visit Australasia in August and September. The deputation from the West might visit India in the autumn of 1946. A National Christian Conference might be convened in December, 1946. Such a Conference should consist of the N.C.C. Executive Committee together with the Chairmen and Secretaries of the Provincial Councils and certain other co-opted members. A unified document setting forth the findings of various studies and commissions on the Church in India and her task, should be prepared and submitted to this conference.

Financial aid to the deputation from India may be forthcoming from the Post-war fund of the I.M.C. and to a certain extent from Mission Boards. Dr. Decker thought it possible to count on travel and entertainment expenses in the West being met from Western sources. The travel expenses of the deputation to and from India should be raised in India.

**RESOLVED:**

To refer the question of the composition of the deputation, the details of timing and travel and the arrangements regarding finance to a committee consisting of: Bishop Pickett, Bishop Sandegren, Mr. Chetsingh, Mr. Rallia Ram, Mr. Whittaker and Dr. Manikam.

**(f) National Christian Conference, with Combined Deputation from the West.**

It was suggested by Dr. Decker that, following the tour of the deputation from India to the West, a meeting of the National Christian Council should be held in India, and that efforts should be made to persuade denominational deputations from the West to synchronize their visits to India in order to enable them to participate in a National Conference here.

The practical difficulties of this proposal were recognized by the Committee, but it felt that, if denominational deputations could first meet together with the representatives to the National Council and then visit their denominational fields, this would greatly help to co-ordinate the activity of missionary Societies in essential ways.

*Resolved to refer the question of the timing and the other arrangements for a Conference in India to the Committee on the deputation to the West.*

**(g) East Asia Conference and the Far Eastern Office.**

Dr. Decker called attention to the need for an early restoration of Christian fellowship between the countries of East Asia, after the end of the war. He referred to the gigantic problems which will confront the Church in this part of the world; and he suggested the desirability of holding (perhaps one year after normal communications are restored) an East Asia Conference of representatives of Japan, China, India, Burma and Ceylon, Indo-China, Thailand, Korea, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies.

Dr. Decker reported that the matter of establishing an Eastern Office of the I.M.C. had been under discussion for some years. Dr. Warnshius had been asked to investigate and report, but no definite official action had yet been taken regarding this matter. He was of opinion that an Interim Regional Committee for East Asia should be constituted with representatives from the eastern countries. He invited the advice of the Executive Committee. One suggestion made was that the title 'Far Eastern' should be dropped.

After some discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the question of the establishment of a Far Eastern Office of the I.M.C. be placed on the agenda of the proposed East Asia Conference.
- (2) That we recommend to the I.M.C. the formation of a Regional Committee for East Asia to function during the interim period.
- (3) That this committee arrange for consultation, fellowship, and contacts among the Churches in East Asia, in so far as they are feasible, that

it make the necessary arrangements for convening at an appropriate time and place an East Asia Conference and that it submit its proposals for the establishment of a Far Eastern Office to that Conference.

- (4) That it be recommended that this Interim Committee be constituted as follows:
- Two representatives from Japan.
  - Two representatives from China.
  - Two representatives from India, Burma, Ceylon.
  - One representative each from Thailand, Indo-China, Korea, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies.
- (5) That further matters of detail be arranged by the representatives of China and India, in consultation with nationals and missionaries from other countries mentioned, in so far as they are accessible.
- (6) That the representatives of India be Mr. Rallia Ram and Dr. R. B. Manikam.

**(h) Relation of the World Council of Churches to the Younger Churches and to the I.M.C.**

Dr. Decker raised the subject of the future relation of the Younger Churches to the World Council of Churches (in process of formation). He pointed out that several Churches in India have already sought affiliation with the World Council, which has hitherto worked and will continue to work in the closest touch with the I.M.C. The whole subject of relationships does, however, call for clear and careful thought and the advice of the N.C.C. of India would be welcome.

*The Committee resolved to express its warm approval of the close co-operation which at present exists between the World Council of Churches and the I.M.C.; to voice the desire that such collaboration shall continue in the future, but to emphasise its conviction that nothing should be done, in any administrative readjustments that may be made, to impair the strength and efficiency of the International Missionary Council.*

**(i) Department of Social and Economic Research and Counsel.**

Dr. Decker drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr. Merle Davis, the Director of the Department of Social and Economic Research is engaged on the preparation of a handbook embodying the main results of his work with the Department during the last fifteen years.

He urged that this book, when it becomes available be given the most careful attention and study.

**(j) Religious Liberty.**

Dr. Decker also informed the Committee of the publication by the I.M.C. in America of a very important book on *Religious Liberty*. A Commission of representatives from the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches in America had given intensive study to the whole subject over a considerable period. The Commission had secured the services of Dr. M. Searle Bates to embody the results of this study in an authoritative book, which was likely to become a standard work on the subject of religious liberty.

*Resolved to ask Dr. Decker to cable to America for fifty copies to be sent to India immediately.*



### (k) Joint Study of Christian Education.

Dr. Decker drew attention to a proposal that a group of international Christian Organizations, including the I.M.C. should engage in a world-wide study of the education of the World Christian Community in the fundamentals of the Christian faith. A memorandum on the subject had been sent to the N.C.C. and an expression of opinion upon it would be welcomed.

*Resolved, to ask the Secretaries to study the memorandum and circulate it, with comment, to the members of the Executive Committee for an expression of opinion.*

## II. Questions related to the Task of the Church in India

Dr. Decker raised certain fundamental questions regarding the future programme of the Church in India. He drew special attention to the probability that there will be a reduction rather than an enhancement of the missionary resources available from the West, after the war. He paid tribute to the value of the work of the N.C.C. in getting to grips with the contemporary problems of the Church and referred to the work of the Ninth Session of the Council held in 1944.

Dr. Decker also spoke of the urgent need for the training of leadership in the Church, particularly lay and voluntary leadership. He raised the issue as to whether the funds available from the West should be used primarily for training such leadership, or for its maintenance or for both. He referred to the service of women and commented on the small place given to women in the Conferences he had attended in India. This he regarded as a serious weakness. The integration of Church and Mission is another issue of primary importance, as is the related question of the future place of the missionary and his training. Another matter of great moment is that of priorities in the Christian enterprise, and the place of co-operative work in the budgets of denominational societies. Are the tasks which are done co-operatively to be regarded as essentials of the Christian enterprise or as luxuries which can be provided for when strictly denominational needs have first been met? There is need for clear and perhaps radical thinking on this subject.

Finally Dr. Decker referred to the staffing and future programme of the N.C.C. and the Provincial Councils and suggested that consideration should be given to the urgent need for strengthening the provincial agencies. This might be done not merely by appointing full-time secretaries, but by persuading Churches and Missions to grant executive tasks to the Councils in certain fields.

In view of the lack of adequate time for the discussion of these important matters, Dr. Decker suggested that the officers of the N.C.C. should edit the findings of the regional Conferences and send him a copy. He also expressed the hope that a full discussion might be held at the next meeting of the Executive and a definite judgment reached on some of the more urgent questions.

## XVIII. APPOINTMENTS

### 1. Officers of the Council

Bishop Pickett pointed out that the death of Bishop Azariah had created a vacancy among the officers of the Council. He urged that the N.C.C. Executive Committee should consider very carefully the advisability of appointing an Indian Chairman of the Council. The matter was referred to the Secretariat

Committee for consideration and report. The Committee later brought forward the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

*'Since owing to the death of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Bishop Pickett, will be required to act as Chairman until the next meeting of the Council, the Executive Committee is of opinion that an acting Vice-Chairman should be appointed to take his place, and proposes the name of Mr. B. L. Rallia Ram for that office.'*

**2. Other appointments were made as follows:**

*(a) Secretariat Committee*

The Rev. C. E. Abraham in place of the late Bishop Azariah.

*(b) National Christian Council*

The Rev. Dr. C. R. Wierenga co-opted in place of the Rt. Rev. Stephen Neill.

*(c) N.C.C. Executive Committee*

Miss Sarah Chakko in place of Rani Maharaj Singh.

The Rev. A. Ralla Ram in place of Mr. E. C. Bhatty.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hollis in place of the late Bishop Azariah.

The Rev. Dr. C. R. Wierenga in place of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neill.

## **XIX. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE**

It was decided that the next meeting of the N.C.C. Executive Committee should be held at Nagpur on September 18-20, 1945.

## **XX. VOTE OF THANKS**

On behalf of the Executive Committee the Chairman thanked the Rev. Dr. John W. Decker for the inspiration and wise counsel he brought to the meeting and requested him to carry to the Mission Boards of N. America, and the International Missionary Council, the affectionate greetings of the N.C.C. of India, Burma and Ceylon. He thanked also Dr. Cressy and requested him to convey the greetings of the N.C.C. to the National Christian Council of China.

With prayer and the Benediction, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

J. W. PICKETT	} <i>Ag. Chairman.</i>
R. B. MANIKAM	
C. W. RANSON	} <i>Secretaries</i>
E. C. BHATTY	
C. DEVANESEN	

**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR INDIA, BURMA AND CEYLON**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944**

RECEIPTS	Rs.	A.	P.	PAYMENTS	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>To, Opening Balance</i>				<i>Rs. A. P.</i>			
With Imperial Bank of India on current account ...	1,54,988	4	11	By Secretaries—Salaries and Allowances ...	16,822	6	0
With Treasurer in Fixed Deposits and Post Office Cash Certificates for special funds ...	1,36,354	2	9	Office Expenses ...	13,180	5	5
With the Treasurer in Post Office Cash Certificates for Provident Fund ...	724	4	10	Less—Transferred to Special Funds ...	7,287	8	1
Cash in Hand ...	319	11	2	<hr/>	5,892	13	4
	2,92,386 7 8			Rent ...	4,195	10	0
<i>Comprising the Following Funds:</i>				Less—Received ...	222	8	0
Adult Literacy...	39,115	8	6	<hr/>	3,973	2	0
Books...	447	9	6	Travel ...	4,035	6	6
Burma Relief ...	796	3	0	Less—Receipts and Transfers ...	2,047	11	0
Theological Bulletin ...	171	13	0	<hr/>	1,987	11	6
Christian Home ...	1,224	7	0	Provident Fund Contribution ...	525	0	0
Central Board ...	19,129	5	6	Treasurer's Office Expenses ...	240	4	7
Indian Literature Fund...	37,317	9	0	Bank Charges ...	198	2	6
Directory Account ...	1,622	6	2	Committees and Conferences ...	1,858	8	0
Farguhar Fund ...	1,706	13	5	Less—Refunds and Receipts ...	389	4	0
Income-Tax ...	62	1	0	<hr/>	1,469	4	0
Headquarters Fund ...	2,050	0	0	Printing and Publishing ...	2,090	14	6
International Missionary Council ...	42	4	2	Less—Receipts ...	171	1	3
Dr. Laubach ...	376	6	0	<hr/>	1,919	13	3
Evangelism Mass Movement ...	19,335	14	3	Affiliation Fees ...	650	0	0
Research Fund ...	4,219	13	8	Theological Bulletin ...	96	12	6
Mr. Crain ...	66	11	6	Less—Receipts...	25	0	0
Suspense ...	12,944	8	1	<hr/>	71	12	6
United Society for Christian Literature ...	12,947	13	5	Headquarters Fund ...	26,263	9	6
War Emergency ...	47,508	8	11	Less—Receipts...	16,023	14	0
Famine Relief ...	64,977	7	9	<hr/>	10,239	11	6
Office Supplementary ...	14,650	13	8	Income-tax ...	866	14	0
General Account ...	11,672	6	2	Less—Receipts...	804	14	0
	2,92,386 7 8			<hr/>	62	0	0
<i>Contributions</i>				International Missionary Council ...	3,442	4	9
From America ...	22,901	8	4	Less—Receipts ...	3,424	3	0
Less—Transferred to:				<hr/>	18	1	9
Suspense ...	3,596	10	0	Research Fund ...	1,635	0	0
Head quarters ...	2,800	0	0	Less—Receipts ...	25	0	0
Furlough Fund ...	1,000	0	0	<hr/>	1,610	0	0
Triennial Meetings ...	750	0	0	Suspense ...	1,02,930	7	3
Car ...	250	0	0	Less—Receipts and Transfers ...	89,988	0	3
	8,396 10 0			<hr/>	12,942	7	0
	14,504 14 4			Dr. Laubach ...	376	6	0
From Great Britain ...	29,449	6	1	Mr. Crain ...	66	11	6
Less—Transferred to:				<i>Closing Balance</i>			
Headquarters ...	9,200	0	0	With Imperial Bank of India on C/A ...	2,43,722	14	2
	20,249 6 1			With Treasurer in Fixed Deposits and Post Office Cash Certificates for special funds ...	1,37,774	5	10
From Colonial & Continental Societies	1,275	6	0	With Treasurer in Post Office Cash Certificates for Provident Fund ...	724	4	10
From Indian Sources:				Cash in Hand ...	15	10	0
Provincial Councils ...	3,250	4	0	<hr/>	3,82,237	2	10
Economic Secretary ...	172	9	0				
Day of Prayer 1,334 4 5							
Less-Expenses 952 6 0	381	14	5				
Miscellaneous	248	9	0				
	4,053 4 5						
	40,082 14 10						
Carried over Rs. 3,32,469 6 6				Carried over Rs. 4,41,302 14 3			



APPENDIX I

TRIAL BALANCE ON 31st DECEMBER, 1944

	Cr.			Dr.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Opening Balance ... ..	11,672	6	2			
<i>Add Payments:</i>						
Secretaries—						
Personal ... ..					16,822	6 0
Office ... ..	7,287	8	1		13,180	5 5
Rent ... ..	222	8	0		4,195	10 0
Travel ... ..	2,047	11	0		4,035	6 6
Contribution to Provident Fund ... ..					525	0 0
Treasurer—						
Office ... ..					240	4 7
Bank Charges ... ..					198	2 6
Committees and Conferences ... ..	389	4	0		1,858	8 0
Printing and Publishing ... ..	171	1	3		2,090	14 6
Affiliation Fee (I.M.C.) ... ..					650	0 0
<i>Less Receipts:</i>						
Contributions—						
American ... ..	22,901	8	4		8,396	10 0
British ... ..	29,449	6	1		9,200	0 0
Col. and Cont. ... ..	1,275	6	0			
Provincial Councils ... ..	3,250	4	0			
Ec. Secretary ... ..	172	9	0			
Day of Prayer ... ..	1,334	4	5		952	6 0
Cont. Miscellaneous ... ..	744	9	0		496	0 0
	80,918	5	4		62,841	9 6
Credit Balance ... ..					18,076	11 10
	Total Rs. 80,918 5 4				80,918	5 4
<i>Special Accounts:</i>						
Adult Literacy ... ..	47,146	5	11		6,875	6 4
Books ... ..	668	3	0		134	15 6
Bulletin (Theol.) ... ..	196	13	0		96	12 6
Burma Relief ... ..	846	3	0			
Central Board ... ..	25,291	0	5		4,920	15 8
Christian Home ... ..	3,612	14	3		155	1 3
Car ... ..	1,000	0	0			
Directory ... ..	1,869	9	11		24	0 9
Evangelism and M.M. ... ..	30,614	4	9		5,147	4 2
Headquarters ... ..	18,073	14	0		26,263	9 6
Famine Relief ... ..	298,922	4	7		187,559	6 6
Five-Year Training ... ..	28,755	13	6			
Furlough ... ..	8,023	15	0			
Income-tax ... ..	866	15	0		866	14 0
Indian Literature Fund ... ..	50,861	9	6		10,681	9 9
I.M.C. ... ..	3,466	7	2		3,442	4 9
Paton Memorial ... ..	5	0	0			
Office Supplementary ... ..	18,285	11	11		324	8 9
Research Fund ... ..	4,254	13	8		1,635	0 0



Contributions. British Societies (contd.)				£	s.	d.	Rs.	A.	P.
Canon Warren Charitable Trust (1943)	...	...	...	100	0	0	1,331	0	3
" " "	...	...	...	100	0	0	1,324	2	3
Church of "England" Zenana Missionary Society	...	...	...	32	16	0 (1943)	436	9	2
" " " " "	...	...	...	39	12	9	524	13	8
Church Missionary Society	...	...	...	47	1	4	626	7	6
" " " " "	...	...	...	263	13	2	3,491	3	2
Church of Scotland Mission	...	...	...	160	10	5	2,136	9	0
" " " " "	...	...	...	128	8	4	1,709	4	0
Episcopal Church in "Scotland	...	...	...	9	16	1	129	13	0
Friends' Service Council	...	...	...	17	2	3 (1943)	227	12	4
" " " " "	...	...	...	17	0	5	225	6	0
London Missionary Society	...	...	...	116	14	4 (1943)	1,553	8	3
Methodist Missionary Society	...	...	...	174	0	0 (1943)	2,315	15	8
" " " " "	...	...	...	437	14	3	5,795	14	8
Mission to Lepers	...	...	...	15	15	0	208	8	10
Presbyterian Church of England	...	...	...	4	1	0	53	10	0
" " " (Women)	...	...	...	2	18	7	38	12	7
" " " in Ireland	...	...	...	22	2	8	293	1	3
" " " " "	...	...	...	22	2	8	293	1	3
" " " " (Women)	...	...	...	23	5	0 (1943)	309	7	5
" " " " "	...	...	...	23	7	2	309	4	9
" " " Church of Wales	...	...	...	68	10	2	907	2	0
United Society for Christian Literature	...	...	...	6	0	0 (1943)	79	13	11
" " " " "	...	...	...	6	0	0	79	7	0
World Dominion	...	...	...	50	0	0 (1943)	665	8	2
" " " " "	...	...	...	10	0	0	133	1	8
World Sunday School Association	...	...	...	4	19	5	65	13	0
World Dominion Press	...	...	...	50	0	0	662	1	1
Zenana Bible and Medical Mission	...	...	...	38	0	2	509	14	0
National Bible Society of Scotland	...	...	...	6	14	0 (1943)	89	2	10
" " " " "	...	...	...	6	12	9	87	14	3
National Council of Y.M.C.A.s.	...	...	...	4	18	2 (1943)	65	5	0
" " " " "	...	...	...	4	17	7	64	9	9
S.P.G. Bombay	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	0	0
" Dornakal	...	...	...	...	...	...	188	0	0
" Lucknow	...	...	...	...	...	...	170	0	0
" Tinnevely	...	...	...	...	...	...	234	0	0

Total Rs. 29,449 6 1

### Colonial and Continental

	Rs.	A.	P.
Church of Sweden Mission	500	0	0
Danish Missionary Society	500	0	0
Evangelical National Missionary Society of Stockholm	100	0	0
Methodist Overseas Mission	75	6	0
New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society	50	0	0
New Zealand Presbyterian Mission	50	0	0

Total Rs. 1,275 6 0

### Indian Sources

#### (1) Provincial Councils :

Andhra Christian Council	200	0	0
Assam Christian Council	200	0	0
Bengal Christian Council	200	0	0
Bihar Christian Council	200	0	0
Bombay Christian Council	200	0	0
Burma Christian Council, (1943 and 1944)	400	0	0
Ceylon Christian Council, (1943)	100	0	0
Hyderabad State Christian Council	200	0	0
Karnataka Christian Council, (1945)	150	0	0
Madras Christian Council	300	0	0
Mid-India Christian Council	200	0	0











## CHRISTIAN HOME ACCOUNT

### Contributions, 1944

<i>American:</i>	Rs.	A.	P.
Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of			
Canada ... ..	889	0	0
Presbyterian Church in Canada ... ..	300	0	0
" " " " Special gift... ..	750	0	0
United Church of Canada (Women) ... ..	275	0	0
" " " " (Men)... ..	8	4	0
" Presbyterian Church of North America ... ..	16	6	0
	2,238	10	0
<i>Indian:</i>			
American Evangelical Mission, Raipur ... ..	35	0	0
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>			
Sale of Women's World Day of Prayer leaflets ... ..	20	9	0
" " Publications ... ..	49	4	3
	104	13	3
Total Rs.	2,343	7	3

### Payments, 1944

	Rs.	A.	P.
Printing—Women's World Day of Prayer leaflets ... ..	45	0	0
Purchase of <i>Christian Home Topics</i> —24 copies ... ..	2	8	6
Postage and Secretary's Expenses ... ..	62	8	9
Total Rs.	110	1	3

## FIVE YEARS' TRAINING SCHEME, U.P.

### Contributions, 1944

	Rs.	A.	P.
Methodist Church (U.S.A.) \$8,807.00 ... ..	28,755	13	6

### FAMINE RELIEF FUND

	Rs.	A.	P.
Total amount received during 1944 ... ..	2,33,944	12	10
Total payments made during 1944... ..	1,87,559	6	6

### WAR EMERGENCY FUND

	Rs.	A.	P.
Total amount received during 1944 ... ..	13,060	3	6
Total payments made during 1944 ... ..	12,985	0	0

### WAR EMERGENCY FUND

#### Further Contributions from 16th March, 1944.

*List No. XXI*

NAMES	AMOUNTS
	Rs. A. P.
Presbyterian Churches of Allahabad, U.P. ... ..	10 0 0
Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, U.P. ... ..	53 0 0
Missionaries of the L.M.S., Bangalore ... ..	126 0 0
" " " " ... ..	47 8 0*
International Missionary Council, New York. \$3000.00 ... ..	9,883 5 0

War Emergency Fund. Contributions (contd.)		Rs.	A.	P.
Through I.M.C., New York, Mrs. Helen and Miss Emma Schultz.	\$8.00	25	9	0
Missionaries and Workers, Kistna Administrative Committee. Dornakal Mission	...	98	8	0
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, per Miss E. L. Saunders	£ 100	1,321	14	0
Serampore Mission Council	...	36	6	0*
Agaswan Church, per Rev. H. J. Brooks	...	3	0	0
Gadat	...	2	0	0
'Anonymous' by cheque No. 33/82681 dated Aug. 21, 1944	...	80	0	0
Mission Hospital, Indore, C.I.	...	21	0	0
Tinnevely Diocesan Council	...	214	0	0*
Dr. J. R. Macphail	...	60	0	0
Total Rs.		11,982	2	0

\* Earmarked for the Danish Mission. The rest of the contributions are general.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

#### RECEIPTS

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS		Rs.	A.	A.	Total List No.	RECEIPTS		Rs.	A.	P.	
Up to March 15, 1944	...	70,329	4	0	I	...	4,681	13	7	0	
Danish Missionary Society	...	1,797	14	0	II	...	11,658	2	10	0	
Sumatra Missionaries	...	1,440	0	0	III	...	5,513	1	11	0	
G.E.L. Church	...	45	0	0	IV	...	5,779	15	6	0	
Federation—balance due for 1944...	...	4,541	7	6	V	...	15,048	15	1	0	
Miss Vitanats, per Rev. R. W. Scott	...	300	0	0	VI	...	5,582	3	9	0	
					VII	...	15,335	13	5	0	
					VIII	...	3,516	11	6	0	
					IX	...	6,977	9	7	0	
					X	...	3,885	14	3	0	
					XI	...	1,740	6	0	0	
					XII	...	11,402	11	3	0	
					XIII	...	1,705	2	1	0	
					XIV	...	4,533	6	0	0	
					XV	...	7,661	1	10	0	
					XVI	...	665	11	10	0	
					XVII	...	1,609	6	3	0	
					XVIII	...	4,314	1	0	0	
					XIX	...	1,337	4	9	0	
					XX	...	1,105	11	6	0	
					XXI	...	11,982	2	0	0	
Total Rs. 78,453					9	6	Total Rs. 126,037				

Credit Balance on 31st December, 1944: Rs. 47,583 12 5.

#### FAMINE RELIEF FUND

##### Further Contributions from 23rd March, 1944.

List No. III

NAMES	AMOUNTS	Rs.	A.	P.
Canadian Churches of the United Church of Canada Mission	...	5,000	0	0
Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	\$ 25-00	75	0	0
Miss Alice and Miss Omah L. Woods	...	164	8	0
Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada	...	14,887	8	0
Mr. J. Whitsed Dovey, Australia	£47.18.10	631	10	4
Foreign Missions Conference of N. America, New York	\$ 2,385.00	7,858	9	2
Through I.M.C., New York, Mrs. Helene Schultz	\$ 5-00	15	12	0
Church Committee for Relief in Asia	\$ 34,000-00	111,985	3	0
Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board	...	1,370	0	0

Famine Relief Fund Contributions (contd.)		Rs.	A.	P.
Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, West ... ..		548	0	0
Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, East ... ..		137	0	0
Canadian Inter-Church China-India Relief Fund ...	\$ 500-00	1,487	5	6
Presbyterian Church in Canada ... ..	\$ 7,000-00	20,829	7	0
'Anonymous' ... ..		200	0	0
Students, Andhra Christian College Sunday School ...		25	0	0
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bermuda (China- India Medical Relief) ... ..	£ 47	620	1	3
British Council of Churches ... ..		9,304	0	0
Total Rs.		175,139	0	3

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

		Rs.	A.	P.	Total List No.	RECEIPTS			
Up to 22nd March, 1944 ...		63,950	0	0	I.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Rev. C. H. Billington (Telugu Village Mission)	300	0	0		II.	59,477	10	4	
Rev. E. Noverraz (Basel Evangelical Mission)	500	0	0		III.	175,139	0	3	
Rev. E. C. Brush (American Baptist Mission)	12,550	0	0						
Rev. J. H. E. Pearse (Bengal Christian Council Relief Committee) ...	115,000	0	0						
Rev. Thomas David (K.R.C.C. Relief Committee) ...	6,250	0	0						
Miss E. C. Wigner (Orissa)	500	0	0						
Dr. E. H. Cressy (China Medical Relief) ...	310	0	0						
Rev. P. Pederson (for 6 families in Talabani area) ...	150	0	0						
Miscellaneous ...	49	6	6						
Total Rs.		199,559	6	6	Total Rs.		310,922	4	7

Credit Balance on 31st December, 1944: Rs. 111,362 14 1

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