

1917 September

## Native Conference

Our native brethren and sisters met in Conference with their missionaries Monday, Sept. 17, 1917, at Matopo Mission, about two hundred being present. The time of the forenoon session was taken up in the execution of a program prepared and assigned beforehand, as follows:

- (1) How can we get the most good from the study of the B.S. lessons?
- (2) What is the duty of us young people in winning our parents for Christ? In what ways can we be most successful?

This meeting was the first of its kind ever held among our native Church, and the speakers showed ability in the handling of their subjects. Throughout, the meeting was a great inspiration to the missionaries, who rejoiced to see that the native Church was willing and able to grapple with the difficult problems, and to feel responsibility for the carrying on of the work, and sending the Gospel to the regions beyond.

In the afternoon session, the following questions were considered:

## Art. I

What shall be done to a member of the church who continually refuses to help bear the financial burden of the Church?

Decided that all should feel responsible for giving their part by way of offerings. Should any however, find that he or she is not able to do so, he should report to his missionary or teacher, who will endeavor to assist him to find a way by which he might be able to give. Should any defaulters not report, they should be sought out by the teacher or missionary, and the reasons thereof obtained.

## Art. II

Is it expected that those who pay tuition for entering the Training School should also be required to give offerings?

The Moderator explained that to pay for one's admission was one thing, and to give to the Lord's work was another. Therefore all should be expected to give.

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