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The Mission workers of Matopo, Kapane, and Mtshabeni Missions met in Conference at Matopo Mission, Monday, July 20, 1908. Moderator, Eld. H.F. Steigerwald, Secretary, H.J. Frey. Opening Scripture lesson, II Peter 1, followed by prayer.

## Art. I

Question from Art. I, Council of 1907, in regard to buying land for mission purposes.

Whereas, it now seems probable that land can be bought where Kapane and Mtshabeni Missions are now situated, and Eld. Steigerwald is already corresponding with the Company for the purpose of learning the price of land and the terms of purchase,

Resolved that we favor the purchase of 3000 acres of land at each of these stations, provided same can be bought at a reasonable rate (approx. 60 to 65  $\text{g}$  pr. acre), and further that we send the question to the F.M. Board for advice.

## Art. II

Reconsideration of Art. II Council of 1907, with reference to a man having more than one wife.

Resolved that for the present we advise that such a man retain but one as his wife, and make provision for the sustenance of the others.

## Art. III

Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the F.M. Board and all others interested for responding so readily to our petition of last year to send means for the purchase of team to Mtshabeni.

## Art. IV

Resolved that we repeat our petition of last year and earnestly request that one or more representatives of the church be sent to visit and inspect the work on the field, believing more fully than ever that such a visit would prove to be of inestimable value in many ways.

## Art. V

Resolved that on all land that may be purchased according to Art. I resident natives should be charged a reasonable rental, the same to be fixed by the missionaries of the district.

## Art. VI

After careful consideration in regard to the establishment of a girls' school,

Resolved that said school be established at Mtshabeni Mission, to be conducted by the workers already there; with the understanding that they have sufficient male native help to carry on the work.

## Art. VII

Whereas, fever appears to be prevalent at Kapane Mission station,

Resolved that at the earliest possible date, as many missionaries as possible meet at Kapane and make thorough and definite investigation in regard to said mission; after which they shall

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decide whether or not the mission shall be moved, and their decision shall be considered final.

Our beloved colaborers, Bro. and Sr. Lehman from Johannesburg, were with us in Council, as well as Sr. Adda Ngile from Macha, and all assisted greatly by advice and suggestions.

Council closed with prayer.

H.J. Frey, Secretary.

#### Sub Council 1908

The members of this district met at Mapane Mission July 24, 1908, according to Art. VII., Council of 1908 to investigate and consider whether or not said mission should be moved.

After investigating the premises and surrounding country, and after deliberate consideration in regard to conditions,

Decided, by unanimous vote,

- (1) That the mission be moved.
- (2) That any necessary buildings built upon the present site shall be erected with the idea of moving kept in view.

H.J. Frey, Secretary.