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The Mission workers of Matopo, Mapane, and Mtshabezi met in Conference at the last named place Monday, Feb. 8, 1909. The Moderator, H.P. Steigerwald, led in devotion exercises, after which H.J. Frey was elected permanent Conference Secretary.

Art. I

Whereas, we have not received answer to Art. I, Council of 1908 in regard to buying land for Mapane and Mtshabezi Missions,

Whereas we believe that steps should be taken as soon as possible for the purchase of said farms; there

Resolved that we petition the F.M. Board for immediate advice in regard to said article.

Art. II

Whereas, it is the feeling of the council that Bro. and Sr. Frey with their family, and Sr. Doner are in need of a rest and change,

Resolved that we petition the F.M. Board to relieve them of their duties for a few months' time, and make it possible for them to take rest near the coast as soon as arrangements can be made.

H.J. Frey, Secretary.

1909

The missionaries of Matopo, Mapane, and Mtshabezi Missions met in Council at Mapane, Monday, Oct. 18, 1909. H.P. Steigerwald, Moderator; H.J. Frey, Secretary.

The visiting brethren from America, J.B. Ingle and J.A. Snets were present with us and gave helpful advice.

Art. I

Whereas, there has been no reply to our petition Art. II Council of Feb. same year, in regard to Bro. and Sr. Frey and Sr. Doner taking a rest near the Coast,

Resolved that we refer said article to visiting Committee now present and that Bro. Doner be included in the request.

Report of Committee, we advise their going.

Art. II

Whereas, it is the unanimous feeling of the workers here that Bro. and Sr. Steigerwald are in need of a rest and change,

Resolved that if the way can be opened they be recommended to return to America on furlough.

Art. III

Resolved that we take exception to the name given to the "Girls' School" by Gen. Conference and suggest that the same be called "Mtshabezi Mission--School for Girls".

Art. IV

Whereas, the workers on the field are desirous of knowing as to whether there is any stipulated time they are expected to remain on the field without a furlough,

Resolved that we ask the F.M. Board for information on this subject.

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Art. V

Whereas, in times past there have been long delays before receiving answers to our requests from the F.M. Board,

Resolved that we beg of them in all cases to answer as soon as possible and also that the secretary upon the receipt of communications from the field at once acknowledge the same.

Art. VI

Whereas the field is large and there is urgent need for more missionaries, both to help at stations already started and to open new stations,

Resolved that we appeal to the church at home for new recruits, and that the secretary be appointed, on behalf of the workers, to write an article for the Visitor urgently appealing for help.

Art. VII

What advice shall be given to a woman who desires membership, but whose husband has more than one wife?

Question tabled for the present.

Art. VIII

On motion decided that Bro. Steigerwald accompany the visiting brethren to Macha Mission and that they visit and examine also the Burgess Jam with idea of taking same over for mission work if thought advisable.

H. J. Frey, Secretary.