that this deputation consist of

Mrs. Hoernlé
Mr. Tavaria
Mr. Jaijbhay
Mr. Nana
Miss Katz.

Mrs. Hoernlé further reported that she had visited the Cassim Adam Ward at the Pretoria Hospital. The nurses and probationers were all European, and any special food required was supplied by relatives. The Johannesburg General Hospital was not the same, for the nurses were Native, and conditions generally were very bad.

Mr. Tavaria said that the Native nurses were very inefficient.

Mrs. Hoernlé said that these nurses in the past had only had a standard 6 qualification and a lower grade nurses training, but that now better qualified girls were being given the full nurses training.

In the discussion that following IT WAS DECIDED

that Mr. Jaijbhay and Mr. Tavaria discuss once more with Mr. Garde the matter of the Hindu ward at the General Hospital, and that after this the Hospital Board be again approached.

(d) Grant from Trust Fund

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Goodwin, of the Department of Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, stating that the Department was unaware of the existence of such a fund.

Mr. Nana agreed to look into the matter.

NOTED

(e) Warrants for Old Age Pensions

Miss Katz reported that adequate arrangements had been made.

(f) Application to Municipality for Grant in aid of Clinic

As nothing was reported on this matter, IT WAS DECIDED

that Mr. Penry Roberts, of the Public Health Committee of the City Council be approached for the purpose of gaining financial assistance for the Clinic.

(g) Evidence to the Commission on Medical Training

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that as nurse-training did not fall within the terms of reference of the Commission, no evidence had been offered.

NOTED
3. NON-EUROPEAN HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK:

Mrs. Hoernlé summarised the minutes of a meeting of various Non-European Associations held on June 29th to discuss the organisation of a Non-European Health Education Week.

IT WAS AGREED

that the holding of a Non-European Health Education week be approved of in principle.

4. SUBSIDY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE:

Mrs. Hoernlé said that she had interviewed Mr. Forsythe, Under-Secretary for Social Welfare, to attempt to obtain a grant under the Children's Act for the assistance of the Association's Child Welfare work. Mr. Forsythe had explained, however, that these subsidies were only granted to nationally- or provincially-organised bodies, and he, therefore, suggested that the Association affiliate with the Children's Aid Society for the purposes of the Act.

The position at present was that a good deal of Child Welfare work of the Association was being done through the Children's Aid Society, on whose Non-European case committee were Rev. B.L. Siganoney, Mr. H. Britten, Mr. Desai, Mrs. Hoernlé and Miss Katz. Mrs. Hoernlé thought that the time had come for the Association to affiliate properly and thus to have its own case committee and its own visitors, but it would be essential for these visits to be guaranteed. The Welfare Worker would thus be given sufficient status to enable her to administer maintenance grants and to assist children in need of care due to default of parents and for other reasons.

It was generally felt that the matter required more consideration, and IT WAS ACCORDINGLY DECIDED

that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

5. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

Sister Katz reported as follows for May:

"During the month of May, I paid 292 visits. As a result of the cold weather I found many cases of influenza among the adults and chest complaints among the babies. The home conditions in some of the houses I visited were so bad that four or five persons had to sleep in one bed, while others, with only one thin blanket, had to sleep on the floor. Frequently, a fire-bucket is the only means of warming the room. The combination of the cold weather and the use of these fire-buckets is largely responsible for these chest troubles.

"The Rand Aid. The Rand Aid have been very generous. In several cases they had stopped the rations."
"rations, but when I asked for continued support "over the cold weather, they agreed to continue "relief for a further period of twelve weeks. "Some of these families have been receiving food "from the Rand Aid for the past three or four "years.

"Our Resources. We were able to supply "eight aged single men, who are getting the Old "Age Pension, with suits, warm coats and shoes. "Eleven children received warm clothing and shoes, "and nine babies received woollies. All these "garments were given to us by friends. Nine "families received food, and in ten cases cooking. "oil only, every week

"Old Age Pensions. The number of pensioners "(60 to 65 years) is still increasing, and we have "had no difficulty in obtaining the necessary "grants. Three of the old people have died.

"The Clinic. In eight clinic days we treated "73 patients, mostly women. The money collected "amounted to £7.0.0. I took three children with "tonsils to the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital. "Usually they charge £3.0.0 for Indian patients, "but as some of the patients were not able to pay "this amount, the Hospital agreed to charge only "10/-, this being the amount charged to Native "patients. Four patients have been taken to the "Non-European Hospital for X-Rays. Three specimens "of blood and five of sputum have been sent to the "Medical Research for examination.

"The School. Eleven school-children were "treated at the Clinic, mostly suffering with sores. "One child attending school in Sophiatown, was sent "to Hospital some months ago. She was suffering "with a very bad heart, following an attack of "rheumatism and was in Hospital for two months. "She was then sent home as a chronic case. She "has now had a relapse, and, as the home conditions "are very poor, I was glad that I was able to get "her back into Hospital without any difficulty. "Twenty-four children have been taken to the "Dental Clinic for treatment.

"Social. Two European students have kindly "offered to coach the Indian girls in tennis, "so that now we are able to teach several groups "of girls.

"During my visits I found an old man in New "Clare who was just discharged from Hospital after "an illness of 6 months. He has no relations "and nowhere to stay. He is prepared to go to "Maritzburg, to the old age home. Some people "in New Clare are willing to keep him in the mean- "time as I promised to pay for him. I am trying "to get a blind boy of 14 years into the Athlone "School for the blind in the Cape. Another boy "of 18 years is crippled. He lives with his "mother a widow. He is still in school learning "to write with his left hand and seems to be very "intelligent."
6. FINANCE:

Mr. Jajbhay, having heard of the necessitous persons mentioned in the Report, offered to give the Welfare Worker £10.10.0 for distribution as she deemed fit.

Mr. Jajbhay's gift was accepted with gratitude.

6. FINANCE:

The Secretary reported that the Credit Balance at the Bank stood at £79.3.2.

Mrs. Hoernlo said that the Association's grant to the Rand Aid had not been paid, and must be paid soon.

She warned the members present that although an effort was being made to collect a capital sum for the maintenance of the regular work of the Association without financial embarrassment, nevertheless this would not exempt members from contributing towards the expenses for the current year.

NOTED

7. GENERAL:

A letter was read from Senator Rheinallt Jones, expressing his regret at not having time to attend the meetings of the Association, but assuring the members of his interest and offering his assistance at any time necessary.

IT WAS DECIDED

to thank Senator Jones for his very courteous offer and to assure him of the Association's desire to retain his membership.
July 7th, 1938.

IN VIEW OF THE UNAVOIDABLE POSTPONEMENT OF THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5.15 p.m. ON THURSDAY JULY 14th, 1938 IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

Julian Rollnick
HONORARY SECRETARY.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
   (a) Site for Indian Girls' School.
   (b) Inspection of Halls for Bioscopes.
   (c) Maternity Hospital for Indian Women.
   (d) Grant from Trust Fund.
   (e) Warrants for Old Age Pensions.
   (f) Application to Municipality for Grant in Aid of Clinic.
   (g) Evidence to Commission on Medical Training.

3. Non-European Health Education Week.

4. Subsidy from Department of Social Welfare.


6. Finance.

7. General.

PC.
A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY
JUNE 23RD, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION, ADAMS
ARCADE, MARKET STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

Julian Rollnick
For HONORARY SECRETARY

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of Minutes

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
   (a) Site for Indian Girls' School.
   (b) Inspection of Halls for Bioscopes.  Report of the
       Sub-Committee.
   (c) Maternit Hospital for Indian Women.
   (d) Grant from Trust Fund.
   (e) Warrants for Old Age Pensions.
   (f) Application to Municipality for Grant in Aid
       of Clinic.
   (g) Evidence to Commission on Medical Training.

3. Non-European Health Education Week.

4. Subsidy from Department of Social Welfare.


6. Finance.

7. General.

PC.
JOHANNESBURG INDIAN SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 2nd, 1938 AT 6A DIAGONAL STREET JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle (in the chair), Mr. F. Francis, Mrs. A.E.V. Jones, Miss E. Katz, Mr. K. Naransamy, Mrs. G. Alexander, Mrs. W. Earnest, Mrs. E. Frank, Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney, Mr. M. Jajbhay, Mr. A.L. Saffery, Mr. W. Earnest, Miss J.H. Granger, Mrs. C. Duknie, Mr. S.M. Nana, and the Honorary Secretary Mr. J. Rollnick.

APOLOGY: An apology was received from the Rev. Father P. Abramo.

1. HONORARY SECRETARYSHIP.

Mrs. Hoernle informed the meeting that the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. Lynn Saffery, had given notice of his resignation, owing to the increased pressure of work since his appointment as Secretary to the South African Institute of Race Relations. He would, however, maintain his interest in the activities of the Association, and do whatever he could to further its interests.

Mr. Jajbhay and Mr. Earnest expressed the gratitude of the Association to Mr. Saffery for the efficient way in which he had carried out his duties and his willingness and enthusiasm for the Association's work.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Saffery was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mrs. Hoernle, IT WAS DECIDED:

that Mr. Julian Rollnick of the staff of the S.A.I.R.R. be appointed Honorary Secretary.

Mr. Sigamoney suggested that Joint Secretaries be appointed, one of whom should be an Indian, so that the latter could be trained so as to eventually take over the Secretaryship.

It was felt, however, that this would provide unnecessary complication in the office work at the South African Institute of Race Relations, AND IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED:

That no joint secretary be appointed.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of a meeting held on January 27th, 1938 having been circulated, were (with certain alterations) confirmed.

3. SITE FOR INDIAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Mrs. Hoernle read a letter from the Transvaal Education Department saying that the title deed of the Lilian Road School made it impossible to use even temporarily; and that the site (100' X 100') offered by the City Council was too small. Mr. Strasheim, in an interview had said that there was no chance of obtaining a site in the central area of the city, and that the only possible place—
possible place was in Clairmont in which case the Government would supply buses for transport.

Mr. Earnest pointed out that the whole question of Clairmont Township was in dispute at present.

Miss Granger maintained that such a site outside the city was not practicable and would kill the school.

Mr. Nana suggested that the matter be left in abeyance until the Feetham Commission report had been put into operation, and the Department should then be approached, in September.

Mrs. Hoernle suggested that a deputation be sent to the Department after the elections.

Mr. Sigamoney said the Anglican Church might agree to allow a building for the school on their grounds. It was pointed out however, that the size of these grounds was also too small.

IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED:

That negotiations with the Transvaal Education Department be continued.

MINIMUM AGE FOR RECEIPT OF PENSIONS BY INDIAN WOMEN

Mr. Nana said that he had seen Mr. Kincaid who had informed him that it was impossible to reduce the Minimum Age still further.

Mrs. Hoernle said that the Association could continue the practice of obtaining pensions for women under 60, when physical disabilities and illness qualified them especially, a method that had already assisted a number of women.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF MR. M.M. PATEL

Mr. Patel's refusal to serve on the Executive Committee was noted with regret.

6. BIOSCOPE FOR INDIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Mr. Saffery reported that the Patidar Hall Committee had still to consider whether they would permit the holding of bioscopes in the Patidar Hall.

Mr. Sigamoney said that Mr. Pather was willing to allow the use of his hall on certain nights, provided that the films fitted his apparatus.

Mr. Jajbhay said that the Springbok Hall was also available.

Mrs. Hoernle suggested and the meeting agreed, that a sub-committee consisting of:

Mrs. Hoernle
Mrs. Haaffaje
Mrs. Earnest
Mrs. Coovadia
Miss Francis

be appointed to visit the halls in order to examine their suitability for the showing of films to Indian women and children.

7. MATERNITY HOSPITAL FOR INDIAN WOMEN

Mrs. Hoernle reported that no further developments had taken place but that she would make a report at the next meeting.
3. **GRANT FROM TRUST FUND**

The Secretary said that negotiations were in progress and would be reported at the next meeting.

9. **GRANT FOR CLINIC FOR INDIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Mrs. Hoernle reported that a discussion had taken place with the Transvaal Education Department and the M.O.H. of Johannesburg, at which the following relevant points were decided:

(a) That a Central Clinic for all Non-European School Children was not feasible.
(b) That the Crown Road Indian Welfare Clinic be the Central Clinic for the Indian Schools if possible.
(c) That there be a Central Dental Clinic for all Non-European School Children.
(d) That the Provincial Administration be asked for financial assistance.

There was thus every hope that the Association's Clinic would receive a substantial grant, and that it would probably be possible to engage an Indian Nurse.

10. **WELFARE WORKERS' REPORT**

Mrs. Hoernle introduced Mrs. Stanley Jones, formerly Chief Dispenser at the Children's Hospital, who was giving Sister Katz valuable assistance at the Clinic and had been able to arrange for medicines to be purchased at very cheap rates. Mrs. Jones then read the following report for the months of February, March, and April on behalf of Sister Katz:

During the last three months, I paid an average of 320 visits per month. The health condition of the families was fairly good at the beginning of the year. Recently, however, owing to the change of weather, I found several cases of pneumonia and influenza during my house visits.

The Rand Aid dealt with 45 cases every week. All cases sent to them for help received their parcels of rations immediately. The Rand Aid also found work for ten unemployed persons.

The Children's Aid

Widows with small children who apply for a grant from the Children's Aid, have to wait for many months until they get relief, and in one case a woman had to wait as long as nine months; five or six months of waiting is quite usual. One Indian who was killed in a motor accident had £1-10-0 in his pocket, and it has so far been impossible for the widow to obtain this money; the Mortuary Officials stated that the Police in Fordsburg had the money, while the Fordsburg Police reported that the money had been banked. The Juvenile Court has promised to deal with this case. I really think that it is a shame that we should have been sent from place to place so often, without being able to recover this money, of which the widow is in desperate need.
Our Resources.

Out of our resources we supplied clothes for babies, schoolchildren and adults in sixteen cases. In one case rations were supplied to a family, which has only been resident here one year as yet, and so is not yet qualified for help from the Rand Aid, who insist on a residence of at least two years. In eight cases we are helping with extra food for sick and old people. In six cases, oil for cooking has been supplied weekly.

Old Age Pensions.

There are about seventy old people who are receiving Old Age Pensions. Last month in two cases, unknown persons collected the pensions prior to the application by the lawful persons. I have arranged that in future, permits, or in the case of women, letters quoting their registered numbers, must be produced before the pension money will be paid.

Vaccination

Our Doctor vaccinated all the children in the Girls' School. In one afternoon, we vaccinated 97 in the Hostel and Madress, Market Street. During the vaccination campaign, we vaccinated 29 boys from Government Indian School, at our Clinic, besides 74 private cases.

The Welfare Clinic

Besides the vaccination cases we have treated 304 patients at our Clinic during these three months, the fees amounted to £20-0-0. Since the beginning of 1938 we have 137 new cases on our books. One mother brought her child to the Clinic suffering from Diphtheria. An Ambulance was called and the child removed immediately to Rietfontein. I kept the remainder of the family under observation and took steps to have the house disinfected. No other cases resulted.

Nine children with enlarged tonsils were sent for surgical treatment to the Nokuphila Hospital. They all had to pay. It is impossible to get beds for tonsil cases at the Non-European Hospital. I have an enormous number of cases waiting and cannot obtain adequate surgical treatment for them. One child suffering from Venereal Disease, was sent to Rietfontein for treatment. We have had several cases of mumps. Three cases were taken by me, to the Hospital for X-Ray Treatment.

Thirty-two children from the 14th Street School have been treated at our Clinic. A child with rheumatic fever, several with ear trouble, one with heart trouble, and the other cases being sore throats, flu and sores.

Our Anti-natal work is increasing in a marked degree, therefore we are in need of better equipment. Thirty-four boys from the Moslem School have attended the Clinic. They were examined, treated and received Malt and Oil.
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A new cupboard has been bought for our medicine bottles, costing £1-15-0.

I am still visiting the school every second day. From the Clinic Funds, 110lbs of malt and oil were bought for the school children. During these months I took 58 children to the Dental Clinic for extractions.

A course of Cooking Demonstrations was held at the Star Office, at which the attendance was very good indeed. Some days there being over 20 ladies present, such interest was shown that the demonstrator has kindly offered to hold another series at the end of the year.

Mr. Earnest in drawing attention to a point arising out of the Report (namely, that certain women on applying for their old age pension, had discovered that it had been drawn previously by some unknown person), objected to identification certificates and maintained that warrants were required for identification purposes. It was decided that

Mr. KINCAID BE ASKED TO PROVIDE WARRANTS FOR INDIA' WASHINGTON RECEIVING OLD AGE PENSIONS

Mrs. Jones pointed out that the ante-natal work at the clinic was developing very rapidly, and suggested that the Municipality should be approached to assist in this work by providing equipment. It was decided that the Municipality be asked for a grant to assist in the ante-natal work of the Clinic.

12. GENERAL

EVIDENCE TO THE COMMISSION ON MEDICAL TRAINING

Mr. Jara suggested that the Association give evidence with respect to the training of Indian Nurses, if this subject fell within the terms of reference of the Commission.

It was decided:

THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE BE FORMED CONSISTING OF:

- Mrs. Hoehn
- Mr. Reid and Dr. Park
- Miss Katz
- Mrs. Earnest
- Mr. Rashbault Jones

and that this sub-committee should attempt to give evidence to the Medical Training Commission.
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April 25th, 1938.

A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.15 P.M.

ON MONDAY, MAY 2nd, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW

INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

Julian Rollnick

For HONORARY SECRETARY

AGENDA

1. Resignation of Honorary Secretary and Appointment of
   New Honorary Secretary.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. Site for School

4. Minimum Age for Receipt of Pensions by Indian Women

5. Reply of Mr. M. M. Patel

6. Bioscope in the Patidar Hall

7. Maternity Hospital for Indian Women

8. Grant from Trust Fund

9. Grant for Clinic for Indian School Children

10. Welfare Worker's Report

11. Finance

12. General

KC.
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1938 AT 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle (in the Chair), a number of
members and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A.L. Saffery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:
Minutes of a meeting held on September 23rd, 1937
were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

a. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General
Meeting:
The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting having
been corrected, were confirmed.

b. Minimum Age for receiving pensions in the Case of
indigent Indian women:
It was reported that a letter from the Commissioner
for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs had been received,
wherein it was stated that the minimum age for the
receipt of relief by Indian women had been reduced from
65 to 60 years. It was felt that
representations should be made
for a further reduction of the
minimum age.

c. Cinematographic Shows in the Patidar Hall:
Mr. Patel reported that the Committee of the Patidar
Hall desired to discuss the matter at their next Annual
General Meeting before coming to any definite con-
clusion.

It was generally felt that another hall should be
sought, and Mr. Jajbhay was therefore asked to try to
arrange for either his own or some other hall to be
obtained for the purpose.

d. Tennis for inmates of the Muslim Hostel:
The Secretary reported that only one reply (from the
Rangers Tennis Club) had been received, and that it would
be difficult to arrange tennis at such a club for their
courts were used most during the week-ends which was
the time best suited for the boys. Mrs. Hoernle
eventually offered to attempt to arrange for tennis at
her own courts.

e. Indo-European Joint Council:
After a prolonged discussion on the subject of the
re-formation of the above Joint Council, it was decided
to leave the matter in abeyance
until the University re-opened in
March 1938.

f. Ward for Indian Women in the Seventh Day Adventist
Hospital:
Mrs. Hoernle reported that the Seventh Day Adventist
Hospital had been approached and there seemed to be a
possibility of coming to some arrangement.
steps would be reported later

WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

The Report of the Welfare Worker was read and adopted.

FINANCE: It was reported that the Balance in the Bank stood at £76.18.5.

GRANT-IN-AID OF CLINIC:

Mrs. Hoernle reported that discussions had taken place with the Medical Inspector of Schools at which the Association's Welfare Worker, Miss Katz, had been present. These discussions had resulted in certain suggestions being made regarding a scheme for providing medical treatment for Indian school children. Another such meeting would shortly be held and any further eventualities would be reported later.

MOTOR CAR: The Secretary said the Welfare Worker's car was in very poor condition as it had been continuously used for two years. It was imperative that a new car should be acquired immediately, and £100.0.0 was required for this purpose.

Mr. Jaihind offered, in view of the urgency of the situation, to lend the Association £100.0.0.

This was noted with gratitude.

This concluded the business.
March 14th, 1938.

To Members of the Association:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Postponement of March Meeting

Owing to the recent indisposition of the Society's Chairman, Mrs. A.W. Hoernlé, it has been decided to postpone until April the meeting that was due to be held this month (March).

Yours faithfully,

J. ROLLNICK

for HONORARY SECRETARY

I.W. 2/38.
A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

A. Lynn Saffery.

HONORARY SECRETARY

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

   (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting,
   (b) Further reduction of minimum age for receiving pensions in the case of Indigent Indian Women,
   (c) Cinematographic Shows in Patidar Hall,
   (d) Tennis for inmates of the Muslim Hostel,
   (e) Indo-European Joint Council,
   (f) Grant from Trust Fund,
   (g) Ward for Indian Women in Seventh Day Adventist Hospital.

3. Welfare Worker's Report

4. Finance

5. General.

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January 18th, 1938.

A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.15 p.m.
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1938, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

The Agenda of the meeting will be circulated later.

A. Lynn Saffery.

HONORARY SECRETARY
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1937, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a, DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

PRESENT: Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernlé (in the chair), Mr. S.M. Nana, Mr. F.D.H. Francis, Mr. R.S.C. Pillay, Advocate A.J. Minty, Mr. B.K. Patel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ernest, Mrs. Frank, Rev. Father P. Abramo, Miss J.H. Grainger, Mr. K. Naransamy, Mr. G. Bandhu (of Springs), Mr. I.M. Metir and Mr. J. Rollnick (who acted for the Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Senator and Mrs. Rheinallt Jones, and Mr. A.L. Saffery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:
Minutes of a meeting held on September 23rd, 1937, having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Annual General meeting were found to have the names of certain members of the Executive Council missing, and IT WAS THEREFORE, DECIDED that the list of members of the Executive Committee should be checked and supplemented before the minutes of the Annual General meeting were passed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
(a) Site for School
Mrs. Hoernlé said how disappointed she was over the manner in which this matter was being held up. Reports had been sent to Mr. Bekker, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Kreft, and the School Inspectors, but no definite result had been achieved and it seemed as if the matter had been pigeon-holed. Apparently it had not been passed by the General Purposes Committee of the City Council.
Miss Grainger remarked that she had also been informed that the matter had been held up in the Council.

(b) Relief for Indigent Indian Women - Minimum Age
Mrs. Hoernlé read a letter from the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, stating that the minimum age for the receipt of relief grants had been reduced from 65 to 60 in the case of Indian Women.
It was generally felt that this age was still not low enough and IT WAS THEREFORE, DECIDED that further representations should be made to the Officer concerned pressing for an additional reduction in the minimum age.

(c) Old Age Pensions
Mrs. Hoernlé reported that the Old Age Pensions for Indigent Indians were now being paid out and several applicants had benefitted by Grants which had been given as from May last.

(d) Dental Clinic
Mrs. Hoernlé reported that Dr. Grunthal was now able to fill the teeth of Indian children in his own surgery.

IT WAS DECIDED --that--
that Dr. Grunthal be written to, expressing the gratitude of the Association.

(e) Grant for Clinic

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that the Transvaal Education Department had been provided with a report two and a half months ago, but no reply had yet been received.

4. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Hoernlé reported that Miss Katz was ill and unable to attend. The following Report for October was, therefore, read from the chair:

"207 visits have been paid during the last month. The health conditions are much better than they were during the winter months, except that recently I found several cases of dysentery amongst the small babies.
"The Rand Aid gives 53 families rations each week; that means 280 parcels every week.
"Own Resources We distributed clothes for 11 babies, 5 school children and 6 adults. 4 families were given rations, and 3 families oil only.
"Old Age Pensions There are 39 cases who received the old age pension last month. This month there will be 11 more who will receive the amount of 10/-.
"Dental Clinic I took 29 children to the Dental Clinic for extractions and 9 to Dr. Grunthal for fillings.
"School Clinic Dr. Steyn examined 31 new pupils in the school on Fridays and re-examined 9 children who were not well. 22 children were vaccinated at the school clinic.
"As the children are not getting any more milk and cheese from the Department, we supplied them with milk.
"Hostel The health conditions are excellent at the Muslim Boys’ Hostel.
"Clinic We attended 73 cases and the fees taken amounted to £5. We vaccinated 11 children aged from 1 to 3 years, and 3 adults as they were not vaccinated when they were small.
"12 school children attended our clinic and also 2 boys from the Hostel, who had sore throats, ear trouble, and sores."

5. FINANCE:

(a) Balance in Bank

The Credit Balance in the Bank on 24th November, 1937, was £174.19.5.

(b) Welfare Worker’s Salary

IT WAS DECIDED that the Welfare Worker should receive an increment of £2.10.0 as from January 1st, 1938.

(c) Proposed Honoraria to Doctors

Mrs. Hoernlé said that it was the usual custom, in similar circumstances, to present the Doctors with honoraria in recognition of their services; she had accordingly approached the ladies in question, both of whom refused to accept anything.

Messrs. Ernest, Nana and Naransamy thought it would be a good idea to present them with gifts, and IT WAS, THEREFORE DECIDED

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3.  
(a) that the honorary Doctors should be presented with gifts.
(b) that the gifts should be of the value of £5 for each.
(c) that the selection and purchase of the gifts be left to Mrs. Hoernlé and Miss Katz.

6. GENERAL:  
(a) Non-Acceptance of Office (Mr. M.M. Patel)  
It was reported that Mr. M.M. Patel who had been elected a member of the Executive Committee, had intimated that he did not wish to serve. IT WAS DECIDED that Mr. M.M. Patel be written to and pressed to reconsider his decision.

(b) Invitation to Wedding  
An invitation to the Association to the marriage of Mr. Manion and Miss Ammal was read.

(c) Cinematographic Shows in the Patidar Hall  
The Acting Secretary reported that the Hall, although suitable in every way for the showing of films, nevertheless required alternating current, for the Projecting Apparatus could not operate on Direct Current. The Electricity Department of the Municipality had, however, offered to effect the change free of charge as soon as they received the required sanction of the owners of the stand. IT WAS, THEREFORE, DECIDED that Mr. Patel should supply the Secretary with the names of the members of the Patidar Hall Committee, so that the latter could write to them individually and get the necessary sanction.

7. EXTENSION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YEAR:  
Mrs. Hoernlé, announcing a recess until the new year, thought that as the Association was now sufficiently well established, new developments in its activities for the ensuing year ought to be discussed.

(a) Tennis for Inmates of the Muslin Hostel  
Mrs. Hoernlé introduced this matter, stating that the boys were keen on playing tennis, but had no opportunities for doing so. that Messrs. Nana and Ernest explained this unsatisfactory position was due to the fact that the City Council were negotiating a transfer of the Indian Sports Ground, due to difficulties in finding a City Parking Area. As a result of the discussion that followed, IT WAS DECIDED that letters should be written to the following clubs requesting them to allow the Hostel boys to play on their courts on certain convenient days of the week:

(a) Orient Club  
c/o Mr. Jajbhay,  
corner 21st and Delarey Street,  
Vrededorp.  

--(b)--
(b) Right of Entrance to Parks

It was reported that in certain cases Indians were not permitted to enter and play in certain parks, and it was decided to write to the relevant authorities in order to find out the exact position.

(c) Bioscopes and Indo-European Joint Council

Mr. Ernest pointed out how indefinite and unsatisfactory were the regulations concerning the rights of Indians to enter certain bioscopes. It was possible to attend the Palladium and sometimes the Standard, on certain evenings, but generally the whole position was very obscure, and one never knew when entrance would be denied.

Mr. Nana gave a brief account of the negotiations that had taken place between representatives of the Indian community and Mr. Schlesinger. Mrs. Hoernlé at this stage, suggested that this was a matter that could more suitably be handled by a Joint Council of Indians and Europeans. Moreover, there were a number of members of the University Staff who were willing to co-operate on such a council. This, then, was an opportune time for the revival of the Indo-European Joint Council.

Mr. Ernest, in supporting Mrs. Hoernlé's remarks, also pointed out that quite a substantial sum still existed in the Bank, left over as an Education Fund of the last Joint Council.

On the suggestion of Mrs. Hoernlé, it was decided that the Indian Welfare Association should write to all those persons interested in order to convene a meeting of an Indo-European Joint Council.

(d) Grant from Immigration Trust Bureau

Mr. Nana pointed out the existence of a Trust Fund which granted sums of money for Indian Welfare purposes. As a result of this information, it was decided to write to the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs in order to investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Trust Fund.

(e) Maternity Hospital for Indian Women

Mrs. Hoernlé, in considering how a substantial grant could best be used, pointed out how urgent a need there was for a maternity home.

--Mrs.--
Mrs. Hoernlé reminded the meeting that Mr. Jajbhay was prepared to give £1,000 towards such a cause. Regarding the Bridgman Maternity Home, Mrs. Hoernlé said that it was not prepared to have a special ward for Indian Women - though they were never refused entrance.

Mr. Ernest said that Indian Women were more accustomed to going to the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital and to the Princess Alice Home.

On the suggestion of Mrs. Hoernlé, IT WAS DECIDED

(a) that the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital be approached in order to discover if they would be prepared to consider a special ward for Indian Women.

(b) that if the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital were agreeable, Mr. Jajbhay be approached to lend his assistance.

Beds in Tubercular Hospital

Mr. Ernest said that the Tubercular Hospital were prepared to give 30 beds for the use of Indians, and the latter should, therefore, help to make the Christmas Stamp scheme a success.

Mr. Nana suggested that the matter be discussed with Mr. Nye.

Miss Grainger said that she had not pressed the sale of the stamps in the school as yet, as she had not been certain of the benefits to be derived.

Mr. Ernest offered to see Mr. Nye and discuss the matter with him.

Valliamma Hall Memorial Trust

Mrs. Hoernlé, in answer to a question of Mr. Naransamy, said that no definite steps were being taken in connection with the sale of the Hall until the Government's Asiatic Land Policy had become more settled.

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A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT 5.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 1937, IN THE OFFICES OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY, 6a DIAGONAL STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

A. Lynn Saffery.

HONORARY SECRETARY

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Welfare Worker's Report
4. Finance (a) Balance in bank
   (b) Welfare Worker's Salary
   (c) Proposed Honoraria
5. General
October 20th, 1937.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Third Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at 3 p.m. on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1937, at the PATIDAR HALL, TERRACE ROAD (just off Bree Street), NEWTOWN, JOHANNESBURG.

The Annual Report of the Association will be presented at this meeting and addresses will be delivered by

PROFESSOR R.F.A. HOERNLE

on

"THE FUTURE OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA"

SIR SYED RAZA ALI

on

"THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIAN IN THE COMMUNITY"

You are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and to bring any friends who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

A. Lynn Saffery

HONORARY SECRETARY
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT 5.15 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1937, AT 6a MARKET STREET,
Johannesburg.

PRESENT: Mrs. R.F.A. Hoernle (in the chair), Mrs. Grainger,
Mrs. Kuper, Dr. Reid, Dr. S. Steyn, Sister Katz,
Mrs. Ernest, Mrs. E. Frank, Mrs. M. Bob, Mr. S.M.
Nana, Mr. Picabhai and Mr. J. Rollniclc.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Senator and Mrs. J.D.
Rheinallt Jones, Father Abramo and Mr. Saffery.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:
Minutes of a meeting held on July 22nd, 1937, having
been circulated, were taken as read and (with slight
alterations) were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
(a) Grant to Hand Aid Association
Mrs. Hoernle reported that she had seen Mr.
Leeke and had induced him to accept £75 as the
Annual Grant to the Association.

(b) Dental Clinic
Mrs. Hoernle reported that she had interviewed
Dr. Grunthal who had visited the clinic, which
he thought was quite suitable for dental purposes,
and promised to give an estimate of the expen­
diture required. Furthermore, he was going to
find out whether he would be allowed to take
Indians in his own clinic, and on his advice it
was decided
that no further steps in connec­
tion with the Association's projec­
ted Dental Clinic be taken until
Dr. Grunthal had ascertained whether
he would be allowed to take Indians
in his own clinic.

(c) Grant for Clinic
Mrs. Hoernle reported that registrations with the
Transvaal Education Department were in progress,
but no definite decision had yet been made.

(d) Site for School
It was reported that the Municipality was about
to release a site in Vrededorp for a Girls' School,
though matters had not progressed very far.

4. FINANCE: It was reported that there was a credit balance in
the bank of £187.6.5.

5. WELFARE WORKER'S REPORT:
Sister Katz reported as follows for the months of
August and September:-

--I--
I paid 593 visits during the last two months.
I still find many cases of pneumonia mostly amongst small children. A number of babies are very delicate, the cause is lack of sufficient fresh air.

The cases which came to me asking for relief in the form of rations or rents have been carefully investigated before being sent to the Rand Aid or Children's Aid.

Rand Aid: I sent 10 new cases to the Rand Aid for rations. 7 of them were old people who are unable to work and are without support, and three are widows with small children. They all got help in the form of rations from the Rand Aid.

Our own resources: I distributed babies' clothes and napkins to 6 babies. 6 children and 12 adults received clothes and shoes from us. I had to pay rent for one case, otherwise the family would have been turned out.

Juvenile Court: The Juvenile Court dealt with 3 new cases for grants. One case consisted of orphans, 2 big girls who are working and 2 school-boys whose parents died lately. The other is a widow with 4 small children whose husband died a year ago, the third case is a widow whose husband died 2 months ago; she has 4 small children, the youngest only 14 days old.

Old Age Pension: I sent 41 applications to the Immigration Office for Old Age Pensions.

Tennis: A number of girls and also some married women played at Mrs. Hoernle's house and at Mr. Moulvi Mia's house. They enjoyed the game very much.

I reported one case of a very dirty, neglected room to the health inspector. I revisited this place and found a little improvement.

Dental Clinic: I took 24 school children to the University Dental Clinic for extractions and 4 to a private dentist for fillings. 3 children are going to have their tonsils removed at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital.

Clinic: During these two months we had 136 patients in 16 clinic days and the fees amounted to £10.

We had 6 mothers for ante-natal work.

27 children from the girls school were attended to at the clinic. 5 with tonsilitis, 12 with colds, the others with sores. They had a proper examination and received medicine. One child with very bad sores was sent to Rietfontein for treatment.

7 boys from the Muslim Hostel came to our clinic for treatment, 3 with ear trouble, 2 with eye trouble, and 2 with sores. I bought malt for the school children as several of them are still underfed.

6. CLINIC: It was reported that another cupboard, and an ear syringe were needed for the clinic, and it was, therefore, decided

---that---
that an ear syringe should be bought, and that Mr. Nana should attempt to procure a cupboard from the Transvaal Mattress Company as a donation.

Dr. Reid deprecated the fact that persons requiring operations of a more serious nature were going for this purpose to Pretoria and Boksburg instead of to the General Hospital in Johannesburg. Mr. Nana pointed out the conditions at the General Hospital were very unsatisfactory as the Indian section was hopelessly understaffed. Better arrangements, however, could be expected owing to donations and £ for £ grants.

Sister Katz remarked how very good the conditions in Pretoria Hospital were. Mrs. Hoornle suggested that reports of cases requiring medical and surgical treatment who preferred going to Pretoria or Boksburg should be made and presented to the General Hospital, on which it was decided that all such cases should be reported to Mrs. Hoornle who could then write a letter to, and personally communicate with a member of the Board of the General Hospital, drawing the Board’s attention to the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

7. RELIEF FOR INDIGENT INDIANS AND OLD AGE PENSIONS:

Mrs. Hoornle described how disgraceful the position had become owing to the laxity on the part of the Commissioner’s office. Other work was being done, and there was even a shortage, or complete lack of forms which had to be sent up from Cape Town. Nor were there any duplicate forms. This had led to a serious delay in the Relief payments, so that since May, four old Indians had died. Further, until recently the Commissioner’s Office had possessed no means of investigating the cases, though now the position was changed owing to this work being taken over by the Welfare Worker of the Association. Mr. Nana said he had seen Mr. Goodwin, the officer-in-charge, and had made sure that the payments would be made as from May. In respect of Old Age Pensions, he pointed out that the Pension Age was 65, but that Indian women, on the whole attained on the average a far lower age than the men. Figures gathered from the official year book were quoted to prove this point.

In consideration of these matters, it was decided

(a) that a small "Case Sub-Committee" be appointed who should immediately take up the investigation of genuine cases deserving Relief, and report these cases to the Commissioner as soon as possible, so as not to delay this matter any further.
8. GENERAL:

(b) that this Sub-Committee should consist of

Mrs. Hoernle
Sister Katz
Mrs. Ernest
Mr. Nana
Mr. Pickabhai

(c) that the Association should write to the Commissioner in support of Mr. Nana's plea for the lowering of the Pension Age for Indian Women.

9. NEXT MEETING:

It was decided

(a) that as the next meeting was the Annual General Meeting, it should be held at night, and 200 to 250 people invited to be present.

(b) that either the Mayor or Sir Raza Ali be invited to preside, and representatives of the Rand Aid Association, Government School teachers, Hospital Board and others be invited to attend.

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