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PRESIDENT  
BRITISH UNION  
CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH  
DAY ADVENTISTS

1917

MISSIONS IN EAST AFRICA

31st July

Requests permission to send representative from  
this country to confer with workers in E.A.P.

Last previous Paper

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2/05/17*Mr ~~Edw.~~ *Si. G. Fidler*

Mr Campbell and Mr Meredith came to see me a day or two ago to ask whether Mr Meredith would be allowed to visit the East Africa Protectorate. I told them that I had no authority to say definitely yes or no, but that if they would put the question formally they should have an official answer. I did not, however, disguise from them ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~impression~~ <sup>impression</sup> that the answer would be in the negative.

In view of the minutes already passed by the Secretary of State on 37023, I have included a refusal in the draft which I have prepared in accordance with the minutes ~~on that paper~~.

They referred, by way of argument, to the fact that certain missionaries of the African Inland Mission had recently been allowed to go out to the Protectorate. I explained that those missionaries were Americans who had been permitted to go after specific enquiry in each case of the Officer Administering the Government. I think ~~that~~ we can differentiate between missionaries actually going out to conduct a mission and a missionary going out, as

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CAMPBELL, President

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July 31st 1917.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office, S.A.S.,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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Sir,

I trust I shall not be considered unduly persistent if I approach you again on the subject of my letter of June 18th.

In the early opening of next year our quadrennial General Conference will convene at San Francisco. At this gathering plans are concerted for the administration of our various Missions in Asia and Africa, and a financial budget is voted. Our British Union Conference is charged henceforth with the supervision of denominational operations in the British territories of Western and Central Africa, and we are anxious to place before our General Conference as definite a statement as possible concerning the financial support we must ask for during the coming quadrennial period.

At a meeting of the British Union Executive Committee held last week, we found ourselves much embarrassed in dealing with our mission stations in British East Africa for lack of personal acquaintance with the situation as it exists there at the present time, and the Executive Committee felt that, under the circumstances, the only thing was to approach you, Sir, with as urgent a request as we might venture to address to you, that we might be permitted to send a representative from this country to spend a few weeks with our workers in British East Africa.

I enclose a copy of the resolution that was passed. At the present time there is barely six months available for such a tour, and it is a very necessary one, if we are to do our best for the missions in question.

I should esteem it a favour if you would be kind enough to give this request your early and favourable consideration.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

M. V. Campbell

CAMPBELL, President.

W. E. READ, Secretary.

H. D. CLARKE, Treasurer.

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At a session of the Executive Committee of the British Union Conference held July 24th, 1917, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That finding ourselves greatly hindered in planning for the maintenance of our missions in British East Africa, for lack of definite intelligence concerning the present situation, we instruct our President to address to the Colonial office a respectful and urgent request for permission to send our African Missions Secretary, Pastor W.H. Meredith as quickly as possible to the Protectorate."

M.I. 38192 East Africa Protectorate.

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Downing Street,

6 August, 1917.

Sir,

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CAMPBELL, ESQ.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler 2 8/17
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read. 3/VIII
- Mr. G. Fiddes. 3
- Mr. Steel. Milllands
- Mr. Long.

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and draft on 37051

I am directed by Mr Secretary Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st of July, and to inform you that he is not prepared <sup>while the war continues,</sup> to assist you in obtaining a passport for Mr W.H. Meredith to visit the East Africa Protectorate for the purpose of reporting upon the operations of the <sup>Seventh</sup> Day Adventist Mission in that Protectorate ~~whilst the war continues.~~

He notes that the purpose of the proposed visit is to obtain information as to the situation of the mission at the present time. As the quadrennial General Conference for which the information is desired does not meet until next year, I am to suggest that there is time for the

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