RESOLUTIONS of the Ciskeian Missionary Council of 14th February, 1945, on the Report of the National Health Services Commission in so far as it affects missionary work.

1. The Ciskeian Missionary Council, having considered the Report of the National Health Services Commission, wishes to express its gratitude to the Commission for the statesmanlike manner in which the problems connected with Native Health have been surveyed.

2. The Ciskeian Missionary Council is emphatically in favour of a National Health Service under a central authority as outlined in the Commission's Report.

3. The Ciskeian Missionary Council notes with regret that the Government does not find it feasible, on account of constitutional difficulties, to carry out in their entirety the recommendations of the Report in regard to placing National Health Services under a central authority. If, as seems likely, the present functions of the Provincial Councils in regard to Health are to be retained this Council would advocate that the policy pursued by Provincial Councils in regard to Health should be more frequently subject to expert advice.

4. In view of the critical financial position of most Mission Hospitals the Ciskeian Missionary Council desires to support with emphasis the recommendations in paragraph 20 on page 145 of the Report, namely, that such Hospitals should be subsidised on the basis of a fixed number of occupied beds per day and on the same number of out-patients daily, and urges that Provincial Councils be enabled to put this recommendation into effect at once.

5. While accepting the proposal that Mission Hospitals should be subject to inspection the Ciskeian Missionary Council strongly disents from the suggestion that new Mission Hospitals should not be encouraged.

6. The Ciskeian Missionary Council is convinced that in the present stage of development of great numbers of the Native population the hospitalization and clinical treatment of Natives will be achieved more readily under missionary auspices than in any other way. The Council is glad to note that this aspect is recognised in paragraphs 105 and 106 on page 78 of the Report.

7. In regard to Health Centres the Ciskeian Missionary Council strongly recommends that approved Mission Hospitals should be eligible for selection as Hospitals from which Health Centres with their rural Clinics may be organised and controlled, and that for the purpose of meeting the needs of Clinics, Health Centres and Mission Hospitals a suitable Central Hospital, staffed with necessary specialist services, should be provided.