

The work of the Z. J. Council of European and Bantu

Writing to some of our leading papers, the Secretaries of the above Councils and other things said. On the 7th of August, another meeting was held at which the activities of the council were discussed. It was decided first of all to carry out some propaganda and then to tackle the problem of agricultural Education among Bantu of the neighbourhood. A scheme to carry this out was proposed and passed. It was also proposed that villages be encouraged to improve their hygienic conditions and be made more beautiful. This matter will be dealt with by delegates elected for that purpose. Many other matters were discussed and sub-committees were elected to carry out the decisions of the council. It is to be hoped that this Council will be supported in its endeavours by all who are interested in the welfare of South Africa. Some time back we discussed the movement of Joint Councils in general and also the local branch in particular. As a result of recent developments as expressed in the above letter we are compelled to make some comments on the programme of activities. Work for the African has been, from the early times, only missionary and, until recently, the Government and the public looked upon it as such. Things are assuming another aspect. Public-minded men have busily engaged themselves in preaching the gospel of mutual understanding and co-operation. So far, their efforts have succeeded, and the creation of our Joint Council is a proof of that. The programme of the J. Council as outlined is a big step forward. In early days missionary work was single handed but in spite of that progress was attained. Now that there are other forces at work, we have every reason to hope that the coming years will witness yet greater awakening of the Bantu in all directions. But it must be remembered that success in our labours shall only come if we work towards the ideal now before us. That is to say we must not let circumstances overtake us or get us satisfied with a little success. As well-wishers of South Africa and the cause of humanity, we should apply ourselves unsparingly to the task before us, and it is only then and not until then, that we shall see what good we wish for this country and the rest of the world become a true fact.

The J. B. Jong Flag August 30th will remain a memorable day to the Valdezia Pathfinders in particular and to those who were present. It was an occasion of the presentation of the J. B. Jong memorial Flag by Rev Woodfield our D. P. M. From early in the morning Valdezia was receiving well-known visitors Mrs. J. D. R. Jones accompanied by Mr Kuhne (A. D. P. M) had come during the early part to see the wayfarers. The D. P. M. was waited in vain by his (A. D. P. M) until he passed for Kurulen at 3-30 pm. The D. P. M. arrived shortly after that time, and waited for the return of his Colleagues. This had not been

