

## BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 39 of 1932.

(Promulgated on 9th September, 1932.)

### PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Entitled the Wesleyan Methodist Church (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1932.

Whereas the Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Great Britain is the governing authority of the said Church and *inter alia* exercises control and jurisdiction over all the property and concerns of or relating to the said Church in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the territory");

And whereas the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa is the governing authority of the said Church in the Union of South Africa, having and exercising control and jurisdiction over all the property and concerns of or relating to the said Church in the said Union:

And whereas there is within the territory certain movable property held and owned by the said Wesleyan Methodist Church of Great Britain for the purposes of its work and operations therein;

And whereas the English Yearly Conference and the South African Conference have both by resolution decided that the English Yearly Conference should relinquish its jurisdiction over the territory to and in favour of the South African Conference, that the aforesaid area of jurisdiction of the South African Conference should therefore be extended so as to include the territory, and that the whole of the movable property of the English Yearly Conference therein should be vested in the South African Conference as is provided in Act No. 17 of 1927 of the Union of South Africa;

And whereas both the said Conferences are agreeable that the necessary legislation should be effected in order that the purposes and objects aforesaid might be achieved;

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby declare, proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. The Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa is hereby declared to be the governing authority in and for the territory of the religious organization therein situate known as the Wesleyan Methodist Church (consisting of the people called "Methodists" from time to time within the said area) with full jurisdiction over all the Wesleyan Methodist ministers, preachers on trial, churches and missions within the said area, and the said Conference shall have the same jurisdiction, powers and authorities and be subject to the same limitations therein as it has, or is subjected to, in the Union of South Africa by virtue of the Act No. 17 of 1927 of the said Union.

2. From and after the date of publication of this Proclamation the whole of the movable property within the territory presently vested in or administered and dealt with by or under the control or direction of the Yearly Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Great Britain for the use and benefit of the said Church shall vest in the President for the time being of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa for the benefit of the said Church, but subject to any existing charge, obligation or special trust on or over such property or otherwise lawfully affecting the same, in trust for such of its uses and purposes as the said Conference may from time to time appoint, and in trust to exercise such acts of full ownership of any kind thereover, and to allow the same to be managed and administered by such representatives or officials of the said Church, lay or otherwise, as the said Conference may from time to time by resolution prescribe.

3. This Proclamation which may be cited as the Wesleyan Methodist Church (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation 1932, shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Second day of September One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-two.

H. J. STANLEY,  
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency  
the High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,  
Acting Imperial Secretary.