

William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, to the Chief Secretary of Western Australia, W. H. Kitson, 30 December 1938, State Records Office of Western Australia, AU WA S2030—cons993 1936/0075

At a meeting held on 30th ultimo, the following resolution was adopted by this league, with membership in the different States and the responsibility for the interests of aborigines all over Australia:

That this meeting of the Australian Aborigines' League, on behalf of the aborigines of Australia, strongly criticises the attack on missionaries made by Mr Kitson.

While recognizing that regrettable episodes have occurred on some missions at various times, the league has intimate knowledge of the good work being done by the missionaries of all branches of the Christian church.

It is of the opinion that without the protection of missionaries our people would be much worse off, if not completely exterminated.

We therefore call on the Governments of Australia, particularly of Western Australia, to give greater moral and financial support to the missions of all denominations, thus enabling them to carry out constructive work for our people in cooperation with the Governments.

In forwarding this resolution let me reiterate that "we have never received anything of real value from any other source than missions, which are, and remain, our best friends".