APPENDIX E: AFRICAN RACES ASSOCIATION OF GLASGOW
[red covered booklet, with SM Molema’s letter to his sister Harriet Montshiwa, A979 Ad3, 18 October 1918]

Name

I. This Association shall be named and styled “The African Races Association of Glasgow”.

Aims

II. The aims and objects of the Association shall be:-
(1) The promotion of closer union of Negroes and Negro descendants in the British Isles.
(2) The discussion of subjects pertaining to, or affecting the general welfare of the Negro race.
(3) The reading of papers from time to time by its members or such members of other races as are interested as representatives of the particular country or colony from which they come, or with which they are acquainted.

Admission

III. (1) The Association shall be composed of an unlimited number of members, both males and females.
(2) Membership shall be confined to Negroes and descendants of the Negro race.
(3) Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Association shall be proposed and seconded by two financial members and voted for at a regular meeting.

Officers

IV. The business of the Association shall be conducted by the following officers, Viz:-
(1) President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and a committee of seven members, of whom the office bearers shall be five, the President being chairman of the said committee.
(2) All offices shall be honorary.
(3) The officers shall continue in office for a term of six months, but all retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.
(4) Nominations shall be made verbally or by writing to the Secretary a fortnight before the meeting of election.

President

V. (1) The President shall preside at all meetings, and preserve order and decorum during such meetings, inflict fines if necessary, and see that the rules of the Association are impartially administered. At debates the President shall assume the role of speaker and see that the acknowledged rules of debates are strictly adhered to.

Secretary

VI. The Secretary shall attend all general and committee meetings of the Association.
(1) The Secretary shall receive all subscriptions and donations, the same to be handed over to the Treasurer at the close of every meeting, for which a Receipt shall be given.
(2) He shall keep a n account of all receipts and expenditure, and carefully register the name and address of each member.
(3) He shall prepare summonses and cause the same to be delivered in due time.
(4) At the special quarterly general meeting be shall read an account of progress.

Treasurer

VII. (1) The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds of the Association and keep a clear account of the receipts and expenditures in addition to, and separate from the Secretary’s account.
(2) At the special quarterly meeting, he shall read a financial statement.
(3) When the accumulated receipts reach the sum of £5, he shall with the knowledge of the committee, deposit the sum in a regular registered Bank in the name of the Association
(4) He shall pay over the monies and surrender all books and documents belonging to the Association, when ordered to do so by a resolution of the committee of management.
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Committee

VIII.
(1) The committee shall draw up a syllabus every quarter.
(2) It shall name a member or members to give a paper etc., and shall authorise the secretary to intimate the fact to the chosen member or members.
(3) It shall also authorise the secretary to invite a visitor to give a paper of interest to the Association.
(4) Should any matter occur between one meeting and another for which it may appear advisable to call a meeting extra-ordinary, a majority of the committee of management shall have any member neglect to attend after due notification, and fail to send a satisfactory written apology within 48 hours after the time of meeting, he shall be fined the sum of sixpence.

Subscription

IX.
(1) There shall be no entrance fees.
(2) There shall be a monthly subscription of two shillings: the same being subject to increase as necessity requires.
(3) The subscriptions and donations to the Association shall be used to defray all expenses etc. of the Association including the purchasing of newspapers, magazines, books etc.
(4) Subscriptions shall become due on the first of each month, and must be paid not later than the first meeting in each month.

Meeting

X.
(1) There shall be two Regular General Meetings in each month, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
(2) The place of meeting shall be any such eligible place as the majority of members may determine.
(3) The time of meeting shall be 5.30 pm unless otherwise stated in the circulars.
(4) There shall be a Special Compulsory general Meeting at the beginning of every quarter. Should any member fail to be present without sending a satisfactory written apology, he shall be fined the sum of sixpence.
(5) Any financial member shall have the privilege of bringing a friend or friends to any general meeting (not Business meeting) regardless of the visitor’s race or creed.

Quorum

XI.
(1) There shall be a quorum of 33 per cent of the membership and of this percentage the President and Secretary, or the Vice-President and Assistant secretary must form a part.
(2) Should the President or secretary fail to turn up at any meeting without having instructed the Vice-President or Assistant-Secretary respectively to fill their places, they shall be fined, each, the sum of one shilling.

Provision

XII.
(1) New rules and amendments to existing rules shall be made from time to time as necessity requires.
(2) No rules or amendments here-in contained or hereafter made shall be amended, altered, or rescinded, unless by the consent of seventy-five per cent of the members present, at a meeting of the Association specially summoned for the purpose, or at a previous meeting at which due notice of the said alterations has been given.