

at least two public concerts each month.

W. S. ABRAMSON,

1st Member for Christiansted Town.
Christiansted, August, 11th 1919.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) introduced the Money Bill and said, Mr. Chairman. I hope this Money Bill will meet with the approval of Members of the Council, and as it is for a good cause I hope members will be willing to pass it today.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr. Chairman. It gives me pleasure to recommend this bill to the favorable consideration of the Council. A great deal of native talent has been exhibited in this island and should be appreciated. To me it is wonderful that a population as small as ours could produce musical talent enough to man three or four bands. I recommend the Money Bill to the favorable consideration of the Council.

The Secretary [Canegata] again read the letter received from the Industrial Brass Band.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] remarked: Mr. Chairman. As far as I understand the Industrial Brass Band was in receipt of an allowance of ten dollars per month which was given by Governor Helweg Larsen, but that has been stopped. I think under present circumstances the best plan to adopt is to adopt the Additional Money Bill which is before us today and then ask Government for ten dollars monthly for the Industrial Brass Band. I think this arrangement will meet with the approval of the band.

The Chairman remarked: The Century Brass Band of Frederiksted and the Native Brass Band of Christiansted have been specified in the bill and there could be no help given the Industrial Brass Band under this bill if it is passed.

No one requested the word further, the Chairman closed 1st Discussion.

With Government and the Council's consent 2nd Discussion was opened.

1st. Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) would like to know if under 2nd Discussion an amendment to the bill can be brought in so as to include the Industrial Brass Band?

The Chairman answered yes, but the amendment must be forwarded in writing.

It was then proposed by 2nd. Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) and carried that a recess of 5 minutes be taken to consider the amendment.

The Council reassembled after a recess of five minutes and the Chairman laid before members an amendment to the bill handed in by 1st. Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson).

The Amendment reads:

AMENDMENT
to Colonial Council Bill No. 10

Second Session 1919-1920.

That to Council Bill No. 10 1919-1920 be added:

8. In aid to Industrial Brass Band Frcs. 500

W. S. ABRAMSON,

1st Member for Christiansted Country District.

The Chairman remarked: The Amendment is now before you for discussion.

5th. Aspointed Member (Lunney) remarked: Mr. Chairman, The Industrial Brass Band is one of our oldest band the young men have labored hard to keep it up and it would be a pity to let their energy fall; they have given us music when we had no other musical band. I certainly recommend the move made in behalf of the Industrial Brass Band.

The Chairman then put to the vote whether the amendment should be furthered.

It was unanimously carried.

It was then put to the vote and carried that the word "This" on last line of the bill be struck out and the word "These" substituted therefor, and the word "is" be struck out and the word "are" substituted.

No one requested the word further, the Chairman closed 2nd. Discussion and the Secretary (Canegata) read the Money bill and the Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 4 p. m.

Monday being Labor Day and a legal holiday, there will be no issue of this paper.

For the information of those interested in the mails, we have been advised that the Virginia had not arrived in St. Thomas up to yesterday evening nor in Frederiksted up to 8 this a. m. Possibly she had to wait in San Juan on the mails from the States and in that case will not be here before tomorrow probably.

Open Letter to Mr. J. R. Mayhew:-

Sir:

Your publication in today's "Avis" of the libelous tract "for the benefit of the community at large who may be misinformed by my Open Letter to you" serves as an indictment of Roman Catholic Priests and The Roman Catholic Church.

You did not write that tract. The man who did write it did not give his name. I suppose he was ashamed to do so.

The publishing house is mentioned. But publishing houses proverbially shirk responsibility for subject matter treated in books, magazines, tracts and pamphlets. They argue they

simply do the material part, namely the printing. I say you did not write that tract, but evidently it embodies your sentiments, since you are its enthusiastic distributor. Now I am not dealing with publishing houses; I am dealing with one nearer home; I am dealing with you.

You people make statements and then look around for Texts of Scripture with which to square them. I can prove anything from Scripture if I juggle texts the way you do. I can prove from Scriptural texts that you should commit suicide. 'Then said Jesus unto him'. (Judas) 'That thou doest do quickly. John XIII. 27. And Judas cast down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed and went and hanged himself. Matt. XXVII. 5: Go and do likewise. Luc X. 37:

And the best part of the so-called argument is that it is taken from your own Bible and not from the Douay-the Authentic Catholic translation.

Now, Mr. Mayhew, I have neither time nor inclination for long drawn out controversies. Very often in such controversies there is much heat and no light. You sign yourself "John R. Mayhew Supt. Bible Home and Foreign Missionary Society." You must be one of big men in that society. Well then come with me to some platform and there state I. The Doctrines of the Catholic Church you are opposed to.

II. Quote from some standard authority or reputable Catholic Theologian proving that the Catholic Church actually does teach what you maintain she teaches.

III. Make your attack on the specific Catholic doctrines sustaining your attack with what you call forceful argument. Of course, you must not forget that your statements are worth no more than your arguments and your opinions no more than your reasons.

IV. Then keep before your mind the old axiom of logic: Quod gratis asseritur gratis negatur. "That means if you make a statement without a proof, I deny it without a proof. The burden of proof is on you. To illustrate: "You call me a thief. I say I am not a thief. I am not to prove that I am not a thief, but you are to prove that I am."

V. Then I am ready with my rebuttal. You screen yourself behind what they do in the States. As much as I love the United States I am more concerned just now with what is going on in Christiansted. You say you are justified in distributing these contemptible tracts. Then I am justified in following you up. What is more I am not only justified but I am going to do it. I am going to get you in close quarters, then there will be an illustration of one of Nature's fundamental laws "The Survival of The Fittest."

Yours to a finish,

JOSEPH W. DAILY.