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Preceded by Record of
Votes Passed by the Mission Committee ad Interim
June, 1927—March, 1928.

JUNE:

1. Voted, to approve of paying evacuation expenses in accordance with rules suggested by special committee.

2. Voted, to rescind vote #28 of the 1927 Mission Minutes (that the Mission convey to the American Board that we must regretfully express a vote of non-confidence in the present administration of the Language School, and a request that a change be made in the principalship).

AUGUST:

3. Voted, that the Mission elect Mrs. H. W. Robinson to fill the unexpired term (to 1928) of Mr. Stanley on the Board of Managers of the North China American School.

FEBRUARY:

4. Voted, that the North China Mission of the American Board approve the action of the Board of Managers of the North China American School in requesting a Home Committee (C. A. Stanley, Mrs. C. H. Corbett, R. E. Chandler, Mrs. R. E. Speer,
Mrs. C. C. Steinbeck, L. V. Menzi) to raise a minimum of $7,000 L.C., to cover the N.C.A.S. indebtedness incurred as a result of the evacuation in the spring of 1927.

MARCH:

5. Voted, that Constance Buell serve as one of the Mission Auditors, to fill out the unexpired term of C. A. Stanley.

ROWLAND M. CROSS,
General Secretary.

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May 12th, 1928, 5:45 P. M. The 62nd Annual Meeting of the North China Mission was called to order by the General Secretary Rowland M. Cross, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stelle, Tunghsien. Following a period of silent prayer, Mr. H. W. Robinson led in prayer.

Mr. H. S. Matthews was elected Chairman and Miss Marion E. Talcott, Clerk. The Business Committee appointed was as follows: H. S. Martin, Chairman. P. D. Dutton, Alice Reed.

The registration of delegates from each Station, with the number of votes to which each Station is entitled, was as follows:

Fenchow ... ... 5 Peking .... 9
Taiku ... ... 4 Tunghsien .... 5
Lintsing ... ... 3 Pactingfu ... 3
Tehchow...... ... 3 Tientsin ... 4

The meeting adjourned at 6:15, to open again the same evening at 8:00 P. M.

May 12th, 8:00 P.M. Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Wilder. The following reports were given:

Treasurer, A.C. Grimes, voted to be accepted as though read.

Auditors. by E.H. Ballou, accepted as given.

General Secretary's report on ad interim business, by Rowland M. Cross, accepted as read.

Property Committee, no report.

Medical Committee, by Rowland M. Cross, accepted as presented.
Committee on Expenses of Language Study, by G. D. Wilder, accepted as read.

Board of Managers of North China American School, by Mrs. G.D. Wilder and Mrs. H. W. Robinson, accepted as presented.

Committee on Revision of Standing Rules, by H.W. Hubbard, report accepted, the committee to continue.

Unfinished Business.

1. Voted, that the Mission recommend to the Prudential Committee that Miss Alice Reed be granted furlough beginning in June, 1928, to August, 1929.

2. Voted, that the Mission request the Prudential Committee to authorize the return of William and Janet Watson to the United States in the summer of 1928.

3. Voted, to repeat vote #21 of last year, that we express appreciation of the additional year granted by the Board for children's allowances for study in America, but would repeat the request "that in America (while remaining there for education) Gold $500 be granted until the child has completed a college course, but in no case beyond the 22nd birthday."

4. Voted, to request the Board to grant the same basal salary for all stations on coast city basis.

A committee, consisting of E. H. Ballou, Alice Huggins and A. C. Grimes, was elected, to go over the costs of vacation travel, to report to the session on Monday. Mr. Cross was asked to prepare a summary of the recent questionnaire on salary needs of all stations, to be presented on Monday.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M., to meet again on Monday, May 14th, at 8:00 P.M.

On Sunday, May 13th, at 5:00 P.M., the Mission service of worship was led by Stephen C. Peabody, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W B. Stelle.

May 14th, 8:15 P.M. Meeting opened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Wilder, with prayer by H. S. Martin.

5. Voted, that we request the Prudential Committee to grant a 33-1/3% increase on the Chihli and Shantung health change allowances.
Election of officers and committees.

New Business.

6. Voted, that we request the Board to grant a supplementary allowance of 15% for adults and 30% for children instead of the present 10% and 50% arrangement.

7. Voted, to request the Prudential Committee to permit Mrs. Watson and children to return to America in June, 1929, with the understanding that Mrs. Watson will return at the end of their next furlough period.

8. Voted to request the Board to grant furlough to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Wilder from the end of June, 1929, to the end of August, 1930.

9. Voted, to request the Board to grant furlough to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Leete from June, 1929, to August, 1930.

10. Voted, to request the Board to grant furlough to Miss Helen Gallagher beginning in June, 1929.

11. Voted, that, in view of special circumstances, we do not request furlough for Miss Chapin in 1929.

12. Voted, that the Mission request the Board to grant furlough to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Peabody, providing the Medical Committee advise it, from the middle of June, 1929, to the middle of August, 1930.

13. Voted, that the Mission request the Board to grant furlough to Miss Valley Nelson from July, 1929, to September, 1930.

14. Voted, that the Mission request the Prudential Committee to grant furlough for Mr. and Mrs. Matthews beginning in June, 1929, or at any time before that date, provided they in consultation with the Mission Secretary and Treasurer think it wise.

15. Voted, to ask the Secretary to correspond with the Board on the matter of length of terms of service, pointing out the attitude of the missionaries on the field, as shown by the questionnaire, and the impression which new arrivals have received from Boston regarding a shorter first term.
16. Voted, that we ask Mr. Wilder to write a tribute to Mr. Ewing and that the Taiku Station be asked to prepare one for Mrs. Corbin, to be printed in the Minutes.

17. Voted, to request the Prudential Committee to grant an appropriation of Gold $100 for the upkeep of Mission property at Yu Tao Ho for 1929.

18. Voted, to approve any decision regarding the heating plant in the Martin House (house 31) which the Mission Property Committee makes.

19. Voted, to request the Board to permit Tehchow Station to turn House 55 over to the Wyckoff Memorial School, provided satisfactory arrangements can be worked out between the Prudential Committee and the Girls' School.

20. Voted, that we request the Board to grant an annual allowance of $50.00 Gold to the General Secretary, as an aid toward the additional expense involved because of his position.

21. Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a statement of commendation to our State Department for the Kellogg-Briand proposal, urging our own Senators, when occasion arises, to sustain the proposal.

22. Voted, that this same committee draw up a statement commending Minister MacMurray on his successful negotiation of the Nanking incident. (Committee appointed: S. C. Peabody, Chairman, H. W. Robinson and J. A. Hunter, report to be made at our next meeting.)

Adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

May 17th, 1928, 8:00 P.M. Meeting at the home of the Wilders, opened with prayer by E. W. Galt.

Presentation of resolutions prepared by committee. After discussion the resolutions were again referred to the committee. E. N. Lockard was appointed to take Mr. Peabody's place.

Committee on Revision of the Standing Rules reported on Property matters.

23. Voted, to accept the final revision of the Standing Rules.

24. Voted, to have a typed copy of the revised Standing Rules sent to each station.
25. Voted, that E. W. Galt and E. H. Ballou be elected as additional members of the Property Committee, in accordance with the changes made in the Standing Rules.

26. Voted, to accept the resolution on the Kellogg-Briand proposals as revised by the committee.

27. Voted, to accept the revised resolution on the settlement of the Nanking incident.

28. Voted, that our Secretary present the resolutions to the American Minister and consult with him regarding giving them to the press.

29. Voted, that, inasmuch as the houses in which we live are the property of the American Board, which urges its missionaries to maintain strict neutrality in all political matters, they not be made a place of refuge unless the consent of the station has been secured.

30. Voted, that Mr. Hubbard be asked to interview Mrs. Evans and the Nobels with regard to the possible future Mission use of their Peitaiho property.

31. Voted, to send an invitation to the Japan Mission to send fraternal delegates to our meeting next year.

32. Voted, that in case we send delegates to the Japan Mission Meeting in 1929, the Wilders be appointed.

33. Voted, that the Treasurer be asked to complete the list of Personal Estimates.

34. Voted, that the usual number of copies of the Mission minutes be printed.

Minutes read, corrected and accepted.
Adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

MARION E. TALCOTT
Clerk.
TABLE OF MISSION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Treasurer—A. C. Grimes
Auditors—E. H. Ballou, W. R. Leete
General Secretary—Rowland M. Cross
Endorser of Mission Drafts—James H. McCann

Committee ad Interim:
- Fenchow—Mrs. Gertrude C. Pye
- Taiku—P. D. Dutton
- Paotingfu—H. W. Robinson
- Peking—Mrs. S. C. Peabody
- Tunghsien—G. D. Wilder
- Tientsin—Constance Buell
- Tehchow—H. S. Matthews
- Lintsing—H. L. Robinson


Medical Committee—H. L. Robinson M. D., Chairman, J. A. Curran, M. D., Alice M. Huggins.

Committee on Expenses of Language Study—G. D. Wilder, Chairman, Alma Cooke, Mary L. McClure.

Members of Board of Managers of North China American School:
- Mrs. W. B. Stelle—Term until 1929
- Earle H. Ballou , , , 1930
- Mrs. G. D. Wilder , , 1931
- Mrs. H. W. Robinson , , 1932

Leader of Mission Service of Worship for 1929—E. H. Ballou; alternate, P. R. Reynolds.

Station Secretaries:
- Fenchow—Mrs. P. T. Watson
- Taiku—Helen Dizney
- Paotingfu—Isabelle Phelps
- Peking—Marion E. Talcott
- Tunghsien—Mrs. G. D. Wilder
- Tientsin—Mrs. W. R. Leete
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RESOLUTIONS.

The members of the North China American Board Mission, in their annual Mission Meeting at Tunghsien, May 17th, 1928, passed the following resolution:

We have noted with increasing interest the correspondence between the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Aristide Briand, and the American Secretary of State, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, looking toward the outlawry of war as a method of adjusting international disputes.

We have been especially gratified that our Secretary of State has stood firmly for broadening the scope of the original proposals.

It has always been the purpose of our organization in accord with the principles of Jesus, to support any movement that looks forward toward the building of international peace and goodwill.

We therefore wish to express our sincere appreciation and support of our State Department in the progress of the negotiations. We further wish to express the hope that every possible means will be used to bring the negotiations to a conclusion in accord with the principles insisted upon by the American State Department.

It was further voted to send this resolution to the State Department through our American Minister to China, the Honorable J. V. A. MacMurray, and that individual members of the Mission send copies to their respective senators.

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The members of the North China Mission of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, met together in their annual meeting at Tunghsien, Peking, May 17, 1928, unanimously expressed themselves in favor of the following resolution:

The rioting of the troops of the Nationalist armies in Nanjing on March 24, 1927, followed by the shelling of a portion of the city by the American and British gunboats, was an event of most serious and far-reaching consequences.
It is, therefore, a matter of great satisfaction to all of us to learn of the happy conclusion of the negotiations between our State Department and the Nanking Government, and we wish most heartily to commend the friendly spirit which was shown throughout the negotiations by our State Department and by our American Minister to China, the Honorable J. V. A. MacMurray.

It is this spirit of goodwill in dealing with a sister nation that we feel opens the way for the attainment of universal peace.

It was voted to send a copy of these resolutions to the State Department in Washington, to the American Minister in Peking and to the home offices of our Board in Boston.
TRIBUTES OF HONOR AND AFFECTION.

CHARLES E. EWING

Born May 24th, 1869; died July 7, 1927.

The news of the passing on of Charles E. Ewing, July 7, 1927, brought a sense of loss to all his fellow-members of the North China Mission, which still abides. We feel the loss of an efficient, congenial fellow worker, and of a personal friend of warm heart, interested in us and our work.

Not only in bodily frame was he of broad and high proportions, but also in heart and mind. He had acquired the sound and sane philosophy of life characteristic of students under his beloved teacher, professor Garman of Amherst. He was fond of philosophical speculations and also had a strong practical human interest. In addition to this, his careful attention to the art of speech, combined with a commanding presence, good deep voice and natural ability, made him a pleasing and convincing speaker in either English or Chinese. His Chinese vocabulary was thoroughly his own, useful and useable, so that he was very successful in making his thought clear to the Chinese hearer. His knowledge of Chinese continued to grow throughout his career in China.

His work in China, beginning in October, 1894 at Tientsin, was interrupted for two years after the Boxer uprising in 1900, and again from 1915 to 1920. During these two periods of enforced absence from China he proved himself a rare and admirable interpreter of China to Americans. This function and his labors among the coolies in France at the close of the World War kept him so in touch with China that he returned to the work here with surprisingly little loss of momentum.

With broad outlook and optimistic temper, he had a profound faith in the capacities of the Chinese. Indeed a striking feature of his personality was his faith in men and insistence on seeing the good in all people. Lacking any petty jealousy of the attainments of his peers, this attitude of appreciation extended to his fellow-workers whom he always estimated beyond their worth, it seemed to us. This nobility of spirit made him a congenial and stimulating co-worker for both
Chinese and fellow-countrymen and brought out the best in all who came under his influence.

Large and strong of frame, his occasional suffering from nervous weakness received less sympathy from his friends than he deserved. On an enforced visit to Peitaiho for health, he met our big carpenter, Deacon Li, there for the same purpose, and remarked to him, "You and I must sympathize with each other, for no one else will ever believe that we are sick." He was singularly successful in keeping his own ailments out of the topic of conversation and in preserving his naturally hearty and cheerful demeanor.

Fond of mathematical accuracy, computations and statistics, the balancing of his accounts was no drudgery but a matter of pride and pleasure. He was useful and successful as treasurer and accountant; indeed on any committee to which he was appointed he served faithfully and always attacked a new task with vigor and thoroughness.

His intellectual life continued vigorous and an unfailing source of joy to the end. His religious life had a reality and common sense that made him always helpful to others. He was ever ready to lecture, preach or lead helpfully any meeting, in Chinese or in English.

The North China Mission as a whole has lost a most valuable member, and each one of us a noble friend. We thank God that he was permitted to go in and out among us for so long. We extend our profound sympathy to Mrs. Ewing and the sons and daughters in their loss of a splendid husband and father.

(G. D. W.)

MRS. PAUL LEATON CORBIN

Miriam Locke Corbin was born in 1878. She came to China in the autumn of 1904 and was a member of our Taiku Station of the American Board. In April, 1927, she went back to America, not to return again.
Those who knew her best knew her splendid worth, and loving heart. She was very retiring by nature and not easy to get acquainted with. But one needed only to be in need of her help to get it unstintedly. A sick child drew out her keenest sympathy and practical help. To the thief at the gate who had been beaten first, then made to wear for a time the wooden "collar" that prevented him feeding himself, she sent food, after having washed his cruelly lacerated limbs!

She was an exemplary mother, unsparing in her personal attention to the spiritual, physical and intellectual welfare of her children. It was a source of unsurmountable regret to her that she could not do more by way of active service outside her immediate home duties. Yet she embodied in her activities the principle of not letting your right hand know what your left hand does. Not a few hold memories of such unostentatious help from her.

She helped us to deeper faith in God. When her little four-months old Latha died, as she looked at the precious little form out of which the angel child was going, her heart looked into the Heart of God and said, "It's all right!"

March 19, 1928 "The light in the Temple went out" and God took her.

(F. K. H.)