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SHANGHAI
One year ago Miss Carncross was elected president of the Woman's Council and we had looked forward to her gracious presence in the chair this year, but our Father had need of her and called her to the heavenly home on April the second. Our hearts were stunned when the news that she had left us was flashed over the wires from Peking, as we had not anticipated serious results from the operation which she had needed. In her homegoing the Mission has lost one of its strongest members.

She came to Central China in 1908 and during the most of her first term of service was the Principal of the Chinkiang Girls' High School. During her first furlough she travelled through Palestine and Europe and completed her course in the University of Wisconsin. Her second term was spent in Nanking as Principal of the Methodist Girls' High School, and, after a furlough she was appointed to the Department of English in Ginling College. In each of these positions she inspired her students with the highest ideals of life. She was a lover of the beautiful and nearly always wore flowers. She had received the foundations of her Christian faith from her parents and brought the atmosphere of her Christian home to this land. She served faithfully on all the important committees of the Mission and helped to found both the Bible Teachers' Training School and Ginling College. She was always cheerful and had an abiding trust in God. Our Mission is richer for having had Flora Mae Carncross with us for over sixteen years and although she has gone to her reward her influence is being lived out in many of the young lives whom she had led to Christ and her fellow workers are comforted by the thought that she has gone to be with her Lord whom she loved.
CENTRAL CHINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

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1925-1926

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Auditors of Accounts
Chinkiang—Miss McDade
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Wuhu—Mr. Hayes
Miss Leslie to present report at Council Meeting.

Representatives on Board of Control of Ginling College
Dr. A. J. Bowen, 1927 Laura M. White, 1928

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FINANCE COMMITTEES

Chinkiang—Olivet Memorial Girls’ High School
  Mabel Taylor, Chairman, Tziang An Loh,
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  Clara Bell Smith, Chairman, Grace Z. Lentz,
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  Edith M. Crane, Chairman, Alice M. McBee,
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  Ella C. Shaw, Chairman, Anna Lulu Golisch,
  Alice Bowen, Grace E. Leslie

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  Blanche H. Loucks

STANDING COMMITTEES—GENERAL WORK

Bible Woman’s Committee

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Representatives on Conference Board of Education

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The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Council of the thirtieth annual session of the Central China Woman's Conference convened at Nanking on Tuesday morning, October 27, 1925, Miss Ogborn, the president, presiding.

Devotions were led by Miss Loucks.

The report of the Lettie Mason Quine Hospital at Chinkiang was read by Dr. Eno and a discussion in regard to the advisability of closing the hospital followed. It was voted that we ask the Annual Conference to appoint a committee to meet with the Woman's Council to discuss this matter of whether or not the hospital should be closed.

Voted that Miss Hannawalt and Mrs. Thurston of Ginling College be invited to tomorrow morning's session of the Council, that they may present the matters which they wish to present to our members.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet Wednesday morning as soon as possible after the Annual Conference devotional meeting.

At a meeting of the Woman's Council held Tuesday evening, the following recommendation was adopted: That National Woman Workers who are now subject to the bishop's appointment and who give full time work to the W.F.M.S. be recommended as members of the Woman's Council. The following are at present eligible, Miss Ruth Chu, Miss Chung Mei Lien, Mrs. K. S. Liu, Miss Tsiang An Loh, Miss Yao Tsing Tswei and Miss Yuen Yu Ying.

Wednesday morning, October 28, 1925

The meeting opened by the singing of a hymn. Miss Ricchers led in prayer.

In the absence of the president, it was voted that Miss Robinson preside.

The minutes of Tuesday's meetings were read and approved.

Our visitor, Miss Osborn of New York Branch, was introduced and welcomed to our meeting, and we extended welcome to Miss McDade, Dr. Reeves and to the new Chinese members of our Council.

Because of the removal of Miss Robinson and Miss Loucks from Nanking, it was necessary to elect a new Nanking member of the Reference Committee to make the legal number. Miss Shaw was elected to fill this vacancy.
Voted that Frances Meader be elected temporary treasurer of the Council expense.

The reports of the standing committees followed.

Excerpts from Mrs. Wilson's letters received since last conference were read by the Field Correspondent and report of all ad interim actions of the Reference Committee given. Upon motion it was voted to accept this report of the Field Reference Committee.

The Field Property Committee report was given by Miss Shaw and accepted. See Report.

Report of Ginling College was read and voted accepted. See Report.

It was voted that all reports be limited to two printed pages in our Conference Report.

It was voted that the required number of conference minutes be printed and that the balance of the amount now allowed for printing them be allowed to accumulate until such time as we wish to get out a special booklet.

Miss Meader and Miss Gallaher were introduced and welcomed as our new missionaries.

It was voted that we approve the support of Dr. Reeves by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and that we ask the Field Correspondent to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Wilson for the action taken which enables Dr. Reeves to be supported by the same district as had heretofore supported Miss Carncross.

A resolution from the Board of Managers of the Union Bible Teachers' Training School in regard to the death of Miss Carncross was read and on motion duly passed this was invited into the minutes.

April 23, 1925.

"At the recent annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Bible Teachers' Training School for Women, Nanking, the following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS,—Miss Flora M. Carncross has recently been called to her Heavenly Home, we express our appreciation of the part that Miss Carncross had as a charter member in the opening of this school, and we extend to her family in America, the Methodist Episcopal Mission, and Ginling College our sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

In behalf of the Board of Managers,

MARGARET A. HOLME.
SU-HSIN TSAO.
UNA HALL PAXTON.
Committee on Resolutions."
It was voted that a resolution be sent from this conference to the friends of Miss Carncross at home, to Ginling College and to the Southern Illinois Conference. Miss Shaw, Miss Chung and Miss Smith were appointed to draw up this resolution.

Miss Hannawalt of Ginling College presented the matter of a union senior middle school for girls in Nanking. After some discussion of this question, it was voted that we appoint a committee of six to consider the matter and report at a later session of our council and that we thank Miss Hannawalt for her presentation of the matter. Miss Smith, Miss Golisch, Miss Riechers, Mrs. Hummel, Miss Robinson and Miss Loucks were appointed to constitute this committee.

Greetings from Yenping Conference were read and instructions given to send greetings to Yenping and Kiangsi Conferences.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon

A special meeting of the Woman's Council was called to meet with the committee appointed by the General Board to discuss the matter of the Chinkiang hospital. The matter was presented by Dr. Eno, and Mr. Dodd, Mr. James and Mr. Hale gave their views and suggestions on the problem. It was voted that we have another meeting to finish the discussion of this question at 4.30 Saturday afternoon.

Thursday morning, October 29, 1925

The meeting opened with prayer led by Mrs. Bowen.
The report of the Union Bible Teachers' Training School was given by Miss Golisch who, in the absence of Miss Ogborn, had represented the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Board of Control meeting this year. See Report.
The Hoag Home Committee report was read and accepted. See Report.

It was voted that the present members of the Hoag Home Committee bring in resolutions on the problems discussed.
The minutes of previous meetings of the Council were read, corrected and approved.
Miss Bosworth was welcomed as a visitor to this session of the Council.
The following were appointed to act as the Appointment Committee: Miss Smith, Miss Crane, Miss Loucks, Miss Robinson and Mrs. Hummel.
A letter from Mr. Hayes in regard to opening new work at Shiu Yang was read. It was voted that this matter be investigated more fully and taken up again at Estimate Meeting time.

The matter of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society taking over the teacher at I Chi Shan (Wuhu) was discussed and it was voted that the request for this support be sent to the General Executive Committee by the Field Correspondent.

The matter relating to the employment of day school teachers was brought up for discussion. It was voted that we be given until Estimate Meeting time to consider this matter and that copies of the proposed changes in method of employment of teachers be made for distribution.

It was voted that the hospital bill of Frances Culley be granted according to the rules of the Society.

The matter of student refunds, adopted by the Conference Board of Education, was discussed. Voted that the principals of the three middle schools and of Hitt Bible Training School meet and talk the matter over and present it to the Conference Board of Education.

Voted that Dr. Reeves be appointed as treasurer of the Ginling College Scholarship Fund, in place of Miss Curnecross, and that Miss Kesler be asked to notify the bank of this change.

The report of the committee on a union senior middle school in Nanking was brought in. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted and that we proceed to the discussion of this matter. After considerable discussion it was voted that we as a body return to Ginling College the answer that we are unable financially or legally to enter into this union middle school proposition.

Saturday afternoon, October 31, 1925

Voted that Estimate Meeting be held in Wuhu as soon as possible after the closing of school at Chinese New Year time.

Voted that Miss Ogborn be our representative on the Board of Managers of the Union Bible Teachers' Training School, with Miss Golisch as alternate.

The following action was taken in regard to the Lettie Mason Quine Hospital:

Moved that the hospital be continued open, that intensive means of advertising be conducted, that the dispensary be tried out, and that a Chinese woman doctor be secured at once.
We recommend the following means of advertising:

A free means of conveyance be used between the dispensary and the hospital.

City phones be installed in the dispensary and the hospital.

Dr. Miller be asked to come to assist in a campaign of advertising.

A free clinic with reduced prices be run for a stated period.

Literature be published.

The aid of the members of the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to assist in the advertising.

That there be a "Hospital Day" one Sunday in the year, to coincide with that used by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Moved that we express our appreciation of the work Dr. Eno has done and sympathy in the difficulties confronting her. If she wishes to accept the invitation to the work in Peking, we reluctantly release her to the Sleeper Davis Hospital.

Saturday evening

The meeting opened with prayer led by Miss Yuen.

Voted that those who had any questions in regard to the statistical blanks send them to Miss Taylor and that she summarize them and send them home.

Miss Shaw reported for the committee on resolutions as follows:

WHEREAS, God has called from us our beloved friend and fellow worker, Flora Mae Carncross,

Therefore, we, the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Central China Conference, express our deep sense of loss in Miss Carncross' homegoing.

Miss Carncross was one of whom it could truly be said "to know her was to love her." Her firm faith in God, which was shown by her works, was an inspiration to us all.

We extend to her parents and brothers and sisters, to the faculty of Ginling College and to the members of the Southern Illinois Conference our sympathy in having to part with one whom they had supported so loyally on the mission field.

Ella C. Shaw,
Chung Mei Lien,
Clara Bell Smith.

Committee on Resolutions.
The following report of the Hoag Home Committee was brought in and accepted:

Concerning Rents.

The name "Hoag Home" implies a home, not a money-making concern. Dr. Hoag felt very sympathetic for the new missionaries and, realizing that their expenses the first year or two were very heavy, would want the rates as low as possible.

Therefore, we recommend that the rates for any missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be $40.00 each per double room and $50.00 each per single room, and that the rate for "outsiders" be $60.00 each per double room, $70.00 per single room or $2.00 by the day. We further recommend that any missionary of the Methodist Mission, who for physical or political reasons, needs to stay in Kuling after the last week in August, should not be charged room rent. This includes week end trips and winter vacations spent at Hoag Home.

Concerning Reservations of Rooms.

Missionaries and contract teachers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Central China and Kiangsi Conferences may have preference in engaging rooms before May 1st; on or after May 1st, W.F.M.S. missionaries from other conferences may have the privilege of renting rooms at the above rates. No one outside of the mission shall be taken without the approval of the majority of the W.F.M.S. family for that season.

One-half of all the rents must be paid down by June 1st. In case of political trouble when the bishop advises against going to Kuling, an applicant shall be released from her obligation to pay rent and, if half has already been paid down, it shall be refunded.

The report of the Field Reference Committee was read and accepted. See report.

A recommendation to the Conference Board of Education in regard to student loans was brought in by the committee and adopted.

A report was made by the finance committee of the Methodist Girls' High School, Nanking, that said institution is now out of debt.

The report of the Appointment Committee was read. See appointments.
The following officers were elected by the Council for the coming year:

President . . . . . . Kate L. Ogborn
Vice President . . . . Mabel Taylor
Secretary . . . . Grace E. Leslie
Field Correspondent . . Faye H. Robinson
Statistical Secretary . . Mabel Taylor

The following were elected to serve on the Field Reference Committee: Chinkiang representatives, Miss Smith, Miss Taylor; Nanking, Miss Riechers, Miss Shaw; Wuhu, Miss Robinson, Miss Ogborn; members at large, Miss White, Miss Lentz.

Miss Ogborn was elected as the Examining Committee.

The following were elected as Central China Conference members of the Hoag Home Committee: Miss Robinson, Miss White and Miss Galleher.

The following were appointed auditors of accounts: Miss McDade for Chinkiang; Mr. Owen for Nanking and Mr. Hayes for Wuhu; Miss Leslie to report at next conference time.

It was voted that all Nanking accounts which have not been audited be audited by Mr. Owen and that all those which have already been audited by others be let stand as audited for this year.

The representatives on the Board of Control of Ginling College were appointed as follows: Dr. A. J. Bowen for the term expiring in 1927 and Miss Laura M. White for the term expiring in 1928.

The following Finance Committees were appointed for various institutions:

Chinkiang—Olivet Memorial Girls' High School
Mabel Taylor, Chairman, Tsiang An Loh, Eula Eno, M.D.
Lettie Mason Quine Hospital
Clara Bell Smith, Chairman, Grace Z. Lentz, Eula Eno, M.D.

Nanking—Hitt Bible Training School
Edith M. Crane, Chairman, Alice M. McBee, Helen N. Galleher
Methodist Girls' High School,
Ella C. Shaw, Chairman, Anna Lulu Golisch, Alice Bowen, Grace E. Leslie.
Nanking City Day Schools
Ella C. Shaw, Chairman, Chung Mei Lien, Grace E. Leslie, Bertha L. Riechers
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Wuhu — Wuhu Girls’ School
Faye H. Robinson, Chairman, Kate L.
Ogborn, Blanche H. Loucks.

Voted that we hand in short reports in regard to the work
to Mr. Dodd within a week.

The following were elected on the Field Property Com-
mittee: Miss Crane, Chairman, Miss McDade, Miss Fox,
Miss Golisch, Miss Loucks and Miss Ogborn.

On motion the meeting adjourned.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Field Reference Committee Actions

Ad interim Actions.

February 19-20, 1925. Estimate Meeting.

That the money sent as a memorial by the Maslands (Phil. Br.) be appropriated to Hwei Wen and applied to the salary of the staff teacher, Mrs. Liu Fen Tz.

That Miss Kesler be instructed to deposit the balance of the Chinkiang Building Fund as three fixed deposits for one year, divisions to be made according to the recommendations of the Field Reference Committee made at Conference time, November, 1924.

That we request an emergency amount sufficient to meet the 1925 deficit be granted to the Nanking City Day Schools exclusive of Kiang Tang Kiai.

That we add the amount owing the Conference Board of Education to the above emergency amount.

That the Conference Board of Education fund be paid directly from the Shanghai office to the treasurer of the Conference Board of Education.

That Miss Riechers be requested to write the letter to the patron of the Conference Board of Education.

That the insurance policy for Olivet Memorial dormitory be changed and property be insured for full value.

That the Reference Committee request that, due to the urgency of the Wuhu Girls' School building, no building funds be first appropriated for other plants if such appropriations should mean delay in the erection of the Wuhu Girls' School building.

That an estimate of six thousand dollars Mex. ($6,000.00) be made for land, building and furnishings of a residence for specially trained Chinese workers in Nanking in proximity to other existing W.F.M.S. property.

We recommend that the house located on the north-west of Hwei Wen property be used as a temporary residence for specially trained Chinese workers, unless more satisfactory arrangements can be made, until a new home is secured; the Hwei Wen house to be used upon the expiration of the present contract, presupposing that Hwei Wen be reimbursed for the loss of rental to the end of 1925.

We recommend that all new contracts and renewals of old contracts with returned students be on the basis of seven hundred dollars ($700.00) Mex. per year plus housing, such
recommendation to hold till the next Central Conference of Eastern Asia at which time the whole matter will be considered.

We propose that this recommendation be presented to the other conferences of China for their deliberate consideration and that they report back to the Field Correspondent of the Central China Conference any actions taken.

We request the North China Conference to loan us Miss Maude Wheeler for Olivet Memorial Girls' High School for one year and that Miss Myra McDade be loaned in exchange.

That the secretary be instructed to write a letter relating to the above to the North China Conference and that copies be sent to Miss Frantz and to Bishop Grose.

March 3, 1925. By correspondence.

That we are in favor of an early furlough for Miss Iva Williamson per recommendation of Dr. Brown, attending physician.

April 12, 1925. By correspondence.

That Miss Anna Lulu Golisch be chosen to be our representative on the Board of Managers of the Union Bible Teachers' Training School to fill the vacancy made by the absence of Miss Kate Ogborn at the annual meeting to be held this week.

April 23, 1925. By correspondence.

That we reluctantly accept Miss Laura White's resignation from the Reference Committee.

June 3, 1925. Meeting of the Reference Committee with Bishop Birney.

That we approve of the appointment of Miss Yao Ging Tswei as supervisor of the Wuhu District Day Schools.

That we approve of the appointment of Faye H. Robinson to the Wuhu Boarding School and City Day Schools for the coming year, providing no other person is found available for the place during the summer.

That Miss Edith Crane be requested to take over the city evangelistic work (Nanking).

That we request the secretaries of the W.F.M.S. that Alice Bowen become a regular missionary and that home salary be granted while on furlough.

That the field correspondent, after consultation with members of the Central China W.F.M.S. plus the Ginling College faculty, be instructed to fill out the papers regarding Miss Lee Kwang-Fang, applicant for a Clotilda Lyon
McDowell Fellowship, said papers to be seen by members of
the Reference Committee and Bishop Birney before their return
to America.

That Miss Hollows, official treasurer for China, be asked
to advance to Hwei Wen and the Nanking City Day Schools
their appropriations for the third quarter.

That Miss Ogborn become chairman of the Woman's
Council, thus filling the vacancy caused by the death of Miss
Flora M. Carncross.

That, due to the shortage in the day school funds in
Nanking city, South Gate Day School be closed temporarily,
pending increase in appropriations.

July 20, 1925. By correspondence.

That we grant the following request of Miss Mei Lien-
Chung, "Because of the political situation, it seems impossible
to drop the work at Chi Nau Institute and I think, in order
to keep the friendship of the government school, I ought not
to resign at this time. If I am allowed to continue this work,
I agree to repay all sums received to the W.F.M.S."

September 23, 1925. By correspondence.

That we recommend to the home board that the terms of
service of W.F.M.S. missionaries be five years instead of
six years after the first term as it is now.

Conference, October 31, 1925.

We request that Florence Sayles, Alice Bowen, Grace
Lentz, Iva Williamson, Clara Bell Smith, and Eulalia Fox
be allowed to return to the field.

That we approve of financial aid being given to these
missionaries while on furlough if they desire further study
for better preparation for their work on the field.

FAYE H. ROBINSON.
Field Correspondent.

Report of Property Committee Central China
Conference, October, 1925

The Property Committee begs to submit the following
report of work accomplished during this year:

Chinkiang:

Hsueh Gia Hsiang Day School—Chinkiang.

In September, 1924, the final payment was made on a
site for Hsueh Gia Hsiang Day School. There was an old
Chinese building on the land and this was remodeled during
the fall into a suitable residence for the day school teachers and Bible-woman, and in January, 1925, they moved into it. The day school building was then erected during the spring and school opened in the new building in September, 1925.

**Nanking:**

Giang Ning District.

In March the school building at Siao Dan Yang was remodeled; the foundations of the corners strengthened, the corners and pillars to support beams built of solid brick, and then the second story was added. Kitchen and fuel house are built outside as well as small gatehouse and a new brick compound wall. The total cost is $1,700.00 Mexican.

The property purchased at Moh Ling Gwan was remodeled and a compound wall erected at a cost of $550.00. The front buildings, quite separate from the home and school, are still being repaired, part will be rented, part used as street chapel for women’s meetings. The occupants did not vacate it until May.

Kiang Tang Kiai.

At Kiang Tang Kiai, arrangements have just been made for erecting the gate house on the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society Property, with rooms for servants, at a cost of $600.00.

It is hoped that the money will soon come, so that the entire plant can be erected, as it is greatly needed.

**North City:**

The house known as the “corner house” in the Hwei Wen Compound has been allocated for the use of our returned students. It has been repaired and they are now occupying it.

**Wuhu:**

The day school building at Second Street has been built and is now occupied. It is a pleasant building well adapted for its use. A financial statement will be submitted later.

**Ella C. Shaw.**

... *Chairman.*
Report of Auditing Committee for 1924-1925

Chinkiang—Olivet Memorial Girls’ High School, accounts audited through December 31, 1924.
Lettie Mason Quine Hospital, not reported.
District and City Evangelistic Work and Day Schools, audited to October 1, 1924.

Nanking —Hitt Training School, not reported.
Methodist Girls’ High School, accounts in process of being audited.
City Evangelistic, accounts audited to July 1, 1925.
City Day Schools, accounts audited to August 1, 1925.
District Evangelistic, accounts audited to August 1, 1925.

Wuhu —Social Evangelistic Center, accounts audited to December 31, 1924.
Wuhu District Work, audited to June 30, 1925.
Wuhu City Day Schools, audited to June 30, 1925.
Wuhu Girls’ School, audited to June 30, 1925.

Submitted by Grace E. Leslie.

HOAG HOME COMMITTEE

Treasurer’s report to October 1st, 1925

Balance on hand, November 1st, 1924...$1,688.08
12-22 interest not recorded... 9.72
Received from room rents... 327.00

Total receipts... $2,024.80

Expenditures

Taxes... 76.65
Insurance... 12.86
Repairs... 201.55
Furnishings... 8.30
Furnishings error, 1924... 8.00
Repairs error, 1923... 3.00

Total expenditures... $310.36

Balance on hand, October 1st, 1925...$1,714.44

Blanche T. Search, 
Treasurer
REPORT OF THE W.F.M.S. WORK IN CENTRAL CHINA CONFERENCE

CHINKIANG

Day Schools and Evangelistic Work

Since Conference last year we have had war, riots and drought! And yet the work has gone on with very little interruption. Enrollment in the day schools was small in the Fall term on account of political disturbances but very good in the Spring term and twenty-eight pupils received certificates in June. Actual hostilities here occurred during the China New Year vacation. Many soldiers in the city all year kept some women from attending meetings but gave the Bible-women an increased opportunity to call and visit in the homes.

During the Fall a Chinese building on the site for the Hsueh Gia Hsiang day school was entirely remodeled as a residence for Bible-women and teachers and immediately after Christmas they moved in. Soon after New Year work was begun on the school building. This was completed during the summer and is now occupied—a six year graded school with a teacher for each grade. It is near enough our old rented property so that we lost no pupils by moving and not far from Yu Hsing Giai church.

The enrollment at Siao Ma Tou was especially good during the Spring term. At the request of the parents of the pupils in the fourth grade, we have opened a Higher Primary there this Fall. The rented building we are using is inadequate, inconvenient and expensive but the best we can do.

At Nien Yu Tao in June, six girls received certificates from the fourth grade—the first class to complete the course. They had planned special exercises but could not carry it out as the disturbances in June made it necessary to close school a week earlier than schedule.

For various reasons it seemed best to temporarily close the schools at Beh Tu and Shan Tang but we hope to be able to do evangelistic work from these centers during the year.

The Bible-women have held regular meetings and classes and have been particularly interested in the organization and promotion of missionary societies. It has been impossible to do much regular country itinerating during the year. In the city we have had study classes for young girls who have not had any school advantages but too often they are forced for financial reasons to find employment in the match factories and silk filature while still mere children and then have no
time for anything else. Instruction is given every week tc the women in the jail but they are a hard lot to work with most of them serving sentences for opium selling and kidnapping.

CLARA BELL SMITH.

Olivet Memorial Girls' High School

On account of the student strike last Spring we had to push the final examinations and the closing of the school up a week. The program that the seniors had prepared for the Commencement did not come to effect. Fortunately Bishop Birney did not fail to come to give us the Baccalaureate address, at the close of which he gave out the diplomas to six senior high school graduates.

Three of our Chinkiang girls entered Ginling College this Fall.

The school misses her best and most experienced worker this year. Miss Kesler has done so much toward changing the old school into a new school. She has won the hearts of all her girls and the friends who know her. She has been a great help in Chinkiang during the past five years' stay so we wish her a most restful year now while she is home and hope that she can come back to us next year with greater strength.

This Fall we received forty-one new girls, so that makes the whole student body one hundred and thirteen. Most of the new students are classified in Junior High.

Mr. Ding has come to take both the Drawing Department and the Higher Primary Chinese. We rejoice in Miss Yen's coming back to carry the work in Physical Education. Miss McDade has just come this month to meet our need in the English and Science Department. She came not only with the thought of helping us by teaching, but the first thing she has done is to fill one of our wants by bringing us a victrola from the States which has been needed by the Music Department for so long.

During the past year several new courses were introduced into the Normal Training Department. Ample opportunity for observation and practice teaching is afforded in the Practice School at Tsao Giai Po, with now and then some work at Siao Ma Tou and Huseh Gia Hsiang. We hope that this department may grow to be of real help to the Conference by supplying teachers for the day-schools.

The student body and the entire staff are working into a beautiful harmonious whole. We hope that we will never cease in promoting both the educational and spiritual growth that has been so well begun.

TSIANG AN LOH.
Lettie Mason Quine Memorial Hospital

There are, it would seem, three functions for an ideal mission hospital, all of course more or less interrelated, but nevertheless distinct phases. These functions are the education of the people in sanitation and public health, the alleviation of the suffering of the people, and the direct evangelization of non-Christians. In what proportion each of these functions should be active is not a matter of common consent among the workers themselves. But certainly to use each in turn as a test of any hospital’s service ought in a large general way to give a very fair idea as to that hospital’s justification for existence in the year past, and its right to continue to exist.

With those general facts in mind, may we examine the year’s record at the Lettie Mason Quine Hospital, and come to some conclusion as to its success or failure, broadly speaking.

First, what have we done to educate in hygiene and health matters? There has been through the year past the closest cooperation between the department of physical education at the Olivet Memorial Girls’ High School, and our staff doctor as their medical examiner. The health records of the girls were carefully checked throughout the year, and fully fifty per cent of the trachoma among them cured. This year it is our intention to render the same service to the boys of the General Board School. During the cold months the nursing staff of the hospital in cooperation with Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Ling rendered no small service in the form of a bathhouse for babies. There are, however, many services in this field of education and public health which it is impossible to even attempt without a Chinese doctor to do public speaking for us. Closer cooperation between the various churches of the District, and the hospital is most desirable also, as a means of widening our influence.

To what extent has the hospital served to alleviate the suffering of Chinkiang’s afflicted? During the year we have seen in dispensary a total of 1,262 different patients, totalling 3,301 visits in all. That means that there have come to us an average of four new patients a day, and a total average of eleven patients per day have been seen in dispensary. Taking into consideration that this total includes families of servants, and that Chinkiang is a city of 250,000 the record is not an encouraging one, is it? Treated in the hospital through the year, as in-patients, there have been admissions totalling 288, with bed-days totalling 5,249, an average in-patient population of fourteen a day. Fourteen patients treated in the hospital and eleven seen in the dispensary do not give us much feeling that our aim of alleviating suffering has gone far on its way.
And in the light of the enormous overhead expense of maintain­ing the hospital whether we have fourteen patients or sixty, the figures are most discouraging.

And what of our opportunities for bringing the Good News to those who have never heard? In this field as in the purely medical one, our facilities so far outrun our actual service as to be most distressing. Two Bible-women have been with us full time since the first of April, and have served valiantly. But to come back once more to our figures, even were all eleven of the patients we see in dispensary, and the fourteen who live with us for about eighteen days apiece,—were they all making their first contacts with Christianity, the results would seem meagre. For many of the out-patients come to us but once, and despite the eighteen day average, many of the in-patients are with us but a day or two. Add to that the fact that the dispensary patients who come most faithfully, and would thus have best opportunity for sustained training, are almost without exception servants of foreigners, or are in some way linked up with Christian work in our own or some other mission project, and you can see how limited is the sphere of our Bible-women, in contacts with those who have never heard the Gospel. Among the in-patients the facts are even more unpromising, for of the 288 admissions during the past year, not more the eighty could by any means be said to be virgin soil, those whose first and only possible contact with Christianity had come through us. And these eighty are the ones who stay in the very shortest time, sometimes a day, sometimes three or four. All the others of the 288 were school­girls, foreigners, foreigners' servants, our own church members or constituency, or the students or constituency of other mis­sions.

Facing these facts makes us feel that in the most vital way our hospital is seriously failing to do work commensurate with the output in money and man-power. An appropriation of $6,800.00, Mexican, per year, in addition to salaries and time of three foreigners is not an inconsiderable output for any institution. And it ought to be stated that examination of records of past years will show that never has the service been enough beyond the figures given for this year to be significant. The discrepancy between service rendered and output is at once apparent.

In the light of statements so sweeping concerning the failure of the project, can we determine where the trouble lies, and its remedy if one exists? The geographical location of the plant is undoubtedly its greatest weakness, and one which it seems almost impossible to overcome. Off the beaten
path, on a hill-top, outside the city, the hospital is inaccessible to a distressing degree. For a ricksha cannot come up the hill from the city in good weather, and a rainy day renders the approaching roads almost impassable for any one. There has come to us in all our searching for a remedy for the situation only one constructive suggestion, and for the trying out of that we are making plans at the present moment,—the opening of a daily dispensary on the Big Street of the city between the hospital and the river. It is the opinion of most of us that a very few months, possibly six, will tell us whether that trial will succeed or fail. And the only legitimate index of success will be a steady increase in the number of in-patients who come to the hospital. Unless such dispensary act definitely as a feeder for the hospital, it will not justify its existence.

And unless there come through the trying of that expedient a greater service in exchange for the heavy overhead expense which is necessary for the maintenance of our hospital, it seems not impossible that a decision to close it entirely will be the only right ultimate recourse.

Eula Eno, M.D.
Superintendent.

Quine Memorial School of Nursing

It was a very happy group of nurses who returned to their work when we reopened the hospital, July 16th. The anti-foreign feeling prevalent at that time did not seem to have a place in their hearts. It has been a real joy to observe their loyalty to us and the work of the hospital.

We now have nineteen student nurses, their eagerness to learn makes teaching a real joy. We have had considerable difficulty in getting sufficient teaching staff, however we finally succeeded in obtaining the help of three of the doctors from the new Chinese hospital. Five Senior and six Junior nurses are preparing for the China Nurses' Association Examination to be held in December, the seniors taking the final examination and the juniors will take the preliminary. The seniors, if successfully passing the examination, will graduate in May. The hospital diplomas are not granted until they are ready to receive the N.A.C. Diploma.

During the summer months we gave our seniors six weeks of affiliate emergency work at the Shantung Road Hospital, Shanghai. The reports of their work have been most gratifying.
We miss Miss Sayles greatly and will be delighted when she returns to the work next summer. Letters from her inform us that she is enjoying America, as a true American does.

It is with very happy anticipation we are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Culley, when she has finished her work in Language School. She has a very hearty welcome awaiting her.

There is a splendid spirit in the school. I am more than pleased with the evidence of real spiritual advancement in the lives of some of the girls. We earnestly pray that we may be able to instil in their hearts a real love for their work, that which is akin to the love of The Great Physician, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

GRACE Z. LENTZ.

NANKING

City Day Schools

In the fall the day schools were two weeks late in opening. Enrollment within the city fell to two-thirds the usual number, while the schools outside the walls were most seriously reduced in attendance. Before the end of the school year, however, conditions returned to about normal.

After earnest consideration the conference voted to close West Water Gate School at the end of the first semester. Twenty private schools and one Christian school in the near vicinity made competition too keen. It was thought best to concentrate on the work done in day schools where the need was much greater. In view of the fact that the South Gate School was the one most greatly affected by the war, because of its location outside the wall and near the military camps, that school was closed at the end of the year to be re-opened when conditions warranted better attendance.

The two schools nearest Ginling College had the benefit of semi-weekly instruction in gymnastics, classes being conducted by students from the Ginling School of Physical Education. Fairfield and Fu Ming Fang also received great help through physical examinations given by Dr. Iva Miller, representing the China Council on Health Education. The work was followed up by nurse clinics at Fairfield.

Fear and helplessness brought the children very close to our hearts. The young women from the Bible Training School were able to bring much comfort to the pupils.

The day schools were not greatly affected by the riots of May thirtieth. When it grew safe for the girls to go back and
forth to the schools there was great interest shown and a pathetic eagerness to make up for time unavoidably lost earlier in the year.

Blanche H. Loucks.

Kiang Tang Kiai Evangelistic Work

Last Conference brought a radical change in my appointment to the Kiang Tang Kiai work, and removal to that place for residence. The political conditions with looting at our very door, while they brought terror to the hearts of the people, did much to break the newness and the strangeness of my changed environment. The people seemed to depend on me for protection and my being there was such a comfort to them, that the sense of being needed soon banished all thought of loneliness.

By China New Year the trouble had quieted down and we had a real old-fashioned time with New Year callers. Crowds who would never have come as far as Hwei Wen, came to call, and many for the first time saw the inside of a foreign home. After that came our usual week of evangelistic meetings, which this year depended largely on our Bible-women, because the Bible Schools were trying to make up by opening late in the autumn.

In the spring, just before the annual May Day fete at the Hwei Wen school, we held an eight days Hsioh Dao Hwei (Study the Doctrine Meeting). Miss Golisch kindly presented us with tickets to be given to those who were regular in attendance. One rainy day, the attendance was about thirty but other days forty or fifty were present. At this meeting the women were supposed to assemble at two o'clock, and those who were able to teach gathered the beginners and less advanced ones around them and taught them the doctrine until half past three, when we held an evangelistic meeting. During the meeting several church members were revived and new ones became interested enough to continue their studies.

We have tried steadily to bring up the standard of church membership. Our aim is to make the church a Bible reading church. To this end we are making every effort to teach the women to read it for themselves. We were much encouraged a short time ago, when a visitor at our Sunday School asked, "Where did you get those women in Miss Shaw's class? They look so intelligent." We were so happy to answer that with but one or two exceptions, they had learned to read in the classes offered at this church. In the spring, three women finished the course of study for church members for the first
year. Two had previously completed it. Twenty-three are on our list as having studied and made definite progress during the past year. This is not all, as there are those where the Bible-women hold special meetings who are not included in this list. This number is not large but it represents a great deal of faithful work on the part of the women workers.

In the spring a Missionary Society was organized. The women have entered into its work with enthusiasm.

The day school we feel has made progress. During the spring months about seventy children were in attendance, and practically the whole tuition was collected, a little over $100 Mexican. We had young and inexperienced teachers but they did faithful work. Seven pupils finished the first four years of lower primary work. Four of them have returned to take up the two years of higher primary work offered by the school. This autumn, a more experienced teacher has been secured for the higher primary work.

One of the events which stirred up school spirit was Field Day at Ginling College for the lower primary schools of the city. The ricksha fare, which the pupils were to pay one way, looked so large to many that only a few were willing to go, but those who did go were so highly pleased that their report will not only inspire to better work in that line but will persuade many more to go next time.

The clinic conducted three times a week by the Woman's Club in our church has been a great blessing to the community. Many reaped its benefits and we are hoping that it may again be opened this year.

The church has reaped great benefits from the efforts of Miss Shaw and the Union Bible Teachers' Training School students. They have helped in the Sunday School, in the Children's Church, in various women's and children's meetings, in calling and wherever there was opportunity to assist.

We feel that advance has been made this year but we long that all the women workers, and all who are called Christians among us, may enter more deeply into the spirit of the lowly Christ, who in the fullness of love, gave Himself for others.

Edith M. Crane.

Nanking District Evangelistic Work

Itinerating on the Giang Ning district was somewhat interfered with through the frequent moving of soldiers, and the general unrest last winter. Nevertheless, the workers in each station carried on faithfully. The people were peculiarly prepared for the message of heart peace by the wars and
rumors of wars which kept the countryside in fear for months. Christ's gift of peace to pardoned souls sounded like strange but welcome music in their ears.

November brought the long-sought-for opportunity to buy property in Moh Ling Gwan. The opposition experienced in the process only made the final victory more clearly shown, that when God's people depend on Him, right does triumph over might. The deed to the new property was signed at one o'clock, Thanksgiving morning, and we have been grateful many times since that day for this building and land, which so fully meet our needs for a school and home for workers. Mrs. Chang Gwei Ing looked after the details of remodelling. By May all was ready for the dedication.

Building operations have claimed a large share of the time. Just after the last annual conference Pastor Liu Wei I and Mrs. Wang Yu Fang, the Bible-woman at Siao Dan Yang were able to secure for our girls' school there five feet of additional land north of our property. The gentry made a gift of it to the cause of education for girls, said land to revert to them whenever the place ceases to be used as a girls' school. As a mark of appreciation to Pastor Liu, they added an extra foot of land, the arrangement being made just as he was leaving for another charge in the conference.

Building operations began in March. The additional land made it possible to have kitchen and fuel house as well as small gatehouse outside of the main building. A brick compound wall was erected, the schoolhouse strengthened so as better to support the second story which was added. We have now capacity to room and board from twenty to thirty girls. The work in the fall opened with six boarding pupils, three from Boh Wan, two from Sz Long and the sixth from a nearer village. We have both lower and higher Primary grades here, and we trust that Tao Wu will be sending their pupils to Siao Dah Yang for their studies in Higher Primary as well as Boh Wan.

In our several district schools twelve girls graduated from Lower Primary in June. Of these only seven are allowed to continue their studies, the others are kept at home by their families. Among those already in Higher Primary, one entered Hitt, two are now pupils in Hwei Wen.

Despite the disturbance in June, Daily Vacation Bible schools were carried on in three of our stations by students from Hitt assisted by the younger girls from Hwei Wen. Every year there is definite fruit from these labors.

Boh Wan organized a Junior Missionary society this spring. The children take real interest in saving their pennies,
they made an offering of ten dollars to the Home missionary society. Tao Wu pupils, while not organized are nevertheless doing earnest, faithful service in supporting the church. Their offering of fourteen dollars was earned largely by the handwork they made to sell, embroidery and tatting.

In Moh Ling Gwan we celebrated our second victory in winning a loyal adherent to the Universal Goodness Society over to become a member of the church. She had been a heart believer in Jesus for some time, the Gospel satisfied her as her sect could not, but she lacked the courage to face the threats of ill fortune that were prophecied to be the fate of a deserter.

In every place a few women come to the weekly study classes to learn both to read and to understand the Gospel message as patiently taught by the resident Bible-woman. Gradually a reading and a more intelligent body of believers is being built up.

Bertha L. Riechers.

Methodist Girls' High School, Nanking

In the Episcopal address given at the Eastern Asia Central Conference in 1923 our attention was called to the imperative need of harmonious coordination of action in our work as Christians on the mission field. The experience of the past year has brought this fact to our mind again and again. God has given us a divinely sacred trust in these days of uncertainty. Our school year began with political and military disturbances and closed with political difficulties which led us to see more clearly that a great part of our task is to give our students training that will appeal to the people in a practical way and bind them together in united interests.

Our school follows the East China Christian Educational system of the six year plan for Junior and Senior High School. Our enrollment is 235. There are 105 Senior High School girls and 130 in the Junior High School. Out of this number 132 pay both tuition and board while the others pay board and have tuition scholarships from American patrons. We have both Junior and Senior High School divided into departments with a member of the faculty as the head of each department and my help to encourage and pilot the machinery of cooperation.

We have very helpful and interesting faculty meetings each Tuesday at 4 p.m. when we wait upon God for strength and guidance and talk over the work of each department. It is at this time that our Dean and Chinese teachers show their
splendid spirit of cooperation. Each interested in their own department work hard to make it grow better each semester.

Mr. W. D. Kiang with nearly thirty years' experience in this school is Dean and Head of the Mathematics department. Mrs. Kiang is our school mother, her responsibility is unlimited. Mr. Swun whose ideal is neatness and perfection is head of the Department of Education. Mr. Wang and Mr. Tsu are Confucian scholars and have had charge of the Chinese department here for many years. Mrs. K. S. Liu with her M.A. degree from Columbia University is admirably fitted to carry responsibility and build up our Science department. Mrs. C. F. Liu also finds time with her family of little folks to teach several classes.

Miss Ida Tsing a graduate of the Y.W.C.A. Training School has charge of all the work in Physical Training. Miss Frances Wei, a graduate of the Union Bible Training School, is a most enthusiastic leader for our department of Religious Education. Miss Eva Ren another of our own graduates not only teaches classes but has entire charge of the Book Room and Library. Mrs. Gao has a school of her own composed of servants who assist her as Matron of our large household.

Dr. Brenton has given in her earnest and Christlike way one of the finest contributions to our work in her teaching of Hygiene and English Bible. She knows how to so instill into the hearts of the girls the love of Christ and His divine power that we can see their growth in character revealed in their daily school life. Dr. Brenton considers neither weather conditions nor age. She is in her class room each day and the Spirit of Christ is there with her. We are fortunate too in having her own daughter, Dr. Helen Pryor, as our school physician for she carries with her not only a remedy for aches and pains but soul food for the girls who come to her for help.

Miss Alice Bowen our school evangelist teaches several classes and spends part of her time visiting in the homes of the girls who live in Nanking. We find this plan most helpful in understanding the personality of each girl and in being able to meet their individual needs as well as in carrying the gospel message into the girls' homes.

Miss Ruth Sewall spends all her time building up the English department. This is the college preparatory high school for Central China Methodist work and that means concentrated effort to prepare girls who wish to enter college where English alone is used. We now have seventeen graduates in Ginling College, several others in Peking and in our different training schools.
Miss Pauline Wisegarvers’ enthusiasm and interest in Household Science is not only a blessing in our school but to the future home life in China. Our practice home is not planned or arranged beyond the means of any Chinese couple starting a home for themselves and yet it is so cozy and attractive that any Chinese girl would be happy to have a home like it.

Our Music Department had an enrollment of fifty students. Special teachers here as in other departments gave their full measure of service. The value of musical training is unlimited in the girls’ future work as teachers in our district schools. Music also has a cultural influence which we crave for every girl.

We set aside the week before Easter as our special week of prayer. In preparation we had twenty-three small prayer bands which met at 6.30 each evening all through the year. We invited different people to assist in our special meetings. The Christian girls so far outnumbered the others that it seemed everyone was seeking a deeper experience. God wonderfully blessed us as in past years. Easter morning when we went out carol singing the prayer band leaders reported that all but seven girls in school were Christians.

We had a sunrise service in our chapel assisted by Dr. Rowe and our pastor. During this quiet beautiful service fourteen girls received baptism, eleven came into the church on probation and later in the day in our Ku I Lan church twenty girls were received into full membership.

Our May Day festival is planned always as a song of praise to God for the blessings of the year because it is the birthday celebration of our school and the most appropriate time to call our alumnae back to their Alma Mater for a happy reunion.

This year we gave the cantata “The Maid of the Mountain.” Summer, Winter, Spring and Autumn represented by the four upper classes brought beautiful contributions in song to the Maid of the Mountain that she might decide which season was best. The May Queen, with her attendants, the winding of the May pole with the colors of the Chinese flag and the fairies from the mountain made a beautiful picture. Hundreds of people were given a treat and returned to their homes rested and happy.

The closing event of our school year came Sunday, June 21st., when our Seniors had a consecration service which none of us present will soon forget. We had just passed through the weeks of patriotic unrest when students in China experienced greater freedom than they had ever known before. In this beautiful consecration service the girls gave expression
to their feelings in their prayers. The girls were earnest and touched by the spirit of God.

Monday morning, Pastor Lee gave a fine address and seventeen Seniors were presented with diplomas and commissioned to go out and work for Christ.

Mrs. Mary Ninde Gamewell says we have without doubt reached "a new era in our work." The early period was essentially one of seedsowing; now it is more the time of character building. We know this true "spiritual growth" is the ideal of our school. The changes time has brought makes us work for higher standards and higher ideals. Nothing can change our purpose to grow spiritually and to build up strong characters among the girls. If there must be a change it must come in the personnel of the school and not in its rules and ideals.

Our "Great Teacher" always emphasized "Triumph." Never once did He utter a word that voiced the first thought of defeat. In spite of every circumstance God's call is still plain to us that He would have us "Lift up Jesus Christ" to those about us. We want our school to have a very definite part in helping to save China and in helping God's Kingdom to come.

Anna Lulu Golisch.

WUHU
Social Evangelistic Center

The work of the year began with promise.

The usual program was followed; daily classes for instruction in the character reading and in spiritual truth; regular visiting in homes; regular meetings for devotion and inspirations; monthly missionary meetings, and such other regular and special meetings as our needs and our strength could make possible.

A number of the women of the church have advanced from one class to another, thus extending their knowledge of the scriptures and adding to their strength and faith. The small staff of workers have always been ready to respond to a call for service, to the utmost of their time and strength.

Not much advancement has been made in developing voluntary workers among the church members.

One retreat was held during the year. It was attended by the men and women workers in the church and a few of the church members. A few days were given to special evangelistic meetings for the pupils of the day schools, both boys and girls.
Methodist women joined with the women of all the other denominations in a ten days meeting in April which was led by Miss Tippet of the China Inland Mission, preceded by two months of weekly, union prayermeetings which formed suitable preparation for the speaker's messages.

Regular visits have been made by the Bible-women to meet patients at the dispensary to preach to them while waiting.

Students and teachers of our regular schools held a Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer. Seventy boys and girls registered. The work done was very gratifying.

Two years ago we loaned Mrs. Swen to the Boarding School to serve as matron. The school was able to let her return to her regular work at the end of June this year. She was again stationed at the 19 doors School, where only temporary provision had been made for the work during her absences.

A real addition to our working force is made in the coming of Ruth Chu, a recent graduate of Denver University. She has undertaken systematic visitation to all the homes represented in our schools, and to link up with that, various other forms of evangelistic work. We have needed just such a worker to cultivate this needy and promising field.

We rejoice that the evangelistic work is challenging these young women to invest their consecrated talents and that some are responding to the call.

The year is ending with a less victorious note. More than usually reminded of the words spoken of the Master: "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." In this hour of testing shall we not hear and follow another word spoken of Him—"He set His face steadfastly to go up to Jerusalem."?

"To day (we hear) the noise of battle," not only political strife with the "prince of the power of the air," and with all the subtle forces of mind and spirit. Whether or not shall be "the next the victor's song" depends on our faith. Surely this is not a time to reckon on defeat—Rather let us join forces as never before to make Jesus King.

KATE L. OGBORN.

Report of Wuhu Girls' School

From the time schools were to open in September until now, you have been reading of wars and rumours of wars in China. This is not surprising; it is only what we can expect, only what our Bibles tell us can come to pass.

Wuhu was not in the war zone last September so when many of the schools found it necessary to open late, the Wuhu
Girls' School opened on time. Some schools experienced a decided drop in enrollment but we were embarrassed by the numbers that had to be turned away. We were sounding out the same old cry "no room," "no buildings." From the opening to the closing day, the school work continued without interruption. Too, we had less sickness in the student body than I have seen during any other school year.

During the spring term, Miss Miao, a graduate of the Bible Teachers' Training School, came to us for a series of meetings with the girls. She stayed a week and at the end of that time, every girl in school openly confessed her belief in Christ as her personal Saviour. Miss Miao said that she had been in many schools both Mission and otherwise, but she had never found girls so responsive, so sincere, and so spiritual.

Before time to close school for the summer, Wuhu led off in the anti-Christian strike. Then followed the anti-foreign agitation; but through it all our girls stood loyal and true to the very last—the only Mission Boarding School in Wuhu that did not strike.

The year has drawn to a close and it is with deep gratitude in our hearts that God has so richly blessed and cared for us.

CORA LEONA RAHE.

Wuhu District Work

The day school and evangelistic work of the Wuhu District has changed supervisors so often that it has been impossible to accomplish all that the vast field promises. Miss Youstey, who knows the field so well, returned to America on a much needed and well deserved furlough. Miss Williamson, her successor, did most effective work until she broke in health and was ordered home on early furlough. In March, the supervision of the work fell to me, but, being the only foreigner in the Wuhu Girls' School, it was impossible for me to make any trips in the district, hence what I write is gathered from the monthly reports of the teachers and the Bible-women.

The schools that show the greatest increase in enrollment are Hocheo and Ningkuofo with Taipingfu coming next. The teacher at Hocheo wrote in asking for more seats saying she had filled all we had, had borrowed all she could from the boys' school and still more pupils were coming. She had no more room for seats, however, so all I could do was to write back and tell her to accept no more pupils. Hocheo sent two higher primary graduates to the Wuhu Girls' School this fall.

At Ningkuofu, the school overflowed into the schoolroom next door. Between ninety and one hundred are reported to
have enrolled. A class of about eighteen graduated from Lower Primary. The Bible-woman has been doing most satisfactory work in Ningkuofu and the outlying villages.

Taipingfu had a new teacher this year, the one who taught last year having returned to her studies at Hitt Training School. About forty pupils were enrolled here. Mrs. Chen has been the Bible-woman in Taipingfu for a number of years and although not a graduate Bible-woman, her faithfulness makes up for her lack in training.

Hwang Chi remains about the same. Though the school is not large, it is well organized and is doing solid work. The itinerating Bible-women went there this spring and organized a missionary society among the women.

Puh Gia Dzih and Si Pu have the smallest enrollments of all, but the most recently opened school, Chih Djen, is a joy to our hearts. It has been open only two years, three at the most, is brim full of pupils and some had to be turned away. The Bible-woman's work under Mrs. Chang, a graduate Bible-woman, is just as flourishing. The place has not been an easy one. Both Bible-woman and teacher are young and Chih Djen has been overrun by bandits several times during the year. The bandits entered the property used by the school, emptied the contents of the Bible-woman's and teacher's trunks onto the floor, but went on without taking anything or injuring the owners. Such experiences have brought them closer to the Lord and it is not surprising that the work is flourishing.

In closing, I must not fail to mention the work done by the itinerating Bible-woman, Mrs. Liu. She has done most efficient work in both district and city, travelling alone when the supervisor could not go, investigating problems, settling difficulties and in her own winsome way helping and encouraging the various Bible-women in their stations as few could do.

CORA LEONA RAHE.

Report of the Bible Teachers Training School for Women, Nanking

The thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of this school met April 15, 1925. It was my great privilege to be there and hear the reports of the work and to feel in my own heart the Spirit of Christ which was manifestly present throughout the meeting. Miss Margaret King led the opening devotional service. Her subject was "He calleth His own sheep by name." It was a wonderful time of waiting upon God.
Miss Shaw outlined the work of the year in her report from which I will quote. "There have been three special seasons of blessing in the school this year. At the opening of the fall term, Mr. Nvi of Foochow, led a series of meetings in the Friends' church which our students attended and received great spiritual blessing. In November, Mr. Geo. T. B. Davis held a three days' meeting in our chapel which was attended by some from other schools and churches. This meeting resulted in the formation of a number of prayer circles and a strengthening of those previously formed in our school.

In March our students attended at the Seminary, a most helpful series of lectures by Dr. Cleland B. McAfee. The Prayer League has been carried on with more than usual interest and during the year there has been an earnest seeking to know God. The students are assisting in the work of thirty-five centers in the city and come in contact each week with nearly two thousand women and children. It is an inspiration to hear the earnest prayers of the students for the work which they are doing."

A class of forty-three were graduated this year, twenty-seven from the Bible Teachers' Course and sixteen from the General Bible Course. Because of political unrest we had a very quiet commencement but the Lord's presence was manifestly with us and our hearts were filled with joy as we saw these consecrated, capable young women starting out to work for the Master. Eleven of them belong to our Methodist family and four of them are now working in this Conference.

This fall there have been valuable additions to the teaching staff which largely increase the efficiency of the school. Miss Angy Manning Taylor, a gifted Bible teacher from America has come to spend the year in the school. In addition to the students' classes, she is holding a special Bible class which is being attended by many of the students and Christian workers of the city. Miss Claire Chapman has come for the music department and is equally gifted in her line of work. Miss Liu Mei Djen, one of the Methodist students who graduated in June has remained to help in the music and library work, and Mr. C. T. Huang is now giving his full time as teacher of Chinese literature.

There are one hundred and one students enrolled. To look into the bright earnest faces of these students gives one hope for the future of the Church in this land. The aim of Christian education is the development of Christian character. The development of deep religious life depends upon the careful study of the Word of God. Almost a half generation has passed since the Bible Teachers' Training School for Women
was first opened. We do not need to look far about us these days to see that the ideal of this school is abundantly realized among the one-hundred and seventy-seven graduates who have gone out to work for Christ.

Anna Lulu Golisch.
W.F.M.S. Representative on Board of Managers.

Report of Ginling College

Ginling College opened September 17 with practically a full enrollment, of the one hundred thirty-three students comprising the student body, thirty are graduates of the Middle Schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The proportion of Methodist students has very largely decreased, having shrunken from about one-half of the student body to about one-third of the total number. This shows that other agencies are contributing very much more largely to the education of women than they were formerly. This is especially true of the private schools as well as from eight government schools enrolled in the college.

Our middle schools from which graduates have come and the numbers from each are as follows:

Baldwin ........ 4
Hwa Nan .......... 2
Hwei Wen ........ 15
Keen ............. 3
Olivet Memorial .. 4
Rulison ........... 8

The college is probably more strongly staffed in most of its departments than formerly, but especially is this true in biology where two representatives of the W.F.M.S. are working. Miss Whitmer is giving half time to language study and doing the work in General Biology.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora D. Reeves.
Harriet M. Whitmer.

Report of the Conference Board of Religious Education

No meeting of the Conference Board of Religious Education was held during the year. The special committee chosen last fall report that the Cradle Roll material has been gotten out and is now in the majority of the churches.

A questionnarie was also issued and sent to each pastor but two districts alone responded well to our request. The same
forms will be sent out again this coming year and it is hoped that correct records will be made so that we may be able to present the actual conditions of our Sunday Schools to all workers, pastors, Bible-women and missionaries, at the next conference session.

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At the close of the annual conference, Nov. 3, 1925, a meeting of the Conference Board of Religious Education was held at Kutilan Church.

After prayer by Mr. Tung Yuin-seng, Mr. Handel Li gave a report of the year's work.

It was voted that Mr. W. F. Humrell be General Secretary of the Conference Board of Religious Education, and secretary of the executive committee. The names of Miss Bertha Riechers and Mr. J. P. Follette were added to this committee.

The following actions were taken:

1. That fifty dollars ($50.00) of the W.F.M.S. appropriation of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the Conference Board of Education be requested for the work of the Conference Board of Religious Education.

2. That fifty dollars ($50.00) be requested from the Board of Finance for the work of the Conference Board of Religious Education.

3. That we adopt Mr. James' book of "Worship Programs" for use in our Higher Primary and Junior Middle Schools.

4. That the executive committee examine Biblical material available for use in day schools.

5. That members be coopted for the above work of the executive committee, one additional member from each of our schools in the city (of Nanking).

6. That an exhibit of the best material available be held during conference next year. This material may include that now used or constructed by pupils.

FAYE H. ROBINSON.

English Secretary.

Report of Language School Work

Frances E. Culley—first year's work completed.

Eula Eno—third year's and one-half fourth year's work completed.

Bertha L. Riechers,—third year's work completed.
OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

President .................................. Bao Tz Li
Vice President .......................... Yu Chang Feng
Recording Secretary ....................... Shu Feng Shen
Corresponding Secretary ............... Mo Su Ging
Program Committee ....................... Wang Li Deh
                   Ling Tswei O
                   Li Mei Yung

CONFERENCE JOURNAL

Chinese Sessions

Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 1925

The thirtieth annual session of the Central China Woman's Conference convened in the Community Center, Nanking, Tuesday afternoon, October 27, 1925, the president, Miss Mei Lien Chung, in the chair.

The meeting opened by singing a hymn. Miss Ruth Chu led the devotions.

The question, "How to Establish a Christian Home" was led by Mrs. Chen Wei Ping. Discussion of the question followed.

The second question, "How to Make the Conference More Interesting", was led by Miss Mali Lee.

Reports of officers were read and accepted.

Mrs. Kiang Wen Deh gave a report of the Retirement Fund collections.

The following nominating committee was appointed: Gao Tz Tzing, Ruth Chu, Wei I Djen.

It was voted that officers should hold office only one year.

The following Resolutions Committee was appointed, Mrs. Djang En Dain, Miss Edith M. Crane, Miss Shu Feng Sen.

Wednesday afternoon, October 28, 1925

The meeting opened by devotions led by Miss Yuen Yu Ying.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

A memorial service was held for Miss Flora M. Carncross, Mrs. Liu, Mrs. Wang Ging I, Mrs. Chen and Mr. and Mrs.
Lacy. After this, special prayer was offered for the families of these deceased persons.

A report of the resolutions committee followed. It was voted to write letters of condolence to the families of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy and Miss Carncross.

A letter of thanks was written to Dr. Cheng Ching I for his presentation of the work of the Yunnan Missionary Society.

Voted to send fraternal letters to Bishop Birney and to all the W.F.M.S. missionaries home on furlough.

Miss Yuen Yu Ying and Miss Ruth Chu were welcomed back from America.

It was voted that hereafter the retired Bible-women who have served the conference as Bible-women for ten years or more will receive forty dollars per year, from the Retirement Fund.

The report of the nominating committee was brought in. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

President . . . . Bao Tz Li
Vice President . . . Yu Chang Feng
Recording Secretary . . Shu Feng Shen
Corresponding Secretary. Mo Su Ging
Program Committee . . Wang Li Deh
. . Ling Tswei O
. . Li Mei Yung

Thursday afternoon, October 30, 1925

The Chinese Missionary Society had charge of this session of the Woman's Conference, Miss Mali Lee, president, in the chair.

Devotions were led by Miss Hsia Deh Djen.

Mrs. Gale of Tung Gi and Mrs. Gamewell were introduced and welcomed.

The officers' reports were read and accepted.

A discussion followed, concerning the use of the funds of the society. It was decided that one-third of the collections should be kept by each society to be used locally, the remaining two-thirds to be sent to the Conference Treasurer. Mrs. Gale of Tung Gi presented the need of woman's work in that station.
Friday afternoon, October 31, 1925

This session of the Woman's Conference was also in charge of the missionary society.

Devotions were led by Miss Taylor of the Union Bible Teachers' Training School.

The question of sending a worker to Tung Gi was discussed and it was voted that Miss Shu Feng Shen be sent to that station as the first missionary of the Central Conference Missionary Society and that her salary be assumed by this society.

The following officers were elected:

- **President**: Yuen Yu Ying
- **Vice President**: Mrs. Wang Yu Feng
- **Recording Secretary**: Mrs. Handel Lee
- **Corresponding Secretary**: Miss Li Djen Ying
- **General Secretary**: Miss Yeh Hwei Djen
- **Treasurer**: Miss Ella C. Shaw

**District Secretaries:**

- **Nanking**: Mrs. Gi Su Ching
- **Kiang Ning**: Mrs. Djang Gwei Ying
- **Wuhu**: Mrs. Dunn Shao Djen
- **Chinkiang**: Mrs. Djang En Dain

**Program Committee:**

- **Chairman**: Miss Ruth Chu
  - Mrs. Swen Su Yuin
  - Miss Cheo Kwei Lan
- **Advisors**: Miss Ella C. Shaw
  - Miss Kate L. Ogborn
Treasurer's Report of Central China Methodist Episcopal Woman's Missionary Society, for Conference Year ending October 31, 1925

Receipts

Balance on hand, October 31, 1924 $494.64

**Chinkiang District**
- Central Church $4.15
- Tsing Ihih School 6.48 $10.63
- Siao Mateo 12.50 23.13

**Nanking-Kiangning District**
- Kiangtangkiai 12.00
- Siaotangyang 14.00
- Lulanchiang 10.00
- Powan 7.00 43.00

**Nanking, North Anhwei District**
- Kuilan 38.00
- Hweiwen School 15.00
- Hitt School 3.20 56.20

Pukiatsih 28.50
Sipu 2.00 86.70

**Ningkwohfu District**
- Ningkwohfu 34.00 34.00

**Wuhu District**
- Wuhu Ichishan 22.00
- Wuhu Second Street 38.80
- Tsingshan School 17.00 55.80

Hwangchih 9.00
Taipingfu 11.00
Yuintsao 20.00 117.80 304.63

Special gifts 4.00
Interest 23.09 $826.36

**Disbursements**

Account Book 2.00
Study Book 3.50
Chinese Home Missionary Society for Yünnan 33.00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for Africa 33.00 71.50

Balance on hand $754.86

**Ella C. Shaw.**

*Treasurer.*
**Retirement Fund for Bible-women—November 2, 1925**

**Receipts**

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**Total** 141.00

**Balance on hand** $239.23
W.F.M.S. APPOINTMENTS, 1925-26

Chinkiang

Evangelistic Work and Day School
Supervisor ........................................ Clara Bell Smith

Olivet Memorial Girls' High School,
Principal ........................................ Tsiang An Loh

Eulalia E. Fox
Mabel Taylor
Myra McDade

Lettie Mason Quine Hospital
Hospital Physician and Superintendent ..................................... Fula Eno, M.D.

Superintendent of School for Nurses ................................ Grace Z. Lentz
Frances E. Culley

Nanking

City Evangelistic Work .................................. Edith M. Crane

Mrs. J. W. Follette
Mrs. W. F. Hummel
Mrs. A. N. Steward
Mrs. Edward James
Grace E. Leslie

Nanking City Day Schools

Kiang Tang Giai ....................................... Chung Mei Lien

Music Teacher .......................................

Fairfield, Fu Ming Fang and Shan Sing Ho ................................ Chung Mei Lien

Supervisor and Music Teacher ................................ Grace E. Leslie

Methodist Girls' High School, Principal

School Evangelist .................................. Anna Lulu Golisch

Treasurer .............................................

Mrs. K. S. Liu
Pauline Wisegarver
Ruth Sewall
Alice Bowen
Grace E. Leslie

Hitt Bible Training School, Principal

Alice McBee
Grace E. Leslie
Helen N. Galleher
Wuhu

Wuhu District Work . . . . Faye H. Robinson
(Until the return of Edith R. Youtsey)
Day School Supervisor . . Yao Tsing Tswei

Wuhu City Work . . . .
Social Evangelistic Center and City Evangelistic Work . .
Day School Supervisor . .

Wuhu Girls' School, Principal . . Faye H. Robinson
Faye H. Robinson
Blanche H. Loucks

Special Appointments

Ginling College . . . . Cora D. Reeves
Bible Teachers' Training School . . Ella C. Shaw
Conference Evangelist . . . Yuen Yu Ying
Christian Literature Society . . Laura M. White
Central Treasurer for China . . Bessie A. Hollows

On Furlough

Mary G. Kesler
Ethna Nagler
Lela Nordyke
Cora Leona Rahe
Emma E. Robbins, M.D.
Florence A. Sayles
Joy L. Smith
Bernice A. Wheeler
Iva Williamson
Edith R. Youtsey

Retired

Sarah Peters

Language School

Frances E. Culley
(Until Chinese New Year, 1926.)
Helen N. Galleher
Frances S. Meader
Hilda O. Sirbaugh
BIBLE-WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Chinkiang District

Itinerator . . . . . . Hwang Su Ying
Hospital . . . . . . Du Ben Ying
Siao Ma Tou . . . . . Gao Dzi·Ging L.
Yu Sing Giai . . . . . Li Deh Ying
      Dzialg En Djen L.
Nien Yu Tao . . . . . To be supplied
Beh Tu . . . . . . To be supplied
Shang Tang . . . . . To be supplied

Nanking City

Kuilan . . . . . . Gi Su Tsing L.
Giang Tang Giai . . . . . Yieh Hwei Djen L.
      Dzialg Pei Deh
Fu Ming Fang . . . . . Tsu Ging Ai
West Water Gate . . . . . To be supplied
Han Si Men . . . . . . To be supplied
Shang Sing Ho . . . . . To be supplied
South Gate . . . . . . To be supplied

Giang Ning District

Itinerator . . . . . . Chen Bao Djen L.
Moh Ling Gwan . . . . . Dzialg Gwei Ying
Siao Dan Yang . . . . . Wang Yu Fang L.
Luh Lan Chiao . . . . . Li Yu Ching
Giang Ning Djen . . . . . To be supplied
Tao Wu . . . . . . Dong Song Yuin
Ban Chiao . . . . . . To be supplied
Boh Wan . . . . . . Dzialg Siu Ying

Wuhu City

Social Evangelistic Center . . . . . Denn Sheo Djen
Chu Chen Fuh
Ma Luh . . . . . . Swen Su Yuin L.
I Chi Shan . . . . . To be supplied
Wuhu, Ningkwofu, Tai Ping Fu and Ho Djou Districts

District Itinerator       ..       .. Liu Pei Ching L.
Ningkwofu                ..       .. Yao Chi Hsien
Dih Gan                  ..       .. Shia Deh Ming
Hwang Chi                ..       .. Hu Loh I
Yuin Tsao                ..       .. Djao Shan Tsing
Tao Ping Fu              ..       .. To be supplied
Si Pu                    ..       .. To be supplied
Ho Djou                  ..       .. Hu Sing Deh
Puh Gia Shih             ..       .. Wang La Dje
Tsai Shih                ..       .. To be supplied
Chi Djen                 ..       .. To be supplied

L. indicates those who have received Bible-woman's licenses.
## HISTORICAL REGISTER

### Roll of Members of the Mission

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*In 1925 the Central China Annual Conference was divided. The members who formed the Kiangsi Mission Conference are thus (*) indicated.*
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CONSTITUTION FOR WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

I. Chinese Membership

The Membership of the Conference shall consist of properly accredited Chinese delegates, as follows:

1. All Bible-women who have completed the course of study of the Conference Training School and have given at least one year of efficient service or who have been otherwise licensed.

2. Teachers in upper or lower primary schools who have given at least one year of efficient service, in the ratio of one for every fifty pupils in the district.

3. Teachers in high schools and Bible training schools in the ratio of one representative for every twenty pupils who are members of the church.

4. Pastors' wives. (Added by Conference, 1918)

5. Lay members in the ratio of one delegate for every ten church members or fraction exceeding five. These Chinese delegates shall be elected at the Quarterly Conference just preceding the Annual Conference. (Passed by Conference, 1918)

II. Foreign Membership

The representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the women of the General Board, and any other foreign women engaged in the work of either one of these societies shall be members of this Conference.

III. Mission Council

We recommend that each of our missions shall have a Mission Council composed of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, wives of the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions in charge of W.F.M.S. work, and such other workers as shall be determined from time to time. This council shall have charge of all matters relating to the Missionaries of the Society, elect the Field Reference Committee, etc.
By-Laws

I. This Conference shall convene at the same time and place as the Central China Conference.

II. The order of business shall be as follows:
   1. Devotions
   2. Calling of roll by secretary
   3. Election of officers
   4. Appointment of committees
   5. Reports of work
   6. Miscellaneous and unfinished business
   7. Appointment of standing committees

III. Rules of order shall be as follows:
   1. Each session shall open and close with prayer.
   2. Resolutions to be discussed must be submitted in writing.
   3. Reports of committees shall be given daily after reading of minutes.

IV. The standing committees shall be appointed by a committee chosen for this purpose and are as follows:
   1. Evangelistic
   2. Educational
   3. Medical
   4. Reform Measures
   5. Program
   6. Publication
   7. Entertainment
   8. Credentials

V. Duty of officers:
   1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of the Conference and supervise all its general interests.
   2. It shall be the duty of the vice presidents to perform the duty of the president in the absence of that officer and to aid her in her work.
   3. It shall be the duty of the secretaries to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings, and to notify those members who are on committees of their duties.
VI. Election of officers:
   The officers shall be elected at the last session of the Annual Meeting by a majority of all the votes cast.

VII. Quorum:
   A majority of the members attending the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. Amendments:
   Upon three days' notice, these By-Laws may be added to or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Session.

Retirement Fund for Bible-women

Whereas the Central China Woman's Conference recognizes the destitute condition of the retired Bible-women who have been inadequately paid during their active years, and

Whereas the Chinese members have earnestly solicited attention to this need,

Therefore the Conference has instituted a Retirement Fund for Bible-women.

ARTICLE I
   The money for this fund shall be secured by voluntary subscriptions from the foreigners and Chinese. It shall be used for the support of the retired women.

ARTICLE II
   The custodian of Conference Funds shall have charge of the Retirement Fund, and the interest accruing on the same shall be administered by the Evangelistic Committee.

ARTICLE III
   The maximum amount paid to any woman shall be sixty dollars per year; any amount under that sum to be determined by the circumstances of the recipient and the amount of funds in hand.

ARTICLE IV
   A Bible-woman must have given satisfactory service in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for at least ten years in order to be entitled to this retirement benefit.
A. Bible Woman's Committee.

The Woman's Conference of Central China Methodist Episcopal Church has put the responsibility of supervising the work of the Bible Women of the Conference into the hands of a committee known as the "Bible Woman's Committee."

I. Personnel of Bible Woman's Committee

1. All members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who have charge of the work of Bible Women within the Conference.
2. The Principal of Hitt Training School.
4. One member of the W.F.M.S. in other educational work.
5. The Conference evangelist.
6. One Chinese pastor.
7. One district superintendent.

II. Duties of the Bible Woman's Committee

1. To recommend candidates for license or for certificates.
2. To examine and pass upon credentials of candidates.
3. To grant, renew, or discontinue licenses or certificates.
4. To make appointments of all Bible-women at Annual Conference.
5. To consider and pass upon women from other denominations who apply to us for appointment.
6. To advise a Reading Course for Bible-women.
7. To determine a course of study for women church members and for non-Christian women.
8. To arrange and hold annual institutes for Bible study and inspirational help for all Bible-women in the Conference.

B. Bible Women

Any woman who wishes to enter the service of the Central China Conference as Bible woman must be re-
commended by a member of the Bible Woman's Committee and by the pastor of the church of which she is a member.

I. Bible Woman's License

1. A candidate for license must be a graduate of some recognized Bible school, a student who has finished the first year in the Bible Teachers' Training School, or the equivalent of either.

2. A candidate for license must present recommendations from the Quarterly Conference to which she belongs, from the W.F.M.S. Superintendent of work in the same Quarterly Conference, from the principal of the school in which she last studied. She must also present a physician's written health certificate.

3. A candidate for license must have proved her desire and ability to deal with souls by at least two years of successful work.

II. Bible Woman's Certificates

1. A candidate for certificate must have either three years in Hitt Training School or its equivalent.

2. A candidate for certificate must present the same recommendations as are required of a candidate for license (see 2 above).

3. A candidate for certificate must have at least two years of experience in dealing with souls.

III. Bible Woman's Appointments

1. All Bible-women shall be appointed annually at Annual Conference by the Bible Woman's Committee.

2. A Bible-woman appointed by this Committee is subject to her appointment.

3. Refusal to accept the appointment made by the Bible Woman's Committee shall have the force of a written resignation.

IV. Bible Woman's Salaries

1. The Salary Scale as adopted from the Conference Board of Education shall be as follows:

   (1) The salary for certificated Bible-women or equivalent shall be from eight to ten dollars
($8-$10). Said salary shall be increased one dollar every two years up to the limit of ten dollars.

(2) The salary for middle school graduates and Hitt Training School graduates or an equivalent shall be from twelve to eighteen dollars ($12-$18). Said salary shall be increased one dollar each year up to the limit of eighteen dollars.

(3) The salary of those who have graduated from the higher course of Union Bible Teachers' Training School or equivalent shall be from twenty to twenty-six dollars ($20-$26). Said salary shall be increased two dollars each year up to the limit of twenty-six dollars.

(4) Deficiency in personal character or service shall constitute a hindrance to increase in salary.

2. Any Bible woman who is considered an exception to the above classes shall have the amount of her salary fixed by the action of the Bible Woman's Committee.

3. We recognize the authority of the Board of Foreign Missions in refusing salaries to wives of preachers.

V. Suggested Program of Work for Bible Women.

1. Forenoons should be spent in study, preparation of Bible talks, and reading.

2. Afternoons should be spent in visiting in the homes of church members, adherents, mothers of day school pupils, the object of these visits being to give spiritual instruction and inspiration. This may be done by teaching the women to read, to pray and to understand the gospel message, or by ministering to the sick and those troubled in heart.

3. The Bible-woman should hold at least one woman's meeting each week.

4. All Bible women are strongly urged to so arrange their work so to leave one day a week for rest or for personal duties.

5. All Bible women are expected to have one month's vacation during the year on full pay.
6. Monthly reports are required of each Bible woman. These reports shall be made on blanks provided for the purpose. One copy of the report shall be sent to the person in charge of the work, one copy shall be kept by the Bible woman.

Form of Application for Bible Woman's License

All questions to be answered fully and clearly by any one seeking a Bible Woman's License.

1. Name.
2. Place of residence.
3. Native province, fu, and hsien.
4. Do you firmly believe in the redeeming work of Christ? What evidence have you that you have received salvation? Please answer in detail.
5. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church? Do you keep the Sabbath? Do you believe the twenty-five Articles of Religion as set forth in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church?
6. What are your special methods of presenting the gospel?
7. Are you zealous in bringing people to the Lord? How has this zeal been previously manifested?
8. Do you believe that you are actuated by the power of the Holy Spirit in choosing this work for the Lord?
9. How long have you had this intention?
10. Are you willing to go wherever you may be sent to do the Lord's work?
11. Do you use tobacco, wine, or opium? Do you gamble?
12. Have you a health certificate from a mission doctor?

Reading Course

Section 1. The following list of books has been adopted as the Reading Course for the Bible women of Central China Conference.

Section 2. Twenty-five credits shall be required each year: fifteen credits shall be for books, at least seven credits of which shall be for books in the
devotional section. Five credits shall be given for reading three of the magazines in the list. Five credits will be given for attending the Annual Conference and Institute.

**Section 3.** Each Bible woman shall bring a written list of books read during the year to the Secretary of the Bible Woman's Committee at Annual Conference time.

**Section 4.** The satisfactory completion of one year's work shall entitle the reader to a place on the Roll of Honor, which shall be printed each year in the Minutes of the Woman's Conference Report. Any woman having her name on the Roll of Honor for five consecutive years shall be granted a Certificate.

**Books of the Reading Course**

*Devotional*

- The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit
- The Spirit of Christ
- The Passion for Souls
- Quiet Talks on Prayer
- Reasons for the Hope that Is in Us
- Satan and His Kingdom's Overthrow
- The Sacrifice of Christ
- Quiet Talks on Power
- Quiet Talks on Home Ideals
- Quiet Talks on Service
- Quiet Talks on Life after Death
- Law of Christ for Common Life
- Practise of the Presence of God
- Christian Secret of a Happy Life
- The Great Companion
- Following the Will of Jesus
- Abide in Christ
- Assurance of Immortality
- Answers to Prayer
- Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection
- Meaning of Prayer
- Meaning of Faith
- Bounds on Prayer
- Born Again
- God's Love to Man
Biography and History.

Mary Slessor
Life of John G. Paton
Hudson Taylor
Life of John Knox
Elijah and Secret of His Power
Elizabeth Fry
Life of John Wesley
Life of Mohammed
Life of Frances Willard
Life of Moody
Life of Livingstone
Life of Pastor Hsi
Life of Alice Freeman Palmer
Life of the Late Robert Mateer
Life of Chrysostom
History of Woman's Social Progress
China's Martyrs
Short History of Methodism in China
Sadhu Sundar Sugh, Called of God

Fiction

Golden Deeds
Thanksgiving Ann
The Broom Merchant
The Fables from Esop and Others
Six Short Stories
Charity's Birthday Text
Silas Marner
The Story of Gwen
One Dollar Gold
Little Lord Fauntleroy
The Bishop's Shadow
Stepping Heavenward
Sara Crewe
The First Christmas Tree
The Children Seeking Heaven
Children's Stories
Stories for Young People
Romola
Robert Hardy's Seven Days
The Quarrel Made Up, or a Divided Stream
Talks for the King's Children
Quo Vadis
A True Hero
Christmas Stories by Happy Childhood
Educational

Training of Childhood
Sermons to Children
The Home Makers
The School of Infancy
Short Stories in Easy Wenli
As the Twig Is Bent
Comparative Religions
Marriage, the Foundation of Society
Money, the Acid Test

Temperance and Hygiene

Buy Your Own Cherries
About Ourselves
It Is Written
Elementary Hygiene
Victory and Defeat
Why America Went Dry
Civic Hygiene or Sanitation for Town and City

Magazines

Woman's Messenger
Christian Advocate
Young People's Friend
Happy Childhood
The Chinese Christian Intelligencer
Spiritual Light